



Timothy Dorane Johnson

August 11, 1969 - October 23, 2023

Captain Timothy Dorane Johnson, United States Army Reserve - a man of deep faith, fierce loyalty, and larger-than-life imagination - left his earthly life on Monday, October 23, 2023. He was just 54.

He was born on a Monday, too. At 7:35am on August 11, 1969, he arrived in Alexandria, Louisiana at Baptist Hospital. He was baptized, awake and smiling, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Colfax.

Perhaps it was at that moment when Tim's devotion to Christ and the Catholic Church came to be. Maybe it was later, as he received his first Holy Communion or attended St. Joseph's High School in Santa Maria, California. But certainly Tim's faith and commitment to the Church was a guiding light for many. He was godfather to his two nephews, Trey and Keith, and his niece, Kaitlynn, and traveled down from Pennsylvania to Arkansas for each of their Baptisms. Many have credited him with helping them remain steadfast in their faith and in the Church. He was devoted to praying the Rosary, attending Mass, and studying the Catechism. Tim was most recently a parishioner of Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. He was a 3rd degree member in the Knights of Columbus, always honored to be a part of that devoted and historic Church brotherhood.

Honor and loyalty were also his watchwords. Tim believed in Truth. He believed in Justice. He really saw himself as a protector, and we all saw him that way, too. He studied Criminal Justice first at Alan Hancock Community College and then graduated from Northwestern University in Natchitoches, Louisiana in 1997 after joining the ROTC unit. He'd already joined the Louisiana National Guard during Desert Storm. Tim served in the US Army Reserve for the remainder of his life. He held multiple commands and had numerous deployments throughout his career, his final being to Kuwait for nearly two years.

He was an officer of the Natchitoches Police. This part of Tim's life, while focused on protecting the community and serving his nation, was peppered with wild adventures. Once, a turkey vulture dive bombed straight through his windshield. And during a car chase, Tim and his police partner realized shooting out tires of an escaping vehicle doesn't work like it seems to in the movies.

From Natchitoches, Tim moved on to Fort Polk (now called Fort Johnson), where he was a police officer. While serving there, God nudged Tim to join the Pentagon Police Force. But more than a new career was awaiting him.

Training for the Pentagon Police took Tim to Brunswick, Georgia. Shortly after arriving, he got directions to go to a local spot for an errand. The directions were bad, but the result was good - while trying to find his destination, he met his future wife, April. She gave him correct directions, but she'd made an impression, and he came back once more that day. They became instant friends. Though Tim was very focused on his job training during this time, he and April tried to see each other often. They attended church and went out to eat. Just before Tim graduated from Pentagon Police training, he asked

for April's hand in marriage. They were married in a civil service and then were married in the Church in 2014.

During these adventures, Tim's sense of fun and imagination were running like a thread through it all. Technology and machines were always on Tim's mind, whether he was building his own computers or stripping down and reassembling a Honda motorcycle in the living room of his college apartment. When most residents in early-1990s Dry Prong, Louisiana had rotary phones that operated on a party line, Tim decided he wanted to purchase and install Caller ID for his family. This was technology that was years ahead of anything their neighbors used. Papaw Johnson was thrilled to shock callers by greeting them by name before they even spoke.

The allure of technology sparked Tim's imagination. He loved science fiction and was especially fond of all things Star Wars. With his baby brother Ray due soon after the theatrical release of Star Wars: A New Hope, Tim tried to convince his mother to name his new sibling Luke Skywalker Johnson. He did not succeed.

There were other favorite movies and shows that played to his sense of adventure. His most-watched show list reads like a 1980s - '90s pop culture hit parade: Star Trek, Magnum P.I., Airwolf, Miami Vice, the Indiana Jones and Monty Python movies. Those bold, heroic late 20 th century stories really spoke to Tim, as his brother Ray remembers fondly. The two brothers were about eight years apart. When a 17-year-old Tim slipped on his Members Only jacket and fired up his 1984 Buick Grand National, 9-year-old Ray would always want to go for a ride. No matter how cold the weather, they'd jump in the car, roll the windows down, and turn the heater on high. They'd fly around those Santa Maria streets with Huey Lewis and the News cranked up so Ray could sing

along as loud as he wanted.

Those Who Went Before

A family man, Tim was especially close with his grandparents Antoine A. Conques and Dorothy J. Conques, Sam J. Johnson and Maudine C. Johnson. Dorothy Conques, called Granny by the family, cherished having Tim and his mother Theresa live in the Conques home for the first five years of his life. His Johnson-side grandparents - Papaw and Little Mamaw - loved having him come to their family fish fries. Tim was also preceded in death by his child Valentine Johnson - he will surely enjoy being united with his unborn child in Heaven.

