



## James "Butch" Thomas Johnson

May 5, 2010

"Butch" James Thomas Johnson, age 63, of Murfreesboro, passed away on May 5, 2010 at Middle Tennessee Medical Center. He was a native of Nashville and lived in Murfreesboro for the past 10 years. James was a member of Murfreesboro Hot Rod Club, Mid-South Chevelle Club, A.C.E.S., Heart of Dixie Chevelle Club, Peach State Chevelle Club and North Florida Chevelle Club.

Butch is survived by his wife of 35 ½ years, Sandra Johnson of Murfreesboro; son, Jesse William Johnson of Murfreesboro; daughter, Leslee Marie Johnson of Murfreesboro and two grandchildren, Caleb and Devin Johnson; two brothers, Bobby (Sandra) Johnson and David (Pam) Johnson; three sisters, Betty, Brenda and Linda Johnson. Butch was preceded in death by his parents, James William and Margaret Reese Johnson; and sister, Patsy Johnson.

Memorial service for Butch will be held 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 8, 2010 at Jennings and Ayers Chapel. Visitation with the family will be from 9:30 a.m. until service time at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 8, 2010 at Jennings & Ayers Funeral Home; 820 South Church St. Murfreesboro, TN 37130. 615-893-2422 [www.jenningsandayers.com](http://www.jenningsandayers.com)

Book Travel to Services

# Events

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**MAY**   **Visitation**                      09:30AM - 11:30AM

**8**  
Jennings & Ayers Funeral Home  
820 South Church Street, Murfreesboro, TN, US, 37130

**MAY**   **Memorial Service**    11:30AM

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# Comments

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“ When I think of Uncle Butch, I think of his BIG smile, his warm welcome, his cute little nicknames he gave everyone, his awesome sense of humor, and his genuine love for his family and friends. He was someone you could count on and go to for anything. He was such an important part of the Johnson family as a whole, and he will truly, truly be missed! Oh, and I will always remember the Santa calls I got on Christmas morning from my uncle Butch! I can't tell you how long I believed that he was the "real Santa" calling! I love you, Uncle Butch... our family won't be the same without you!

**Stephanie Johnson Brdar - Murfreesboro, TN - niece** - May 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ I hadn't seen Uncle Butch in several years, but when someone mentions his name I always remember him with a smile. My prayers are with you all.

**Stephanie Dixon-Barbosa - niece** - May 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Butch and Sandra were wonderful friends to my parents (Ricky and Debbie Clemmons) and our family as a whole. Butch helped my mom with house and car things after we lost my dad last year....his heart was always open to anyone in need. Losing Butch hit home for us and we were devastated. Dad and Butch were best buds and loved cars more than anything! I bet they are both up there talking about all the cars they see! I know that mom and Sandra will remain close friends for years to come.  
Butch was a kind, considerate, loving, and giving man. He was a proud husband, father, pappa, and friend. He is in our hearts and memories.

**Amy Mosley - Family friend** - May 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Butch Johnson was friends with my parents my entire life, he was like a father to me even after I grew up, he has always been a wonderful person to my children, I have many memories, he wanted to help anybody and everybody in his life, he was the kind of person who would turn a bad situation into a good one, he always had a smile and a hug for everyone, I feel so blessed to have got to see him and Sandra and Caleb on my daughters wedding day, it was on Easter Sunday '2009', Gods day. And when I got the call that he was gone I was at the same spot I saw him last, Thank you God for that day, Devin your grandfather was a man words cant describe, he was bigger than life and had a heart of gold, we will cherish every memory and never forget, My song to him is Gary Allen, I miss my friend. Love you Butch, you have been my hero and you always will be. Thank you for that, I know your smiling down

from heaven. He loved his family more than anything in this world, everyone who knew him knows that, God bless you and all your family.

Jacqueline Ferriss - Fairview, TN - Close friend - May 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Daddy, I will miss you every single day. I know that you are in heaven looking down on all of us. Please watch over Devin when I'm not with him. Keep him safe for me. I can only pray that he grows up to be just like you. I know you are proud of me Daddy and I know you loved my baby boy more than life itself. I'm sorry I didn't tell you more often how much I love you. We have never been a touchy feely emotional family but if your passing has done anything it has made me realize I cannot take for granted the people that i love. I will never forget you. Be there with me if I ever get married. Be there with me if I have any more babies. Touch my life and give me strength to raise my son to be like you. I love you. Say hi to Ricky and Bradley for me.

leslee johnson - daughter - May 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Butch's passing. I know you must be in shock of his untimely death. Sue and I wish you the best and the Lord bless you as you try and get on with your life.

