



## Thomas J. Johnson Sr.

October 28, 1952 - June 10, 2015

Thomas J. Johnson Sr. "TJ", of Lambertville passed away Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at Hunterdon Medical Center in Flemington. He was 62 and will truly be missed.

TJ was born and raised in the Mt. Holly area but moved to Lambertville and resided there for the past 21 years. He went to Rancocas Valley Regional High School then continued his education at Trenton State College where he received his bachelor's degree. He retired from State of New Jersey - Department of the Treasury after serving over 20 years in Information and Sciences Division.

He was member of St. John the Evangelist Church in Lambertville, Knight of Columbus (3rd Degree), Mt. Holly Elks, and the YMCA.

Tom had been paraplegic for over 40 years but had maintained a positive and strong spirit about life. He liked to participate in wheelchair races as well as regular marathons, and had won numerous times. He made significant influences that have changed the rules on regular races/marathons, resulting in now having a division that allows people with disabilities to race in the same race as those without, a groundbreaking achievement for everyone with a disability. He continued helping and contributing to his society in Lambertville and has been recognized by many whose lives had been touched or helped by him.

Son of the late Bernard and Elizabeth Johnson, he is survived by two sons,

Thomas J. Price (Debbie Londah-Price), Thomas Johnson Jr. (Erica Johnson); his longtime companion, Kathleen McCusker; four grandchildren, Dylan Johnson, Thomas Johnson, Carley Gardner, Chas Estep; five siblings, Bernard Johnson (Lucia), Michael Johnson, Patricia Cahall, Susan Johnson, Joyce Wentz; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10 am, Thursday at the Sacred Heart RC Church, 260 High St., Mt. Holly. Interment will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Relatives and friends may visit with the family Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 pm at the Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mt. Holly. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Carrier Clinic, 252 Route 601, Belle Mead, NJ 08502.

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Cemetery

Washington St.  
Hainesport, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels  
438 High Street  
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060  
(609) 267-0399  
info@perinchief.com  
<http://www.perinchief.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church in Mount Holly  
260 High St.  
Mount Holly, NJ

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas J. Johnson Sr.*

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October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Thomas J. Johnson Sr.*

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October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM

TP

“ *'Father of mine'* ”

*Father of mine  
Tell me where have you been?  
You know I just closed my eyes  
My whole world disappeared  
Father of mine  
Take me back to the day  
Yeah, when I was still your golden boy  
Back before you went away*

*I remember blue skies walking the block  
I loved it when you held me high  
I loved to hear you talk  
You would take me to the movie  
You would take me to the beach  
You would take me to a place inside  
That's so hard to reach*

*Oh!  
Father of mine  
Tell me where did you go?  
Yeah, you had the world inside your hand  
But you did not seem to know  
Father of mine  
Tell me what do you see?  
When you look back at your wasted life  
And you don't see me*

*I was ten years old  
Doin' all that I could  
It wasn't easy for me to be a scared white boy  
In a black neighborhood  
Sometimes you would send me a birthday card  
With a five dollar bill  
I never understood you then*

*And I guess I never will*

*(Then he walked away)  
Daddy gave me a name  
My daddy gave me a name  
(Then he walked away)  
Daddy gave me a name  
(Then he walked away)  
My daddy gave me a name  
Oh yeah*

*Yeah  
Daddy gave me a name  
Daddy gave me a name  
(Then he walked away)  
Daddy gave me a name  
(Then he walked away)  
My daddy gave me a name  
Yeah  
Yeah  
Oh yeah*

*Father of mine  
Tell me where have you been?  
Yeah, I just closed by eyes  
And the world disappeared  
Father of mine  
Tell me how do you sleep?  
With the children you abandoned  
And the wife I saw you beat*

*I will never be safe  
I will never be sane  
I will always be weird inside  
I will always be lame  
Now I'm a grown man  
With a child of my own*

*And I swear, I'll never let them know  
All the pain I have known*

*(Then he walked away)  
Daddy gave me a name  
(Then he walked away)  
My daddy gave me a name  
(Then he walked away)  
My daddy gave me a name  
(Then he walked away)  
My daddy gave me a name*

