



James Phillip Johnson

February 8, 1968 - January 27, 2010

James “Jim” Phillip Johnson, III, 41, of Gambrills, MD, formerly of Annapolis, MD, passed away at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, MD, on Wednesday, January 27, 2010. Jim was born in Baltimore, MD and is the son of James Phillip Johnson, Jr. and Angela Johnson.

Jim graduated from Annapolis High School in 1987. He earned an Associate of Applied Sciences with Computer Network Management certification from Anne Arundel Community College in 1997 and subsequently earned a BA in Computer Sciences from Strayer College in 2007. He never stopped learning.

Jim was an Information Technology Network Engineer for the State of Maryland Department of Planning for more than ten years. He loved technology and fixing things. Jim was tireless. He was the one who would set the course, inspire the team, finish the job, and clean up after everyone went home. Jim was generous, considerate, respectful, and committed to family, friends, and his profession. He also loved motorcycle riding for the alone time, the sound of the wind, the speed and the freedom on a bike following twisty curves. Motorcyclists wave to one another. It is an unwritten courtesy that is slowly fading away for all but a few riders. Jim was one of the ones that still waved, no matter the bike, rider, or weather. It was with this kind of unsolicited acknowledgement that Jim rode with through his life. He looked out for his friends and family, no matter how busy he was. He will be missed.

Jim is survived by his parents, James and Angela Johnson of Annapolis, MD; his brother, Mark Johnson of Seattle, WA; his life long friends, Steve Uthoff and Tom Wingate; his nephew, Hollis Johnson; his grandparents, Jim and Lillian Hart of West Gardiner, ME; his grandmother, Connie Dovi of Baltimore, MD; his uncle and aunt, Tom and Gale Johnson of Annapolis, MD and his sister-in-law, Mitzy Oubre of Seattle, WA.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Cremation and Funeral Care, P.A., 814 Bestgate Road, Annapolis, MD 21401 on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Interment will be private.

By request of the family, please omit flowers. Memorial Contributions may be made in the name of James Johnson to the Anne Arundel Medical Center Foundation, 2001 Medical Parkway, Suite 240, Annapolis, MD 21401.

Funeral Arrangements were provided by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Cremation and Funeral Care, P.A., 814 Bestgate Road, Annapolis, MD 21401. For inquiries please call 410-897-4852

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Phillip Johnson*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *James Phillip Johnson*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *James Phillip Johnson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *James Phillip Johnson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Still think of you old friend.*

Jim - August 08, 2015 at 02:01 PM



“ *Not forgotten. Still in our thoughts. Still missed.*##imported-begin##*Jim Steward*##imported-end##

February 01, 2011 at 07:05 PM



“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of our friend, Jim. I only learned of his passing yesterday.

My sincere condolences to Jim's family, friends and acquaintances. All of us who were privileged to have known Jim were blessed to have had him in our lives - even if only for a brief moment.

I knew Jim for three years when I was employed at MDP. Jim was a brilliant IT person who could correct any problem. He could advise and help anyone with computer/network issues, whether you were a newbie or computer literate. Even when he fussed at you about something, it was ok.

Jim and I shared many long conversations - sometimes about nothing - sometimes about everything. We often agreed on how we could make the world perfect.

Jim was truly a unique personality. I loved his uniqueness - the way he pulled no punches. He "just said it".

I found, too, that although it seemed he sometimes tried to hide it, by listening to his high-energy conversations and paying attention, you'd find that he had a gentle, sharing and sensitive spirit. He really cared! He loved life and never wanted to waste one second. He always did his best - and that was always more than 100%.

Let us cherish our memories of him and smile - for he brought "light" wherever he went.##imported-begin##Joyce Lima##imported-end##

February 15, 2010 at 02:59 PM



“ Well this week has been a bear. Being away from Mom and Dad, and your place in this world has been tough. Yeah, we have been apart for a long time, but the ties that bind are strong my man. September felt like the old days. We see some things differently, but the mutual respect allowed us to learn from each other. So much from our old days shapes me now. The trails, the boats, motorcycles, marinas, the smell of old oil, pine needles and gasoline...I could say all these things to Dad and he would laugh, laugh laugh! He and TJ probably share the same stuff. Those memories make me who I am. You never were a nostalgic weep like me, but you know you have always been there, making me stay true and strong; hard, even. Bust your ass even if you didn't want to so "they" can never say you were wrong, right? I'm trying to be hard. bud, I'm trying. I hope you knew how much you were and are in our every day. Songs (that whole ARO record is inspired by our youthful risk taking), stories, machines, maintenance, and discipline - knowledge. I don't know where you got it all, but you knew how to figure it out if it was broken, or how to do it right. Peace, my friend. I hope you had a good birthday week up in the clouds and Hunter took you to a killer Jerry, Pigpen, Jimi, and Janice show and you got a chance to drive on your birthday. You are missed.##imported-begin##mark##imported-end##

February 13, 2010 at 02:37 AM



“ Hi, Jim. Happy Birthday. Things are still pretty tough but we are trying to remember the good times over the years rather than the end. We love you. Your Mom and Dad.##imported-begin##Jim'sDad##imported-end##

February 08, 2010 at 10:24 AM



“ To all who came to Jim's Celebration of Life on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 his Mom and I extend our heartfelt appreciation for the expressions of respect, friendship, caring and sorrow by his current and former work associates, his new and old friends and his extended family. We will treasure the many anecdotes you shared with us and we hope some of the stories we shared about Jim's youth cast him in a new and unique light. On one thing we all seemed to agree; he will be missed. Special thanks to Mark, Steve and Tom for their work on selecting the pictures and music to represent the many facets of Jim's life and thanks to Bill Bowen and Nancy for their professional support and assistance in providing a quality environment for the event.##imported-begin##Jim'sDad##imported-end##

February 03, 2010 at 08:43 PM



“ A great mentor and even greater friend, I was truly blessed to have Jim as a colleague for so many years. My heartfelt condolences to Jim's family.##imported-begin##Rehan##imported-end##

February 03, 2010 at 01:19 PM



“ Jim and I worked together at the Maryland Department of Planning, and I remember him as always willing to help, very funny and "real", and one of the nicest people I've ever known. I remember coming into work one morning, tired and grumpy, only to find out that he had been there overnight trying to make sure our network didn't fall apart! He was one of those people you could always count on.##imported-begin##Kristen##imported-end##

February 03, 2010 at 10:46 AM



“ Because of living too many miles apart and opposite sides of town I only got to see Jim on rare occasions, but we stayed in contact by phone and email.

When I worked late I would call Jim on my ride home and talk tech and poitics, business advice, life in general. He would "talk me down" from a rough day when I needed it.

The last time I talked to Jim was one of those talks. The last thing he said before we hung up was he missed our evening talks.

I do to my friend.##imported-begin##Jim##imported-end##

February 03, 2010 at 08:54 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was always ready to help. Anytime had a problem with my computer Jim and Tom would be there to guide me along (I am quite the novice when it comes to technology). When Mel would have concerns with the boat, again Jim and Tom ready to help. We will miss Jim's smiling face and his great energy.Mel and Denise##imported-begin##Denise and Mel##imported-end##

February 03, 2010 at 08:41 AM



“ As Billy Joel sang " only the good die young" and that is certainly true in Jim's case. While he sometimes came across as "tough", he was the most generous, friendly and good hearted person once you really got to know him. He always had time for a "buddy" which I am glad to say he considered me. Jim did not suffer fools so to be on his side of the double standard was something indeed! I will miss his sense of humour, our long chats which covered everything from politics to boating to of course techno stuff- most of which went over my head! He was tireless, dependable, conscientious and most of all, hilarious. He will be missed by anyone lucky enough to have crossed his path! I'm sure he is up there on a target range with HST as I write!