Rick & Sue Burkett - Green Cove Springs, FL - fellow Chevelle lover - May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ We have had the pleasure of knowing Butch for a few years but once you meet Butch you feel you have known him all of your life. He had such a wonderful heart and soul. He just seemed to love life. We don't think that we ever heard him say no to anyone that needed anything from helping repair someone's Chevelle at his garage or on the side of the road. He was the person that the club could always depend on to organize events and make sure that everything would run smoothly. He was always looking and bringing in new members and sponsors to keep the club strong. He had a heart and soul of a giant. We loved to hear him laugh. He in our opinion was the heart and soul of the club. He will be greatly missed. Sandra, we are so sorry for your loss.

Mike & Kathy Hunter - Fellow Mid-South Friends - May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ we will all miss you butch really didn't see you much but you will be missed,momma and daddy will miss you alsom,love ya fesler family

tonya (feler)yarbrough - 2nd cousin - May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Goodbye Brother Love you will miss you very much. Rest in Peace.

**Brenda Johnson Bishop - Hermitage, TN - sister** - May 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Butch (whoa) and i got back a long ways. We did a lot together both personally and professionaly together with both is family and friends. I no all with miss him as well as i will. My thoughts and prayers go out to every one that he touched Jack

**Jack Lawsob - Old Friens** - May 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sandra and Family you are in our Prayers. May you find Comfort and Peace knowing how much Butch was Loved and will be dearly missed.  
With Heavy Hearts Larry & Betty

**Larry & Betty Sexton White House, TN. - Friends** - May 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rest in Peace Uncle Butch we will see you when we get there

**Bobby and Maranda Davis** - May 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Butch I'll always have you in my heart and in my memories. I'm so glad I got to tell you I Love You before you went to see God. Save a place for me Bro. I'll be there one day!

To the family: There is a song that say's, we have to go through the pain to get to the glory...and we will get through this and then see our loved ones again.

Jeasus, be with our family as we go through this great loss and guide us Dear God through the pain, give Sandra and her children rest Lord, be with them through the storm. We put our trust in you Jesus, we know you are our salvation. Amen

**Linda Johnson Rico - Tampa, FL - Sisterr** - May 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ You and the family are in our prayers. We have know Butch for ovr 33 years, and we have some very fond memories of him. One of those and I'm sure you will remember is when we all went on a family vacation to Myrtle Beach... Butch and Ronnie were both trying to get up on floats in the pool, we laughed so hard we cried, what a sight. Butch always asked about our girsl and the grand babies, he will greatly be missed. love to all of you.

Sherry,Ronnie,Amber and Amands

Sherry Wheeler - lebanon, TN - friends - May 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Butch has been in our lives for many years, at least 33 years. He was a Wonderful friend to both Ronnie and I, he will be missed. Our heart goes out to Sandra and the children. One of My most fondest memories of Butch is when we all traveled to Myrtle Beach for a family trip, watching him and Ronnie ":trying" to get on those floats in the swimming pool.... now what a sight.... they were so funny to watch. We all loved him a great deal, and he always ask about our kids and grand babies.

Love,  
Sherry,Ronnie, Amber and Amanda

Sherry and Ronnie Wheeler - Lebanon, TN - Friends - May 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ I didnt get to see Butch very often. But when I did it was like we saw each other every day. Him and Dink always called me Little Edward. That was my nickname. I dont know why. But I will always treasure that nickname now. When my two youngest daughters saw him a few years ago they were little. They asked who he was. He heard them asking me and he told them he was Santa Clause. Still to this day they call him Santa Clause. He will be greatly missed not only by his immediate family but by everyone he ever met. I love u Butch!!

Amy Pettis - Mt. Juliet, TN - cousin - May 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lamar and i will miss butch. He was a great person and friend to us and we have so many memories of him. our thoughts and prayers are with you sandra and your family.

tonya pierce - Ft. oglethorpe, GA - friend - May 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry for your lost Sandra, he will be greatly missed. I told Todd today while mowing everytime I walk by the AC unit and see that duct work I will think of how wonderful of a person he was, and a good friend that will be missed so much. He is in Gods precious city, waiting for all of us to cruise on in and see him.

**Todd, Cassie and SHelby Hayes - Murfreesboro, TN - MHRC and Friends** - May 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ So very sorry for your loss. Butch will be greatly missed . May God hold you all in the palm of His hand now and aways. Grady and Cheryl Wood

**Grady and Cheryl Wood - Douglasville , GA - Friends** - May 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ My mom is here in Illinois visiting me, so she will not be able to make it to the funeral, but her prayers are with you in this time! We all loved Butch, he was such a wonderful man. Our love and prayers are with the entire Johnson family.

**Tammy (Youngblood) Pollitt & Linda Youngblood - Potomac, IL and Nashville, TN, TN - friend** - May 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ We have such wonderful memories of Butch and will always treasure our friendship. We were truly blessed to have known him for the past few years. We will always remember your generosity and hospitality and your sense of humor. Good bye Butch, we will see you again one day. Tim and Linda

**Tim and Linda McKnight - Gallatin, TN - friends** - May 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM