

Ivy B. Johnson, Jr.

April 17, 1933 - August 31, 2007

Ivy B. Johnson Jr., aged 74, died 31 August 2007

Ivy was a lifelong resident of Fulton County and the son of Ivy B. & Edna Kimberly Johnson, Sr. of Atlanta., both having preceded him in death.

Ivy was a pioneer entrepreneur and well known by his family, friends and business associates as a man who gave of himself to all of those around him.

It is no wonder, with Ivy and Norma's outgoing and charitable personalities, that they chose a profession of making friends and helping others.

Norma and Ivy's lives have for many years been true reflections of their love for their churches, Mt. Paran Church of God, Atlanta and World Harvest Church in Roswell where they have both been longstanding members.

Ivy played professional baseball for the Atlanta Crackers in the days of Ponce de Leon Ball Park. He served in the U.S. Army and played football for the Army team. As energetic, enthusiastic and motivating as he was, he will be remembered most for speaking softly, rarely raising his voice, and for his special connection to children. He was always the one to soothe the crying baby.

Ivy was a devoted husband, family man, friend and church member. Ivy and Norma used their faith, home environment, living by example and sports to steer their sons and countless others in the right direction. Well done, thou good and faithful servant...Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. Matthew 25:21
Ivy is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Norma. Sons and daughter-in-

laws: Ivy B. & Gayle Johnson III, Marty & Libby Johnson, Stacy Johnson, Kevin and April Johnson. Grandchildren: Ivy B. Johnson IV, Jennifer (& James) Love, Kalyn, Michael, Miles, Lauren and Nathan Johnson. Great-Grandchildren: Megan Love, Logan Johnson, Abigail Love, Gabriel Love and soon to be born Emily and Bailey Johnson. Sister: Brenda Torbett of Vinings, Ga. Brothers and Sister-in-laws: Billy and Karen Watson and Dr. Donald M. and Jackie Walker. Several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, family and friends are encouraged to make donations to the Ivy B. Johnson Jr. Memorial Fund at his and Norma's church to help spread the gospel and do good works for the Lord. World Harvest Church 320 Hardscrabble Road Roswell, Ga. 30075 770.643.9223

Visitation will be at Northside Chapel, 12050 Crabapple Road, Roswell, Georgia 30075 on Sunday evening 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. Services will be Tuesday morning, 11:00 a.m., September 4, 2007 from World Harvest Church, 320 Hardscrabble Road, Roswell, Georgia 30075.

Honorary Pall Bearers will be life long friends and family members: Arvel Burrell, William Burrell, Gordon A. Watson Jr., Joe McCann, David Watson, Scott Harris, Harry Wicker, Andy Camp, Phillip Bray.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Service

SEP 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

World Harvest Church
320 Hardscrabble Road
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall



“ Ivy B. Johnson, Jr.

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ Your loved one has left behind a thousand moments that will live in all our hearts forever...

Please know, at this difficult time, that you are in so many thoughts and prayers.

Thinking of you.

Love, John and Pat Sloan CT##imported-begin##John & Pat Sloan##imported-end##

September 09, 2007 at 01:42 PM



“ My Precious Norma, I am so sad! I can still feel Ivy's bear hug and kiss on my cheek! Know that I am thinking of you, and praying for comfort to be with you and your dear family. Ivy & Gail, Marty & Libby, Stacy, Kevin & April your father was a wonderful man and I am honored to have known him. Much Love, Michelle##imported-begin##Michelle Smith##imported-end##

September 08, 2007 at 01:22 AM



“ The very first time we met Ivy he made us feel like we were long lost family, but really after many gatherings we knew that his trueness and passion was us, the friends and accuantances. We knew that we had a freindship with a person that was real and Christ-like that it was un-deniable the passion and drive of his life was Jesus Christ. What an honor to be a friend, an affliate with such a man of valor! We truly want to leave the legacy that this friend has! We cannot wait to praise God on streets of gold with him soon!!!
Its an Honor! Truly an honor,
Dawn and J.T. Trinkle###imported-begin##Dawn and J.T. Trinkle###imported-end##

September 06, 2007 at 10:12 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear about Ivy and we will keep Norma in our prayers as well as the family.