Miss you, Leslie##imported-begin##Leslie##imported-end##

February 03, 2010 at 06:47 AM



“ We will never forget all of the good times we spent together. It won't be the same without you hanging on the deck to celebrate no matter what the occasion. You were a loyal friend and were always there for my family. We will miss you and will never forget you.##imported-begin##Krissy##imported-end##

February 02, 2010 at 07:30 PM



“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Jim's mom, dad and brother...and all of his extended family. He was always there to help me when I needed IT assistance. I know I will miss his visits to the Maryland Historical Trust (MDP's Crownsville office) and all the great talks we would have at the end of some long work days. I cannot believe I'll never hear that crazy laugh of his again...but I will never forget it...or him.

Evie Cohen, MDP/MHT##imported-begin##Evie##imported-end##

February 02, 2010 at 01:19 PM



“ Jim, I am so grateful for the friendship you shared with Steve, and I am honored to have been a part of it. Whenever you two were on the phone I knew it was going to be a long one full of laughter, and the projects you guys worked on would always keep you two busy for at least a day or an entire weekend. My most cherished memory will be you and I JAMMIN' to the band at Club Mojo when they played Led Zepplin - we stopped in our tracks to rock out and Stevie just stared and shook his head at us. I will miss you so much; no one can take your place. Rest easy now Jimmy.##imported-begin##Tracy##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 07:02 PM



“ After visiting with Jim at the hospital he told me how suprised he was to see me there. I explained I would have been there sooner had I known he was in the hospital. Jim did not realize what he meant to my 2 year old daughter my wife and myself and that hurt. So this was yet another thing I learned from Jim. Be sure the ones around you know how much they mean to you, a lesson for all of us. We had alot of laughs and made alot of memories and you will not be forgotten. Shayne Chesnut##imported-begin##Shayne##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 06:43 PM



“ Jim, you will truly be missed by me and many who you have touched through your travels. After 28 years of knowing Jim he became the best friend I could have ever had. I have never met a person like him. He has been unconditionally caring, helping, giving and loving. He was never one to mix words; he always said it as he saw it. He told me many years ago that it may not be by blood, but I was his brother. Last night I sat with Mark, his parents and Tom to make some arrangements and plans. While we were talking, I believe that he reached down and gave me a final full and complete feeling of truly being his brother as he said many years ago. May God be with you Bro as you will truly be missed. Thank you for the friendship you have given me. Good bye my brother and my friend.##imported-begin##Steve##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 06:10 PM



“ Jim, it will not be the same hanging out in the court on the weekends but man we had some great times. The fun you and i and big shayne had together will never be forgotten. I will miss you. -little shane##imported-begin##Shane ##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 05:10 PM



“ Jim and I started at MDP around the same time and worked together a lot on various projects over the years. He was a great co-worker, always willing to go the extra mile for the project. He was also a great friend who always stopped by to see how things were going. Usually on these visits I'd be stressed out about something at work, but by the end of the conversation, he'd have me laughing! He will be missed!##imported-begin##Stephanie##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 03:33 PM



“ Jim, my first nephew, may the road be straight and your ride be smooth and the wings of the angels be with you. I watched from a distance as you grew up and I am proud to have been part of ypu life. Our conversations have crossed many horizons and I will always remember the weekend of you brothers wedding when we tried to drink all the long island ice teas in New Orleans. I will miss you, I love you buddy##imported-begin##Tom##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 03:20 PM



“ Jim, I sit here looking down the street at your house and it hurts to know that I will never see you walk down the court again. It was a weekend routine to see Jim. He would come over our house each weekend, and we all would talk about how crazy our week was! After some great food, beers and many laughs we would forget all about the work week. Jim was a great neighbor, and even a better friend! I'm so grateful for the time we spent together and glad we could have one last weekend together! You are truly missed and will never be forgotten! Love, Kaireen Chesnut##imported-begin##Kaireen ##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 12:29 PM



“ Jim was an amazing guy to work with. He always understood the technical side of the various implementations I was trying to propose to him with and was really sharp when it comes to IT Security. I've learned a lot from many of our long conversations over the phone. He was always cooperative with me and helped me in many ways during my tenure at the State. Jim, you will be sorely missed. Thanks for being a great guy to work with. I will pray for your family & loved ones. God Bless You.##imported-begin##Tim##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 11:45 AM