*(Then he walked away)  
Yeah  
(Then he walked away)  
Yeah  
(Then he walked away)  
Oh yeah*

*Everclear Lyrics*

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**Thomas J Price** - June 19, 2016 at 05:56 PM

“I Didn't Want To Be Daddy”

*I don't know if they were sons or daughters  
I don't know if they had a cure for the world  
I only know that I didn't want to see  
I only know that I didn't want to be*

*The one with all the responsibility  
The one with children at my feet  
The one with the happy family  
'Cause I didn't wanna be daddy*

*I don't know if they'd like bedtime stories  
I don't know if they'd like playing in the park  
I only know that I didn't want to see  
I only know that I didn't want to be*

*The one working to provide*

*image: <http://static.urx.io/units/web/urx-unit-loader.gif>*

*The one with nothing left to hide  
The one feeling so satisfied  
'Cause I didn't wanna be daddy*

*I don't know if they would have loved me  
I don't know if they would have grown up right  
I only know that I was too young to see  
I only know that I was too young to be*

*The one like everybody else  
The one like so many of my friends  
The one whose job never ends  
So I didn't wanna be daddy*

*Jeffrey Gaines Lyrics*

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**Thomas J Price** - June 19, 2016 at 05:34 PM

TP

“House Of Pain”

*A little past suppertime  
I'm still out on the porch step sitting on my behind,  
Waiting for you.*

*Wondering if everything is alright.  
Momma said, "Come in boy, don't waste your time." I said, "I've got  
time.  
Well, he'll be here soon."*

*Five years old and talking to myself.  
Where were you? Where'd you go?  
Daddy, can't you tell?*

*I'm not trying to fake it  
And I ain't the one to blame.  
There's no one home  
In my house of pain.  
I didn't write these pages  
And my script's been rearranged.  
No, there's no one home  
In my house of pain*

*Wasn't I worth the time?  
A boy needs a daddy like a dance to mime and all the time  
I looked up to you.*

*I paced my room a million times.  
And all I ever got was on big line, the same old lie.  
How could you?*

*Well, I was eighteen and still talking to myself.  
Where were you? Where'd you go?  
Daddy can't you tell?*

*I'm not trying to fake it  
And I ain't the one to blame.  
There's no one home  
In my house of pain  
I didn't write these pages  
And my script's been rearranged.  
No, there's no one home  
In my house of pain*

*[Repeat]*

*And I'm alone again.*

*[Spoken:]*

*Well, if I learned anything from this...it's how to live on my own*

#### *FASTER PUSSYCAT LYRICS*

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**Thomas J Price** - June 19, 2016 at 05:23 PM

SJ

“*Susan D Johnson lit a candle in memory of  
Thomas J. Johnson Sr.*”



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**Susan D Johnson** - December 29, 2015 at 05:26 PM

KA

“ Miss you lots today. Hope you are in heaven! I watched a video of you and Christine Todd Whitman and you looked so good and so happy! Love ya lots. I was very afraid last nite due to lightning strikes.



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**kate** - August 04, 2015 at 03:00 PM

KA

“ HELLO My TJ,

*Today is Forgiveness Friday so I must try to forgive and love all who come into my world. Forgiveness is difficult when you are intensely angry but in the end there is Nothing that cannot be forgiven. Josephine took me to lunch and made comments about how you put a Smile back on her face. Everything is coming together for the feast/party we are having for you in one week! Will you join us in Spirit? We would love to have you!!*



*Hug,  
Katie*

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**kate** - July 24, 2015 at 09:12 PM

KA

“ Hi Tommy,  
*I heard from Maryanne and she admired you! Miss your shining face! May there be peace on earth..... Love,K*



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**kate** - July 22, 2015 at 10:06 AM

KA

“ *How is my honey? It must be wonderful where you are!*  
*Love, Katie*



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**kathleen** - July 21, 2015 at 06:56 PM

KA

“ *Hi Tommy,*

*Today is a scorcher and tomorrow will be worse. But you won't mind, lol! Is heaven really air conditioned? May there be many at your party and we will love remembering you. Thank you for keeping us smiling, praying and hoping!*



*Much love,  
KT*

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**kate** - July 18, 2015 at 12:13 PM