Beth###imported-begin##Beth and Rick Fasnacht###imported-end##

September 05, 2007 at 11:26 PM



“ It has been a great privilege and blessing to know Ivy and all his family. He will be greatly missed.###imported-begin##Martha Belle###imported-end##

September 05, 2007 at 10:13 AM



“ Dear Kevin & April,

I'm so sorry about your loss. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Love in Christ,

Lori Bartram & Family

(4's Teacher at Union Hill Preschool)###imported-begin##Lori Bartram###imported-end##

September 04, 2007 at 07:26 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. We remember and enjoyed seeing Mr. Johnson at many of the JV basketball games and always enjoyed his enthusiasm. The Yeomans###imported-begin##Sydney Yeomans and Family###imported-end##

September 04, 2007 at 01:53 PM



“ Marty, Libby and family,

I am so sorry to hear about your fathers passing. I know he will be missed.

After viewing the family album, I can see the memories you and your family will keep in your heart forever.

Sincerely,

Catherine###imported-begin##Catherine Talkington###imported-end##

September 04, 2007 at 10:42 AM



“ I'm sorry to hear about Ivy's passing. Kevin and I were freinds when we were growing up at Mount Paran, and I remember Kevin's family always welcoming me into their home and being very active at school and church. I remember Ivy bringing Kemo (a 200lb husky) to visit and we all ran like he was a killer wolf, but in fact they were both big softies. God Bless You All.

Jeff Boggs##imported-begin##Jeff Boggs##imported-end##

September 04, 2007 at 08:58 AM



“ Norma, Ivy, Gayle, Kevin, Libby & Johnsons all, Betty & I are saddened to learn of the death of such a beautiful man. We loved his wry wit and humanity. Voids that you feel now are deeply felt and will never vanish. However, the pleasure of having been with him all these loving years will be cherished forever and will be the source of great comfort.

We appreciate you Johnsons,
B & K##imported-begin##Betty & Ken Kleffman##imported-end##

September 03, 2007 at 09:24 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family; I grew up with the Johnson's while attending MT Paran, Kevin and I were close like brothers, Ivy was like a second father to me. I will miss his laughs, and jokes. We will all see him in glory soon. It just seems like yesterday when Ivy and the family had dinner in a restaurant I opened. I send all my love and condolences to the family.

Sean McLendon##imported-begin##Sean McLendon##imported-end##

September 03, 2007 at 09:10 PM



“ IVY WAS ALWAYS A BIG TEDDY BEARM WE WERE OUTTING 8MM TAPES ON DVD AND SAW HIM IN HAWAII, CUTTING UP, AS USUAL OUTSIDE AN ICE CREAM SHOP.....HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED##imported-begin##KEN & JIL SPRINGER##imported-end##

September 03, 2007 at 08:37 PM



“ Although Dusty and I only had the privilege of meeting and speaking with Ivy on a couple of occassions, we could tell instantly that he was a sincere and genuinely loving and caring Christian man...this is also reflected in the wonderful, close, and loving family that he was obviously so proud and thankful for. We know that he will be greatly missed, and our hearts are full of sorrow for your loss. Please know you will be in our thoughts and prayers in the days to come.

With Love and Much Respect,

Dusty and Lisa Houk##imported-begin##Dusty & Lisa Houk##imported-end##

September 03, 2007 at 04:37 PM



“ Our bodies may be far away in Texas, but our hearts, thoughts, love and prayers are with you in Georgia. Ivy is with his Lord and Savior. There is rejoicing in the Kingdom of Heaven as Gods' good and faithful servant has come home. May Gods Blessings be with you all at this your time of grief.

All our love,

Julie and Tom
Centerpoint Texas##imported-begin##Julie and Tom
Ottaway##imported-end##

September 03, 2007 at 03:43 PM

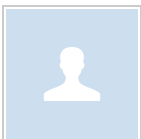


“ We have never met a more honorable and respectable man than Ivy Jr. He and Norma was always available to help us when we had our down moments. Words can not express our heartfelt love for him.

With much Love,

Doc & Annita White
Hermitage, Tenn##imported-begin##Doc & Annita
White##imported-end##

September 03, 2007 at 03:24 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. April and Nathan are such a special part of our Preschool at Union Hill UMC.##imported-begin##Mike, Traci, Madison and Mackenzie Rogers##imported-end##

September 03, 2007 at 12:33 AM



“ *Norma and your precious family,
Just wanted to let you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. You and your family are one of the most loving and caring families we have ever met. You truly let Jesus shine through your lives. Heaven is even better now that Ivy is there. We look forward to seeing him again one of these days.
Love, Bill & Jeanette###imported-begin##Bill and Jeanette Halfhill###imported-end##*

September 02, 2007 at 08:36 PM



“ *Dear Norma:*

I'm Patti Gentry's brother. Please know you are in my heart as we mourn the passing of a beautiful spirit. I know you will continue in the spirit of love you and Ivy have always represented.