Those He Left Behind

Tim is survived by his loving wife April Johnson and her mother Sandra Johns, who lived in the home with Tim and April for nearly all of their marriage. His parents are Theresa and Felix Johnson and Tom Brown. They are enduring deep anguish - especially his mother Theresa, who spoke to Tim nearly every single day of all of his 54 years on Earth. His brother Ray Johnson knows he has lost a sheepdog and so has the world. Tim's sister-in-law Lisa Johnson and her parents Keith and Deena Erni will grieve each holiday where he is absent and each story that is told without his laughing response. Tim's niece and nephews, Lynn, Trey, and Keith "KJ" Johnson - his godchildren - cherished every outing they shared with him and will miss his wry jokes. Finally, he will be mourned by his sister Shannon Johnson, his aunts and uncles - Gloria Brown, Gus Johnson, Joel and Karen Johnson, Hoyt and Sarah Johnson, and Dianne Johnson - and friends too numerous to mention by name.

A Mass of the Christian Burial will be held at 1:30 PM on Thursday, November 2, 2023, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church.

Previous Events

Mass

NOV 2. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church
320 Philadelphia Ave
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Tribute Wall

JO

“ I always looked forward to my work shifts when Tim was working! He always made a bad day better with humor and a smiling face. My favorite memory was when we had to qualify at AP Hill and it was snowing so hard and we were freezing. Either way, he helped us make the best of it with his smiles and fun. Rest easy, Tim.

Johnna - December 22, 2023 at 08:46 AM

SW

“ I'll never forget my friend Tim. There was never a more genuine person or nicer friend. He was faithful to God, a true patriot and protector. He loved his family and always had a smile.

Stan Williams - November 12, 2023 at 09:12 AM

TH

“ I was friends with Tim about 30 years. We met at NSU in 1996. He was friends with my mom and grandparents in Natchitoches, and kept an eye on them. They loved him.

I hadn't seen him in person for decades, yet we chatted when we were able. He was a good friend, and like many others, I will miss him. 😞

theresa huffman - November 09, 2023 at 01:43 PM

AJ

“ April Johnson lit a candle in memory of Timothy Dorane Johnson



April Johnson - November 04, 2023 at 07:18 PM

DY

“ *Saddened to have a brother leave us so soon. Tim was a great Soldier and will be missed.*



David Yee - November 03, 2023 at 11:31 PM

MJ

“ *Tim was just like a brother who is there for me always, since my husband. Officer. Robert Jones whom passed away 2017 his age also 53, Tim was there to make it sure that I get help for contact to pentagon and he was in funeral at California to help our church service and memorial service at Pennsylvania, he was always there for me, contacted me from his travel the world for being military duty, he was honorable man and honest person, not afraid to tell his opinion any one and funny joke all the time that made all of us smile, I can't believe that he has gone today, so young and gone without telling us good bye, I regret not visiting April and Tim at Pennsylvania again. I should done that.. this is my big regret not seeing them both again. Thank you Tim, you always worried about me and think of me. Now to the future, I promise you that I will help your wife April like my sister. Condolences to April and his Johnson family. I pray for everyone. And I pray for Tim in good place in the heaven and chat with my husband Robert now. Prayer with all of his friends and family. Amen*

Mika Jones - November 02, 2023 at 05:25 PM

AE

“ CPT Johnson was an amazing person and awesome Soldier. He always made me laugh because no matter how bad the mission was or how FUBAR everything got, he always let it roll off his back. He always saw the brighter side of everything when in Uniform. I'm sorry for your loss as a family and the Army family lost another brother. He will be missed greatly

Aaron Elsey - November 02, 2023 at 01:26 PM

MF

“ Theresa, Felix, and Felix (Ray). I am so sorry for your loss. Tim was one of the “best” friends that Dan had. I was just reminding Dan about their favorite expression, “Oh, no! Not again!” and how it was Tim who had told me all about Mr Bill and his antics. I am not surprised that he lived such a meaningful life. May he rest in peace. Merrilee

Merrilee Foehner - November 02, 2023 at 12:23 PM

DJ

“ Dianne Johnson lit a candle in memory of Timothy Dorane Johnson



Dianne Johnson - November 02, 2023 at 09:47 AM

DJ

A beloved son, husband, brother and nephew. His light will shine on in the love of those he left behind.

Dianne Johnson - November 02, 2023 at 09:48 AM



“ I still can't believe you are gone but I know you are in the very best place any of us could ever be. Always the protector (the entire reason we met over 20 years ago), the understanding one, the one that lived by the values you held dear in your heart. Now you get to rest easy as it is well deserved.
You were a great man, Tim Johnson, and will be forever missed. Good byes are only temporary so I'll say good bye for now, until we meet again. ---Anne

Anne Vines - November 02, 2023 at 08:53 AM



“ Truly the model of loyalty and faithfulness. Tim you were a rock of the Class of '87. Thank you for all the ways you blessed us over the years. We miss you and look forward to seeing you again someday.

Laurie Edelbrock Way - November 02, 2023 at 12:31 AM



“ Tim was larger than life, and one of my best friends EVER. True meaning of high school/lifelong friendship. Such a huge loss for this world...and a huge gain for heaven..."well done, good and faithful servant."

James Jepsen - November 01, 2023 at 10:52 PM