



## John Charles Johnson

March 1, 2019

John Charles Johnson, 66, of Hot Springs, passed away March 1, 2019. Born in Little Rock to John Eugene Johnson and Mary Elizabeth Davis Johnson, he was a teacher in the Little Rock School District. John Charles loved any and all sports his entire life. He was an all-star athlete at Central High School and played minor league baseball for both the Kansas City Royals and the St. Louis Cardinals.

Preceded in death by his father, he is survived by his mother, Mary Elizabeth Johnson of Little Rock and a sister, Debbie Sweezy of Centreville, Virginia, and other family and friends.

John Charles' family would like to thank all of his friends for their love and support, with a special thank you to Brett Lile and Bruce Mitchell for all their love, throughout John's life.

Services will be Wednesday, March 6 at 2:00 p.m. at Little Rock Funeral Home, 8801 Knoedl Ct. (NW corner I-630 and Barrow Rd.), (501)224-2200. John's online guestbook may be signed at [www.littlerockfuneralhome.com](http://www.littlerockfuneralhome.com).

# Events

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Little Rock Funeral Home

8801 Knoedl Ct, Little Rock, AR, US, 72205

# Comments

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“ To Mrs. Johnson and Debbie, I am so, so sorry for your tremendous loss. I remember John from my practice teaching days at Franklin Elementary. He was such a star. Take care, Ann Smith Ivey ( Debbie's 6th gr teacher).

**Ann Smith Ivey** - March 09 at 08:53 PM



“ Thank you Ms Smith (Ivey) Your thoughts are so kind from my favorite 6th grade teacher. Debbie and Mary Elizabeth.

**debbie sweezy** - March 09 at 10:08 PM

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“ God welcomed another Southwest Mustang and Central High Tiger. I never was fortunate to be Johnny's head coach in basketball, but I followed his State Championship team as basketball coach at Southwest after Coach Nixon. As an assistant coach in both football and basketball at Central, I did get the opportunity to watch Johnny grow into an outstanding athlete. At the same time, I also got to know his Mother and Father who were huge supporters of all athletics and who befriended me as a young coach. It is with a heavy, heavy heart that we say good bye now, but we know that " after the long dark night of weeping, there will be joy in the morning." To Johnny's friends, teammates, coaches, and most of all Family, I hope this is a celebration of love.

**Coach John McDaniel** - March 07 at 01:05 PM



“ Thank you, Coach McDaniel for you special memories and thoughts. Debbie and Mary Elizabeth

**debbie sweezy** - March 07 at 10:21 PM

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“ Mrs. Johnson & Debbie, Can I tell you how sad I am to hear this. I just found out this morning. I remember all the times we would spend the night at your house and he would scare us! Him being able to play ball all over...was such a joy for everyone! Remember the good and fun times. Prayers for both of you. Love, Shirley Pilcher

**Shirey Pilcher** - March 07 at 12:53 PM



“ Thank you, Shirley for the sweet memories. Debbie and Mary Elizabeth

**debbie sweezy** - March 07 at 10:23 PM

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“ My condolences to you during this sad time. Remembering you in thought and prayer.

Sincerely,  
Martha Wofford McFerron

**Martha McFerron** - March 06 at 09:16 PM

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“ SO SORRY TO HEAR OF JOHNNY'S DEATH. WE WORKED WITH JOHN AT CLOVERDALE JR. HIGH. WILL MISS HIM GREATLY. COACHES LEE BUXTON; DOUG MCCLAIN; HARRY GREEN; CHARLIE EAGLE.

**HARRY GREEN** - March 06 at 08:42 PM

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“ My prayers are with you at this difficult time. Jane Wofford Porter

**Jane W Porter** - March 06 at 07:36 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. RIP Johnny. Another outstanding athlete from LRCHS & the Oak Forest Community. George Haggard

**George Haggard** - March 06 at 12:50 PM

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“ Mrs. Johnson and Debbie  
Patty and I were saddened to learn of Johnny's passing. While growing up he was always someone we looked up to because of his abilities and personality. Everybody wanted to be "on his side" when we played football in somebody's yard. We hope your family can find peace in this time of sorrow.

James and Patty Smith

**James Smith** - March 06 at 10:45 AM



“ Thank you very much, James. Your thoughts and sweet words are very much appreciated.  
Debbie and Mary Elizabeth

**debbie sweezy** - March 06 at 11:33 AM

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“ Our love and deepest sympathy at this time,  
Jack & Jo-Ellen Breedlove

**Jo-Ellen Breedlove** - March 05 at 11:15 PM



“ Thank you for your kind thoughts Jo-Ellen and Jack. Mary elizabeth  
**mary elizabeth johnson** - March 06 at 12:08 PM

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“ I remember attending Immanuel Baptist with Johnny and family. Also Southwest and Central. Sad that he is gone so soon. Gregg Greenway

**Gregg Greenway** - March 05 at 07:34 PM



“ Thank you Gregg. Debbie and Mary Elizabeth  
**debbie sweezy** - March 05 at 07:55 PM

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“ Mary Elizabeth and Debbie, I am so sorry to learn by reading the paper this morning about John Charles death. I remember many stories during the walks that we took oh so many years ago at Park Plaza about both John and Debbie and grandchildren. I am truly sorry for this great loss to both of you. You are both in my prayers for comfort. Affectionately, Kay Pruitt Allen

**KAY ALLEN** - March 05 at 05:17 PM



“ Thank you Mrs. Allen. Mary Elizabeth and Debbie  
**debbie sweezy** - March 05 at 07:56 PM

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“ Mrs Johnson, My prayers are with you on the lose of your John Charles, and Debbie your beloved Bubba. I am heartbroken with this news. Jimmy Archer

**Jimmy Archer** - March 05 at 02:19 PM



“ Thank you for sweets words Jimmy. Debbie and Mary Elizabeth  
**debbie sweezy** - March 05 at 07:57 PM

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“ John, words do not express the sorrow I am feeling at your leaving. I will miss our phone calls, Saturday lunches, and working the word puzzle together each week. We had so many laughs, and I will always hold you close in my heart. Thanks for the memories..Edi

**Edi Edwards** - March 05 at 01:47 PM

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“ Debbie and Mrs. Johnson- I'm so sorry to hear about Johnny's passing. I always looked up to him when I was a sophomore and he a senior. My deepest condolences to you both.

Pam Eaton McCuistion

**Pam Eaton McCuistion** - March 05 at 11:10 AM



“ Thank you, Pam. We appreciate your kind words. Debbie and Mary Elizabeth

**debbie sweezy** - March 05 at 07:58 PM

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“ Ms. Johnson-- the passing of a friend and teammate you have known for over fifty years is always difficult. I'll always have fond memories of the days of our youth. My deepest regrets. Eddie Passini

**edward h passini , DDS** - March 05 at 11:01 AM



“ Thank you, Eddie. Mary Elizabeth

**debbie sweezy** - March 05 at 07:59 PM

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“ Mary Elizabeth, I'm so sadden to hear of John's passing. My prayer are with you in the days and months ahead.

Kathy Swor Hollingsworth

**Kathy Swor Hollingsworth** - March 05 at 10:37 AM



“ My mother appreciates your kind thoughts, Kathy

**debbie sweezy** - March 05 at 08:00 PM

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“ So sad to hear of Johnny's passing. I have many fond memories of him and the part of our young lives we shared. He will be missed...a wonderful guy. Prayers for his family and loved ones.

Sharon Schlesier Fitts

Sharon Schlesier Fitts - March 05 at 09:39 AM



“ Thank you, Sharon. Debbie and Mary Elizabeth

debbie sweezy - March 05 at 10:37 AM

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“ Mrs Johnson and Debbie , I can't tell you how sad I am to hear of Johnnie's passing . Johnnie Bruce and others always looked out for me when I was younger. I have nothing but fond memories of our time on Princeton Drive and later in life , may he rest in peace.

Paul Burton - March 05 at 09:09 AM



“ Thank you, Paul. We appreciate your kind thoughts. Debbie and Mary Elizabeth

debbie sweezy - March 05 at 10:36 AM

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“ Debbie, Mrs. Johnson and others who loved Johnny -- my heart and prayers are with you all. Johnny was part of a golden age that we were all lucky to have experienced.....lots of good memories there.

Carolyn Rownd Francis

Carolyn Francis - March 05 at 08:34 AM



“ Thank you Carolyn. We appreciate your kind thoughts. Debbie and Mary Elizabeth

debbie sweezy - March 05 at 08:41 AM

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“ Nothing is as hard as losing a friend of over 60 years. John Charles was one-of-a-kind. Our shared respect, love and experiences will forever be treasured. May you rest peacefully my dear friend in that Field of Dreams. Our memories will be with me forever.

Bruce Mitchell

bruce mitchell - March 04 at 09:12 PM

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“ I remember Johnny and the entire Johnson family from our days at Franklin Elementary. I am so sad to hear about his passing. May happy memories comfort you.  
Mauri Thomas Douglass

Mauri Thomas Douglass - March 04 at 07:28 PM



“ Thank you for your kind words, Mauri. Debbie and Mary Elizabeth  
debbie sweezy - March 05 at 08:43 AM



“ Mrs Johnson and Debbie I am shocked and heartbroken to learn that Johnny passed away. He was such a wonderful guy and someone I considered a good friend. I have such warm and sweet memories of the time we shared at Southwest and Central! It was an honor to have known him. Praying for you at this difficult time.

Jan Jacoway Smith - March 04 at 06:46 PM



“ Jan Jacoway Smith  
Jan Jacoway Smith - March 04 at 06:49 PM



“ Thank you very much, Jan. Debbie and Mary Elizabeth.  
debbie sweezy - March 05 at 08:40 AM



“ Mrs. Johnson and Debbie - What sad news to hear about Johnny. We went to Franklin Elementary together and through high school. Always a smile on his face. Lots of fun memories. sending our prayers to all of you. Sara Murphy Wills.  
Sara and Steve Wills - March 05 at 09:29 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Johnny's family. Lots of great memories of Johnny throughout school

Judy Earl Kauffman - March 04 at 06:21 PM



“ Thank you, Judy. Debbie and Mary Elizabeth  
debbie sweezy - March 05 at 10:38 AM



“ Nothing but good thoughts and memories both on and off the field from Southwest Jr. High  
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**Jan Nicholson** - March 05 at 02:52 PM