Love,

Rick###imported-begin##Rick Thomas###imported-end##

September 02, 2007 at 05:44 PM



“ DEAR NORMA AND FAMILY:

I WAS SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT IVY WHEN EMILY CALLED ME. I HAVE NOT SEEN OR TALKED WITH YOU FOR SOME TIME, BUT WHEN I DID TALK WITH GAIL OR EMILY, I WOULD ALWAYS ASK HOW THE TWO OF YOU WERE DOING. NORMA, I CERTAINLY KNOW WHAT A TERRIBLY SHOCK THIS IS TO YOU. I REMEMBER WHEN BERNARD DIED, HOW I FELT AND I KNOW IT IS TWICE AS BAD FOR YOU.

YOUR LIFE WITH IVY HAS BEEN A LONG ONE. I CAN REMEMBER WHEN I WAS IN THE BAND AT O'KEEFE AND YOU AND IVY WOULD TAKE ME TO THE FOOTBALL GAMES SO I COULD PLAY IN THE BAND. MOM AND DAD DID NOT HAVE A CAR. I ALSO REMEMBER WHEN LITTLE ICY WAS BORN, YOU WOULD BRING HIM TO THE HOUSE SO MOTHER AND I COULD BABYSIT HIM. IT SEEMS AS THOUGH TIME GOES BY SO QUICKLY THAT WE NEVER SEEM TO HAVE THE TIME TO SAY HOW MUCH A PERSON MEANS TO US.

I WANT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO KNOW THAT TOM AND I WILL BE THINKING OF ALL OF YOU ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL.

LOVE ALWAYS,

TOM AND DIANNE##imported-begin##Tom and Dianne Madden
(Dianne Desmond)##imported-end##

September 02, 2007 at 02:54 PM



“ To Norma and her entire family,

I was heart-broken when I heard of Ivy's passing. He was such a clown, jokester, passionate and loving man. It was always a blessing to see Norma and Ivy together; they completed each other; you couldn't think of one without thinking of the other.

I will never forget his encouragement and compassion he had for all of us who were his "downline" in Neways. Ah yes, he loved his job because "he got to hug and kiss all of us girls", and we loved it too. Of course we gave Norma equal time.

My hope is that the Lord will bless you and help you as well during your grieving of Ivy and give you some peace and hope for your futures for he and Ivy will be watching.

You will always be in my prayers.

Love,

Patti Gentry

Greenwood, In.##imported-begin##Patti Gentry##imported-end##

September 02, 2007 at 02:25 PM



“ Our hearts and prayers are with you!##imported-begin##Nikki & Jason Williams##imported-end##

September 02, 2007 at 01:21 PM



“ Dear Kevin & April and Marty & Libby, we send our sincere sympathy, our love and our prayers to you and all of your family during this very difficult time. It's never easy to lose someone precious whom you've loved so much, but praise the Lord for the timeless treasured moments that you've all had with your Dad they can never be forgotten! We hope that you'll find comfort in knowing that we are covering you with God's spoken Word of His peace, His strength, His joy & His Healing for all of your hearts in Jesus' Name. With much love, John & Jean###imported-begin###John and Jean Stinebaugh###imported-end##

September 02, 2007 at 01:02 PM



“ Norma, Little Ivey, Marty, Stacey and Kevin - my heart was broken when I heard about Big Ivey. I understand the pain that you are going through. I love you all deeply and have considered you as brothers and parents. An extension of my family growing up, you were always so special. A lot of fond memories between our two families. I thank the Lord for the time I had with Ivey and the love he showed me after my father passed away. He was the only person that qualified in filling my own Dad's shoes. Much love to you all, Monique###imported-begin###Monique Germaine Miller###imported-end##

September 02, 2007 at 12:01 PM



“ *What a love Ivy was and what a joy to have had the opportunity to know him. Anyone who met him felt his sincere love and kindness. At business gatherings he would say, "I love my job because I get to walk around and hug all the beautiful women." A man of strength but gentle voice, he was always quick to give an encouraging word. Ivy will be missed by all. My heart goes out to Norma but I also know that you are a woman of character and that your strength comes from the Lord. The joy in your sorrow is knowing he is with our Lord Jesus and you will see him again. Norma, you inspire and teach us in ways you will never know and I thank God for the mentor and friend you are in my life. For many years I have been a part of the Johnson family. I love you all dearly and I am here for you lifting you up in prayer and for anything you need. May God bless you and keep you, make His face shine upon you and give you peace.*

