



## Michael T. Johnson

June 26, 1965 - May 31, 2026

Michael T Johnson Sr was delivered to his heavenly home Sunday, May 31, 2026. He was surrounded by his family at Christ Advocate Hospital.

Mike was born June 26, 1965 to Wilfred (Art) Johnson and Janet Reidstra (McDonald).

He was raised in Beecher, Illinois and graduated from Illiana Christian High School

before proudly starting multiple and successful farming businesses in Fair Oaks. He

worked diligently to create niche companies that serviced his community in Jasper

County, Indiana. His work was his passion, his family was his life, but before all Mike

served Christ and ensured to always put his relationship with the Lord as his top priority.

Mike married the love of his life, Sharon Vanderbilt, on June 27, 1986.

Together they

welcomed three beautiful children into the world. Mike naturally became an incredible

father who was always encouraging and loving. He was his wife's and children's biggest

supporter in every one of their hobbies, pursuits, and careers.

Mike is survived by his loving wife, Sharon, and his three children Sarah (Alex Jerzyk), Hannah (Heinrich) Oosthuizen, and Michael Jr. He is also survived by his mother Janet, and three siblings Rick (Tina) Johnson, Becki (Kevin) Bachert, and Tim Johnson. Mike was an adored uncle to his nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Wilfred (Art) Johnson, and niece Alyssa Bachert. From the excavator cab to the bowling alley, Mike is known for his gentle-spirit and hard work ethic.

Always glad to stand around a truck tailgate to discuss life, jobs, and fishing, Mike was sure to share a laugh and make people feel included. He genuinely loved, above everything else, Christ Jesus our Lord, followed by his family, church, employees, and friends. His faith was the navigation system for his life, and Christ was his guide in all endeavors.

Though a humble servant, Mike possessed unmatched leadership. He was a man whose joy came from providing. His ultimate testament in life was, above all, to point everyone he knew towards Salvation through Jesus Christ. His humble form of leadership was always directed toward Serving the Lord first. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." This

verse is one that Mike cherished and instilled in his family, which gives comfort and assurance in faith leading to Salvation.

Mike was a blessing to everyone. He will be deeply missed and remembered by all who

knew him. Now, in eternal Glory, Mike has been received by Christ. "His master replied,

'Well done good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master's happiness!" Matthew 25:21

A visitation will be held at Community Christian Reformed Church of Roselawn, Indiana on Thursday, June 4, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Food will be provided during the visitation time. The family wishes a meaningful time of fellowship with family and friends. Please stick around for food.

A funeral service will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 5, 2026 at Community Christian Reformed Church. Graveside services will be privately held for the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Community Christian Reformed Church (<https://www.communitychurchroselawn.com/give>).

# Cemetery Details

## Holland Cemetery

Holland Cemetery  
DeMotte, IN 46310

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 4. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Community Christian Reformed Church  
10498 N 450 E  
DeMotte, IN 46310  
(219) 345-3388  
<http://www.communitychurchroselawn.com>

## Funeral Service

JUN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Community Christian Reformed Church  
10498 N 450 E  
DeMotte, IN 46310  
(219) 345-3388  
<http://www.communitychurchroselawn.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael T. Johnson*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - June 04 at 10:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael T. Johnson.*



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June 04 at 03:08 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael T. Johnson.*



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June 04 at 12:37 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael T. Johnson.*

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June 04 at 12:37 PM



“ 199 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - June 04 at 10:35 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Kevin Getz** - June 04 at 09:48 AM



“ *Melissa and Heith Hamstra purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Michael T. Johnson.*



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**Melissa and Heith Hamstra** - June 04 at 09:34 AM

TF

“ 2 files added to the album FISHING



Tim Funston - June 03 at 10:41 PM

CD

“ Crisis Center Board of Directors purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Michael T. Johnson.



Crisis Center Board of Directors - June 03 at 06:18 PM

CD

“ Crisis Center Board of Directors planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael T. Johnson.

Crisis Center Board of Directors - June 03 at 06:18 PM

CM

“ Clinic of Family Medicine purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Michael T. Johnson.



Clinic of Family Medicine - June 03 at 11:40 AM

CM

“ Clinic of Family Medicine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael T. Johnson.

Clinic of Family Medicine - June 03 at 11:40 AM

PE

“ Precision Truck Equipment purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Michael T. Johnson.



Precision Truck Equipment - June 03 at 10:56 AM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Michael T. Johnson.



June 03 at 10:46 AM

YG

“ Your forever friends! Kleyn's & Graf's purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael T. Johnson.



Your forever friends! Kleyn's & Graf's - June 03 at 10:38 AM

PK

“ Pat, Susan, Kyle, Kait, and Korey purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Michael T. Johnson.



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**Pat, Susan, Kyle, Kait, and Korey** - June 03 at 09:58 AM

PK

“ Pat, Susan, Kyle, Kait, and Korey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael T. Johnson.

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**Pat, Susan, Kyle, Kait, and Korey** - June 03 at 09:58 AM

JR

“ Jasper County Reserves purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Michael T. Johnson.



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**Jasper County Reserves** - June 03 at 09:29 AM

JR

“ Jasper County Reserves planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael T. Johnson.

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**Jasper County Reserves** - June 03 at 09:29 AM

KG

“ Kevin Getz purchased the *Serene Retreat* for the family of Michael T. Johnson.



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Kevin Getz - June 03 at 08:50 AM

KG

“ Kevin Getz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael T. Johnson.

