



## Bobby Joe Johnston

October 26, 1939 - July 15, 2021

Bobby Joe Johnston passed away unexpectedly at his home on Thursday, July 15, 2021.

His funeral service will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at Kimbrell-Stern with, interment to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery. The Rev. Josh Duckworth will officiate. The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern on Monday from 5:30 PM till 7:00 PM.

Bobby was born in Albany on October 26, 1939 and graduated from Albany High School. Throughout high school, he was the manager of the AHS football team. After graduation, he managed the scoreboard at Hugh Mills Stadium. Later, his son Joey joined him, and, together they worked a total of 58 years for all the football teams. This was one of Bobby's real pleasures.

Another of Bobby's pleasures was his love of automobiles. This led to his life-long career in the industry. He grew up in the family automotive business on Pine Ave. Following high school he worked with Keenan Auto Parts and continued to work through each business transition from Keenan to CarQuest to Advance Auto Parts, ending with his retirement in 2019. Bobby was a collector of antique cars.

Bobby grew up as a member of the First Baptist Church of Albany. In later years he joined Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church. He enjoyed participating in Chi Sunday School class. Bobby was a servant of the Lord and giver of his time and love to everyone around him. He considered it a blessing to be able to help others. He truly loved his family and friends.

Bobby was a member of the Exchange Club of Albany since 1984. He served on the board several times. He treasured his friends and participated in the various projects.

Bobby was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur Johnson and Fannie Alice McDaniel Johnston, his sons, Walter Johnston and Joey Johnston, his brothers, James Johnston and Thomas Johnston.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Betty Johnston; daughter, Susan Esco (Jim); sons: Bobby Kitchens, David Hall, and Jimmy Fowler; daughter in law, Stacey Johnston; granddaughter, Morgan Johnston; grandsons: David Lightle and Dylan Lightle; along with numerous other grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Children Hospital, the MS Society, or the charity of your choice.

You may sign the online guest book at [www.kimbrellstern.com](http://www.kimbrellstern.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd  
Albany, GA 31707  
(229) 883-6600  
<https://www.kimbrellstern.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 19. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors  
1503 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

## Funeral Service

JUL 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JS

“ I came to know Bobby in 1976 when working for my dad at Sikes Motor Company and we purchased needed auto parts and then as an Exchange Club Member. Bobby was always very kind and I considered him a good friend since. God bless this family in their loss of this find gentleman.

John Sikes - July 25, 2021 at 08:27 AM

MW

“ I am so sorry to hear about Bobby. He truly was one of the nicest and most helpful man I met while working in parts. He called on us every week and truly was one of a kind. He will be greatly missed. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Melissa Watson - July 20, 2021 at 10:56 AM

 Kathy Lewis

“ Betty, I am so very sorry for your loss. Bobby was always kind and friendly, and always had a smile on his face. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Kathy Lewis (Turner)

Kathy Lewis - July 19, 2021 at 09:28 PM

FL

“ Betty and family...my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I am so thankful to have known Bobby during and after my time at CARQUEST. He was so kind and friendly...a true gentleman in every way.

Felicia Lewis - July 19, 2021 at 09:50 AM

PM

“ To Betty. Children and grand children!  
So sorry to hear of Bobby’s untimely death.  
He was a great guy who loved his family so much!  
My sincerest condolences to all of you’

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**Patsy Martin** - July 18, 2021 at 06:01 PM

BW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Look to the good  
memories you shared with him. Those  
memories will help you through. Blessings.



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**Brenda Wintersole** - July 18, 2021 at 10:21 AM

CD

“ I’ll miss you Bobby. From work to church to community, thanks for  
being my friend. Sympathy Betty and Susan.  
Chuck DARSEY

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**chuck darsey** - July 18, 2021 at 08:46 AM

FA

“ Bobby was an asset to the the community in so many ways.A civic  
leader,great employee,family man and God fearing.Rest in peace  
Bobby Joe.You were a leader of men.

*Frank Ahouse*

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**frank ahouse** - July 18, 2021 at 06:40 AM

DF

“ So so sorry to hear of Bobby's passing. Was a co-worker for many years. Many memories to treasure. Praying the Holy Spirit will comfort and sustain you during this difficult time.

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**Don Ford** - July 17, 2021 at 07:42 PM

TB

“ Bobby passing has left an immense void – he truly was an outstanding man of God, character, kindness, and un-selfness giving to youth and his community. Our thoughts are with you. May God give the family Peace & Comfort.

*We share in your sorrow  
Exchange Club of Albany*

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**Terry Brumbley** - July 17, 2021 at 06:00 PM

JB

“ Dear Betty & Family, so sorry to learn of Bobby's passing. It has been several years since we have seen him; he was a great neighbor & we always enjoyed talking with him when we went to the parts store. Fondly, Jim & Deb B

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**Jim & Deb Blanchard** - July 17, 2021 at 01:47 PM

DH

*Betty. Jerry and I are so sorry to hear about Bobby. We measure our working days with him. He always had a smile on his face. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love Jerry and Debbie Harrell*

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**Deb Harrell** - July 18, 2021 at 09:45 AM

NB

*Dear Betty & family, was so surprised & saddened to read of Bobby's passing ! Knew him in different ways, you, some of our children in school together & our wonderful neighbors that were also his friends. He was always so outgoing & we could always have a nice long chat. I'm glad you all found each other, Betty, for you & your children. I pray God's love & your memories will be of comfort in the time ahead. Love Nell Blaylock*

**Nell H Blaylock** - July 18, 2021 at 10:12 PM

JS

*Bobby was a pure pleasure to work with at the exchange club and he will be truly missed by us all. He always had a smile on his face.*

*JIM W. Smith The Albany Exchange club*

**jim w. smith** - July 19, 2021 at 08:43 AM

SR

*Bobby was always a mentor in my work in the auto parts business but more importantly he was always a good friend. Rest in piece my friend.*

**STAN ROBERTS** - July 19, 2021 at 09:45 AM

PS

*Bobby was a great guy and friend. I truly enjoyed working with him over the years. He will be missed*

**Phyllis stamps** - July 19, 2021 at 12:29 PM

DD

*Bobby was a dedicated man to his life long "job" of announcing Albany HI,s football games. I'm proud of his son doing it also. It has been my luck to call him my friend. Dr Glenn Dowling*

**Dr Glenn Dowling** - July 19, 2021 at 03:55 PM

DH

*Bobby was a great person, worked with him at Carquest for years , after leaving we remained friends when I went to work for the Citys Fleet Division. Rest in peace Bobby you will be missed.*

**Dale Henry** - July 20, 2021 at 07:21 AM

HW

*Betty and family, Bobby and I were friends when his Dad had the auto shop on Pine Ave. in the 1950's. I just read about his passing and send prayers and sympathy to each of you. He was a kind, friendly, and giving man and Heaven received one God loving Angel with his passing through those gates. Lots of fond old day memories and sure each of you have them also. Bob will be sorely missed. Hang on to those fond moments and may God give you peace and rest. Harvey and Twila Willis*

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**Harvey Willis** - July 23, 2021 at 05:19 PM