KA

“ *Hello my Love,*

*Good morning! I met a Saint from India and she gave me a hug to give to you. I miss you and want you to know Alice called yesterday and she will be bringing your favorite salads..... She told me you helped heal her body and spirit!*



*Love,  
Katie*

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**kathleen** - July 14, 2015 at 08:07 AM

KA

“ Hello my Honey!  
Day is done and darkness falls. I had an emotionally trying day and felt like I was falling apart thinking of how you would never return. I told sister Sue and her Wisdom voice helped me see that in grief one can fall back to a previous stage. Father Jack called just in the nick of time and created some Positive vibes for me regarding your absence. I feel at peace with life and that I am one lucky girl for having you in my life.  
Goodnight, Kathleen



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kathleen - July 07, 2015 at 08:25 PM

KA

“ Hi Tommy,  
  
I miss your Good Morning and your smiling, mischievous smile today. You loved Sundays so much. I swam some laps for you yesterday and heard you whisper in the wind that I shouldn't worry. I told people about this supernatural experience at the Saturday night meeting, and they all believed it WAS you. I came home and heard your words "thanks for being a good steward." resound in my mind and I silently said thank you for Trusting me to be a steward. Today I want to rewind time to 5 years ago and do everything over again with a mind more positive and hope-filled. I could never come close to your level of joy and peace and always wished to be more like you. Show me you are near!



Love,  
Kate

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kathleen - July 05, 2015 at 09:43 AM

KA

“ Happy Freedom Day, Tommy! I hope there is a place where you are free to do Anything you once wished to do on earth. I sent Sue some roses to congratulate her, from us. She received some good news this week but misses you so and I hope the roses will cheer her spirit a little. It is the craziest weather..... The First Cool 4th of July in my Memory! Did you have something to do with this to make up for last year? Well,.....Thank You,hun! I love you.  
Katie



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kathleem - July 04, 2015 at 08:28 AM

KA

“ Hi Tommy,

I remember last 4th of July was H H H or hazy, hot and humid and you wanted to grill up some salmon. I said I would help at 8pm if it had cooled down, dreading going outside for Anything! But Exactly 8pm I heard you say "Ready to help me grill?" Oh, how I wish you could ask me that now..... Why are all humans the same in that we take others for granted and think we have them for x number of years? So, I helped with the grilling and it was well worth it! You always knew the way to my heart was via my stomach. No fireworks again this year Tommy but worse than that.....no YOU! I miss you.

Katie



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kathleen - July 03, 2015 at 08:34 AM

KA

“ Dear Tommy,

*I wish you were still here to taste the delicious blueberry jam Russ brought us back from Maine. He misses you lots! I tasted a watermelon that you would have found over-ripe, as did I. Can you run and swim and fly, now that you are no longer confined to your wheelchair? Why is it so easy to take love for granted? I would give anything to have you back with me and yet I am happy you are free. Mark and Joe are coming in 2 days to trim trees and tend garden. You are sorely missed, dear Tommy!*

*Love,  
Katie*



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**kathleen** - June 30, 2015 at 09:58 PM

KA

“ *I know you want me to be fearless and positive, no matter what and to have an attitude of gratitude. To go where no man has gone before..... like you Tommy who defied gravity sometimes. When you would fall out of your wheelchair and have to scoot on a blanket with me pulling and eventually you guided me so I could help you get back in your chair! You had that indomitable spirit that never said "I can't do it". You looked at life as a Beautiful Adventure to be enjoyed and never feared. Thank heavens you graced is with your 62 years! With love, Kathleen*



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**Kathleen** - June 27, 2015 at 04:04 PM

KA

“ I can hardly look at the worn gloves you were wearing when your Heart gave out on June 2, 2015 without crying. Those gloves that shielded those Hands which gave so much love! No one can ever replace them. No one will ever replace You! Somehow my love grows more every day and a new memory delights my spirit. Especially the love you gave to your plants and the baby squash we grew last year. That was a real gift since the Knights of Columbus built those raised beds for you. When they made TJ, they broke the mold. You were one of a kind, Tommy Johnson. Love and Peace, Kathleen



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kathleen - June 25, 2015 at 08:11 PM

KA

“ Thank you to TJ's family for surrounding me with love and telling me stories. I never could have felt so strong unless you took me in as your own. Now I see how loved you all were by your Mom and Dad! Because one cannot love unless one feels loved. And man, you guys have a WHOLE LOTTA LOVE!