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Kevin Getz - June 03 at 08:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Michael T. Johnson.



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June 03 at 08:33 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael T. Johnson.

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June 03 at 08:33 AM

AB

“ While I never got to know Mike like the rest of my family, I loved hearing stories of “Big Mike”. The way he made people feel immediately at ease and the way they felt and spoke about him afterward makes me know just a little of the amazing man he was. Seeing the kids he helped raise shows his love and dedication to bringing them up in the Lord. Many prayers to your family through the next chapter.

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**Anna Bos** - June 02 at 10:27 PM

DB

“ Dallas and Catherine Brown purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Michael T. Johnson.



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**Dallas and Catherine Brown** - June 02 at 10:15 PM

LV

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Laura Vanderbilt** - June 02 at 10:04 PM

LV

“ We had the great fortune of spending lots of holidays, birthdays, vacations and most recently Hannah and Heinrich’s wedding. Lots of good times, great conversations and happy memories. One of my favorites is when we were all in Hawaii. My mom needed to use the rest room, which was a bit of a walk. Mike volunteered right away. She used the facilities and then the two of them shared a beer on the beach overlooking the ocean talking the afternoon away. Mike was one of a kind and will surely be missed.

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**Laura Vanderbilt** - June 02 at 09:59 PM

RV

“ Ryan V. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael T. Johnson.

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**Ryan V.** - June 02 at 07:56 PM



“ Lord's Prayer 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Michael T. Johnson.



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June 02 at 04:52 PM

RA

“ Rosemary, Denise, Lexie, Candy, Doc and purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Michael T. Johnson.



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**Rosemary, Denise, Lexie, Candy, Doc and** - June 02 at 03:41 PM

RA

“ Rosemary, Denise, Lexie, Candy, Doc and planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael T. Johnson.

Rosemary, Denise, Lexie, Candy, Doc and - June 02 at 03:41 PM

LC

“ Liza and Connie purchased the Country Basket B looms for the family of Michael T. Johnson.



Liza and Connie - June 02 at 02:31 PM

KR

“ Sept 2022, thoughts and prayers to the family!



Kole Risner - June 02 at 02:18 PM



“ Angel's Embrace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael T. Johnson.



June 02 at 01:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael T. Johnson.

June 02 at 01:35 PM



“ NCIRCC (The Crisis Center) purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Michael T. Johnson.



NCIRCC (The Crisis Center) - June 02 at 01:30 PM



“ Jasper County Dispatch purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Michael T. Johnson.



Jasper County Dispatch - June 02 at 08:45 AM



“ The Magnone and Collins families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael T. Johnson.



The Magnone and Collins families - June 02 at 12:44 AM

TF

“ *The Magnone and Collins families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael T. Johnson.*

**The Magnone and Collins families** - June 02 at 12:44 AM

KG

“ *Mike was a real friend. What a wealth of knowledge of both Godly and earthly matters. He made an impact on my life, and I truly valued his friendship and support over the years. I always felt uplifted and encouraged by him. He seemed very selfless and more interested in others. He loved his kids. I would usually get a weekly “update” on Michael and the girls while we bowled together. He was so proud of all of you. He will be sorely missed by many. May God bless and comfort your family.*

**keith getz** - June 01 at 11:55 PM

KG

“ *Keith and Jennifer Getz purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Michael T. Johnson.*



**Keith and Jennifer Getz** - June 01 at 10:19 PM

BN

“Mike, you are a one of a kind, decent human being that had so much kindness shared to others. I truly hope that you and I can reconnect along God's crystal sea and just talk as we use to.

To the Johnson Family,  
You all are such an amazing family. I have been made a better person by knowing and having the privilege connect with you all. Thank you for sharing your lives with me and allowing me to get to know you.

I am so grateful that God loaned someone like Mike to our community. He has been charitable and so giving to us all. His support in my life alone has spoke volumes.

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**Brandon Napier** - June 01 at 09:50 PM

BN

“Brandon and Daphne Napier purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael T. Johnson.



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**Brandon and Daphne Napier** - June 01 at 09:41 PM

BN

“Brandon and Daphne Napier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael T. Johnson.

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**Brandon and Daphne Napier** - June 01 at 09:41 PM

AR

“ Alejandro Ruvalcaba purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael T. Johnson.



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Alejandro Ruvalcaba - June 01 at 09:38 PM

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“ Alejandro Ruvalcaba planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael T. Johnson.

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Alejandro Ruvalcaba - June 01 at 09:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael T. Johnson.



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June 01 at 09:08 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Michael T. Johnson.



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June 01 at 08:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael T. Johnson.

June 01 at 08:39 PM



“ Lorna & Dirk Eggleston purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Michael T. Johnson.



Lorna & Dirk Eggleston - June 01 at 08:38 PM



“ Your mom. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Michael T. Johnson.



Your mom. - June 01 at 08:17 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Michael T. Johnson.



June 01 at 08:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael T. Johnson.

June 01 at 08:04 PM

HD

“ *Herrema Dairy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael T. Johnson.*



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**Herrema Dairy** - June 01 at 07:42 PM

JB

“ *We loved being neighbors with Mike. If he heard us in the backyard, he was bound to come around the corner and sit and chat with us. He met most of my out of town family and they loved him. He will be missed for sure!! We will continue to keep your family in our prayers because we know God hears our prayers and will give you the strength you need to get through the next days, weeks and years. We love you!!*

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**Jeanell Bos** - June 01 at 07:23 PM