Much Love, Tracey and the Ferguson family###imported-begin###Tracey Ferguson###imported-end###

September 02, 2007 at 09:38 AM



“ *We are so sorry about what you're going through. I've always looked up to you, Norma, for the life you and Ivy created for your children. Your family has always been an inspiration.###imported-begin###Kylee Watson, Kristin Sutphin & family###imported-end###*

September 02, 2007 at 09:17 AM



“ We fondly remember "Big Ivy" as we met him and Norma many, many years ago.

He is a peace.

Our best wishes and prayers go you who stay behind mourning him. We remember you in our prayers.

Britt and Hans

*Mittemeijer##imported-begin##Hans and Britt Mittemeijer
##imported-end##*

September 02, 2007 at 07:56 AM



“ Words cannot express how saddened we were of hearing of Iveys Untimely death.he was indeed a wonderful friend to us and any time we needed Him He and Norma were their for us. You all are in our thought and prayers during this sad time. Our love Joan and Johnny##imported-begin##John and Joan orr##imported-end##

September 01, 2007 at 11:09 PM



“ We all knew that Ivy was a very loving and giving man. Your loss is Heaven's gain! You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Tom and Celia Chivses

Kenny and Angela Sheets

Barry and Cheryl Landers

Wade and Kathy Dake

*Steven and Anita Chivses##imported-begin##Tom and Celia
Chivses and Family##imported-end##*

September 01, 2007 at 10:30 PM



“ While we rejoice that Ivy has taken his final flight to be with our Lord, our hearts are hurting because we are removed from the joy of his presence. We look forward to seeing him again in Heaven. How he blessed us every time we were privileged to be with him. He certainly made his mark on this earth for Jesus Christ.##imported-begin##Chaplain (COL - Ret) and Mrs. Dwight D. Riggs##imported-end##

September 01, 2007 at 07:44 PM



“ To all the Johnson family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

God Bless Each of You.

I didn't know Papa Ivy long, but one thing I was certain of when I met him the first time - He was a good man and kind man.##imported-begin##Wanda G. Love##imported-end##

September 01, 2007 at 05:42 PM



“ Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##David & Ginger Battani and Family##imported-end##

September 01, 2007 at 03:59 PM



“ I was so saddened to hear of Ivy’s sudden passing so unexpectedly. Please know that you are all in my prayers during this time of sorrow. I know that you are comforted in the knowledge that in the sovereignty of God this separation will only be for a short time compared to all eternity. Even though your heart aches because of Ivy’s absence, the Lord is faithful to comfort you during this time of grief. The Lord will comfort you, as you are reminded of the infinite and heavenly glory that is right now (as you are reading this) being seen by our dear brother in Christ, Ivy, (your dad, husband, and grandfather), with unveiled perfect spiritual discernment.

In Christ’s Perfect Love,

Kerry###imported-begin###Kerry D. Landis###imported-end###

September 01, 2007 at 03:16 PM



“ One of the greatest highlights in my life was the day Ivy gave his heart to the Lord. I will never forget the change and how the whole family was impacted by such a great event. I consider Ivy not only a great man but a father to me. We have always had great times together and laughed more times than I can count. I look to the day when we all meet again before the King of Kings and Lord of Lords

I send all my love to you Little Ivy, Marty, Stacey, Kevin and to the all the extended family. I understand your hurt and emotions. You are blessed to have had such a earthly father.

Big Ivy say hello to my mom and dad. I WILL SEE YOU AGAIN

love Derrick Germaine###imported-begin###Derrick Germaine###imported-end###

September 01, 2007 at 02:32 PM



“ Today the Heavenly Father has said, Welcome Home My Son, my deepest sympathy to his entire family. With much love to each of you.##imported-begin##Becky (Lois) and Deuard Powell##imported-end##

September 01, 2007 at 01:02 PM



“ God has just received a wonderful Christian gentleman and a wonderful friend to all. The "world" will surely miss Ivy but be assured he is at Peace with our Loving God.##imported-begin##Ted & Sherry Gilbert##imported-end##

September 01, 2007 at 11:59 AM



“ Today the Angels sang as they welcomed Papa Ivy.

My deepest sympathy to his wonderful family.##imported-begin##Sue Berry##imported-end##

September 01, 2007 at 01:09 AM