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KATHLEEN - June 24, 2015 at 10:34 AM

KA

“ My best memories are seeing you wheeling around the back deck which you and Jim Jancey so lovingly restored last summer. You smiled and said hello to everyone and would often say "If life got any better I couldn't take it !" I never understood how life could be so wonderful being stuck in a wheelchair but somehow you were not mere mortal. You, Thomas Johnson, had Superman written all over you. I am consoled knowing you are at Peace!

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kathleen - June 24, 2015 at 09:30 AM

KA

“ Thanks for your love!



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**kathleen** - June 23, 2015 at 03:20 PM

 Evelyn  
Inoue

“ 1 file added to the album TJ is an angel



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**Evelyn Inoue** - June 18, 2015 at 09:53 AM

GA

“ George's Angels lit a candle in memory of  
Thomas J. Johnson Sr.



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**George's Angels** - June 17, 2015 at 11:46 AM

CF

“ I used to see TJ on Friday nights when I was at skating at the first  
Presbyterian church in Lambertville. Love you TJ. You were an  
inspiration to all. Rest in peace. I will miss you. Love Connie Fisher

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**connie fisher** - June 17, 2015 at 09:02 AM

DJ

“ Dean And Lucia Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas J. Johnson Sr.



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**Dean and Lucia Johnson** - June 16, 2015 at 01:05 PM

FM

“ TJ will be remembered as a loving, Awesome, Gentleman.Dance with the angels !  
Fran Miller

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**Fran Miller** - June 16, 2015 at 12:28 PM

JJ

“ Joyce Johnson-Wentz sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas J. Johnson Sr.



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**Joyce Johnson-Wentz** - June 15, 2015 at 11:19 PM

JJ

“ Joyce Johnson-Wentz sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas J. Johnson Sr.



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**Joyce Johnson-Wentz** - June 15, 2015 at 11:18 PM

JJ

“ *Joyce Johnson-Wentz lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. Johnson Sr.*



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**Joyce Johnson-Wentz** - June 15, 2015 at 11:17 PM



“ *Elizabeth Wagner lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. Johnson Sr.*



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**Elizabeth Wagner** - June 15, 2015 at 11:15 PM



“ *Elizabeth Wagner lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. Johnson Sr.*



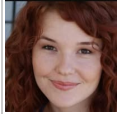
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**Elizabeth Wagner** - June 15, 2015 at 11:09 PM

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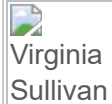


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**Donna** - June 15, 2015 at 06:32 PM



*This pic made me smile...*

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**Elizabeth Wagner** - June 15, 2015 at 11:05 PM



“ *Virginia Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. Johnson Sr.*



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**Virginia Sullivan** - June 15, 2015 at 09:50 AM



“ *To Kathleen, TJ's sons Thomas and his entire family,  
Please accept our condolences and sympathy for the loss of TJ. He was an inspiration to many. A kind gentle soul who saw the good in other's. Most Guardian Angels have wings. TJ had wheels. He has earned his 'wings' and now, at long last 'walks with God.'  
'You have competed well, run the race and have kept the Faith.'*



*May God Bless you and keep you in his care. "Hello, this is me, is that you?" Will miss that greeting on your phone. Thanks for being a true 'man for others'. p. 164*

*Jim, Linda & Aaron Janci*

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**Jim Janci** - June 15, 2015 at 08:32 AM

KA

*What a beautiful and elegant tribute! It made me feel warm to hear it and hopefully at the celebration on July Jim will speak it into the microphone so more people will appreciate its' meaning. TJ was good and faithful Servant who never shrunk from loving others. Thanks to Jim for his remembrance. Kate*

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**kate** - June 24, 2015 at 08:59 PM

