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Charles Eugene Johnson III

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Charles Johnson Obituary

Charles Eugene Johnson III

Charles Eugene Johnson III, fondly known as "Gene," was welcomed into the kingdom of Heaven on September 26, 2021. Born on November 6, 1948, in Baltimore, Maryland, he was the son of the late Dorothy Ijams Johnson and Charles Eugene Johnson II, and the brother of the late Edward "Ned" Johnson.

Gene grew up in Takoma Park, Maryland, and enjoyed playing golf and swimming at the local country club. He graduated from High Point High School in 1966 and began his career as a musician, playing in and around D.C. area nightclubs in the 1970's. He loved to sing and had a beautiful voice. The highlight of his career was when his band, Tractor, opened for Joe Cocker at the Philadelphia Coliseum in 1979. It was his pleasure to teach his children to sing harmony and melody. Later in life, Gene's love of music transitioned into performances with the Fauquier Community Theater and singing in local church choirs.

Gene is survived by his children, Alex Johnson (Amanda) and Libbi Moore (Patrick), and his grandchildren Calvin, Ellie, Amelia, Paisley, Laila, and Evelyn.

Always a lover of nature and farm life, Gene bought a small farm in Catlett in 1976 where he owned and bred horses, made hay, adopted cats and dogs, and taught his children to care for animals and the land around them. A family favorite pastime was trail riding through the woods and neighboring farms. Prior to owning a farm and raising a family, Gene lived and worked on a horse farm that later was acquired by the National Park Service and became the Manassas National Battlefield Park.

In addition to his love for music and animals, Gene loved history and was a published author in the North South Trader Magazine and a collector of Civil War relics. He was extremely well-read, particularly in history and religion, and spent a lot of time visiting various historical sites with his children. When he wasn't in Catlett enjoying a simple, organic life, he could be found in Fenwick Island, Delaware, where he spent his summers

as a child and continued the tradition with his own children.



Throughout his adult life, Gene could be found playing softball on the Catlett Fireman's team, coaching t-ball, leading boy scouts, and was an avid supporter of the Brandy Station Foundation.

In his later years, with loving support from his son and daughter, Gene battled an aggressive form of dementia called Lewy Body Dementia.

He is greatly missed and will continue to be treasured for the life he lived and the multitude of people he inspired.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 9, 2021, at Nokesville Church of the Brethren, 13002 Fitzwater Dr, Nokesville, VA 20181. Masks are required.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Brandy Station Foundation.

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Lynne E Summers October 26, 2021

It is with sadness that we have just been informed of Gene's passing... Gene was a dear friend of ours beginning as lead singer with the band

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equestrian and had knowledge about different horse personalities, learning styles, and horse gestures. He would often take a group of friends on horses throughout the trails in the Manassas National



Jack Brooks October 24, 2021

Battlefield Park, such memories remain in our hearts.

I was the bass player in Tractor, and we survivors have fond memories of Gene's talent, playing at My Mother's Place, The Keg, and many one-nighters & memorable concerts there.

Sometimes Memory Lane is the only road home.

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13002 Fitzwater Dr, Nokesville, VA

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