“ Jim took everything as challenge, even if he knew what he was doing, even if his way was the best he was always working to improve the process. He was meticulous and thorough and never missed any details. He never left a project unfinished, was the first to jump in with both feet and always there after the smoke cleared to clean up the mess. Whenever he was around we had fun. He was the best friend anyone could ever have. Jim was always there for me and my family.
Thanks for being there Jim. You are truly missed.##imported-begin##Tom##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 11:07 AM



“ Well, Jim, to say I'm surprised about your passing is an understatement. Thank you for helping me when I worked at MDP. You were my "Go-to" guy. I know your family is trying to deal with your passing. My prayers are for them as well as for you.##imported-begin##Gail##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 11:05 AM



“ I imagine you are needed up there as much as we need you down here for running a functional information system (don't know what it is called up there though). Really appreciate your support and help through the years. We miss you here!##imported-begin##Diane##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 09:29 AM



“ Jim, I loved your "cut the BS and let's get this done" attitude and our conversations where we could solve all the world's problem's if they would only listen to us! I will truly miss your candor, your cussing and most of all your laughter. May you find peace.##imported-begin##Denise##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 09:22 AM



“ I will miss Jim's cheerful and kind outlook within the workplace. He was a man of "getting things done." May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Joyce##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 08:51 AM



“ Jim,
You will be truly missed! So many stories, so little time. Now... make sure things are being ran right upstairs and please watch your lanuage! You will never be replaced, you were the best! Michele##imported-begin##Michele##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 08:35 AM



“ I love you and I miss you..##imported-begin##mom##imported-end##

January 31, 2010 at 08:13 PM



“ HI Jimmy,
We have never met. I am a friend of Steve and Tracy's. Tracy shared your story with me. She told me Steve had brought you to your home just the other day and you were very happy. Although I have not met you I pictured this in my mind and my heart smiled. We will keep you and your family in our prayers. We say our nightly prayers and will say an extra one for you and your journey home. Lots of love from our family to yours. The Norris'###imported-begin###Kristin###imported-end###

January 31, 2010 at 06:33 PM



“ I met Jim through Tom & Krissy. When he was around it was always a party. Literally a party - Crocktoberfest, Cinco De Mayo, a Wingate/Jones birthday event, a boat ride on the Double Crown, lighting fireworks off during the July 4th week, Friday night after work in the driveway, spontaneous BBQs. Jim was always one of the last to leave and eager to talk around a fire pit or on the back deck. He'd listen, contemplate, and then tell you exactly how it was without offending. He was the one who figured out that we could maximize the fireworks lighting experience by adding propane torches to the lighting process. A cold case of beer materialized whenever a cooler was running low. We still laugh at how much fun we all had when we realized that you can slice open the box of glow sticks, fling them on each other, not get some sort of poisoning, and crack up until you hurt. We didn't do this at 12 years old. We did it at 40, after a kid's birthday party, on a mellow summer night on Tom & Krissy's deck. It was Jim who supplied the idea and the knife.

Jim, whenever we gather together and crack open a few Miller Lites, you will be remembered. Rest in peace brother.###imported-begin###Leo###imported-end###

January 31, 2010 at 03:06 PM



“ Jim, when that big sugar maple branch I was cutting bounced and hit you when you were 12, I thought that was the worst day of my life; but it was nothing compared to helping you through the last month of so. Your dignity, your selflessness, your determination and your spirit made me proud, as painful as it was to watch. You were a good man and a great son. Thanks for being you and for being here, even if for much too short a time. We love you, man.##imported-begin##Jim'sDad##imported-end##

January 31, 2010 at 07:27 AM



“ ##imported-begin##Sandy##imported-end##

January 30, 2010 at 07:36 PM



“ So long Jim. You have always been there for me, whether you knew it or not, saying things in my head like, "Do it right the first time, or don't do it at all." or "wait...wait...OK...jump NOW!!" There is a big hole where you used to be that will never be filled and you will never be forgotten. With love and immense respect, Mark.##imported-begin##Mark##imported-end##

January 30, 2010 at 12:16 PM