LJ

“ *To my brother-in-law Tom: I only met you a few times and as I sit here and write this, I wish we could have spent more time with you. From the few times I was around you, you were kind and such a happy person. Spending time with your friends while you were in the hospital, I found out that you were so much more than just kind towards me. You helped so many people and were such an inspiration to so many. My hope now is that your friends will know that you are still watching over them, guiding them and helping them. I pray that your friends will rely on each other for the love and support that they received from you while you were here. I pray that your brothers and sisters and your family take comfort knowing all that you did for others and pray that they find peace and feel God's love surrounding them. I take comfort in knowing that you are with your loving parents once again and rejoicing! You will always be remembered with love. Love and Peace, Lucia M. Johnson*

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**Lucia M. Johnson** - June 15, 2015 at 07:51 AM



*Beautiful*

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**Elizabeth Wagner** - June 15, 2015 at 11:07 PM



“ Dear family of Thomas Johnson Sr. :

*I am sorry to hear that you lost your dear father and grandfather. Losing a loved one in death is one of the hardest things that anyone will ever have to deal with. We have a great hope for the future because God promises to bring those we lost to life by means of a resurrection to a paradise earth, where sickness and death will be no more. I hope this brief Bible message will bring you a measure of comfort in this difficult time.*

S. Wevv

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s - June 15, 2015 at 07:14 AM



“ Carolyn Hickman Rambo lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. Johnson Sr.



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**Carolyn Hickman Rambo** - June 15, 2015 at 06:28 AM



“ Elizabeth Johnson lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. Johnson Sr.



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**Elizabeth Johnson** - June 14, 2015 at 06:01 PM

RJ

“ Rachel Johnson lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. Johnson Sr.



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**Rachel Johnson** - June 14, 2015 at 05:59 PM

JJ

“ Jack Johnson lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. Johnson Sr.



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**Jack Johnson** - June 14, 2015 at 05:44 PM

JJ

*You were my my ex Liza's cousin, and you and I were good buddy's back in BCC days, I always was a part of the family and still am very close to everyone...God is getting a really good guy with you ..may you Rest in Peace.*

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**Jack Johnson** - June 14, 2015 at 05:49 PM

CB

“ Curtis Brown lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. Johnson Sr.



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**Curtis Brown** - June 14, 2015 at 01:50 PM

LZ

“ TJ,  
*You blessed my life by showing me to be grateful for what I have. My outlook is forever changed because of you. Godspeed, my friend.*

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**Lauren Zalewski** - June 14, 2015 at 08:57 AM

TS

“ 1 file added to the album *From your oldest son*

INDOLENCES TO YOU CAROL, HELEN, AND LINDA,  
MOTHER WAS ALWAYS SO LOVING, FRIENDLY, AND I  
THOUGHT OF AND ABOUT HER MANY, MANY TIMES  
, AND THOSE MEMORIES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SO RI  
3 PAINFUL TO LOOSE OUR MOTHERS AND WE MUST  
IONS ARE WITH GOD IN HEAVEN NOW. GOD BLESS A  
RELY,  
DHRNOM BR

DM BR - May 25, 2012 at 10:51 AM

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**Thomas J. Price (Your Oldest Son)** - June 13, 2015 at 09:22 AM

TS

*Dad, we both know we didn't have the best of relationship but at the end of your journey I wanted to let you know that I do right by your side following your wishes knowing what you would wanted to be done.*

*I forgive you but I will remember the good times we did have together.*

*May your soul rest in peace. I will see you on the other side.*

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**Thomas J. Price (Your Oldest Son)** - June 13, 2015 at 09:44 AM

JJ

*To my oldest brother Tom-you were always a larger than life figure to me. I am so proud of all you achieved given the circumstances you were handed at such a young age. You rose above your obstacles and went on to do so much in your journey. Meeting so many of the wonderful people you helped and who supported you as well is comforting me at this time. I feel like I know a whole other side of you. T.J. I know you rest with our mother and father in eternal life. I will love you always.*

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**Joyce Johnson-Wentz** - June 13, 2015 at 11:56 PM

AW

“ Hey TJ! Save me a seat and a hug... Where is the coffee?



Amy Wells - June 13, 2015 at 08:58 AM



“ Erica Johnson lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. Johnson Sr.



Erica Johnson - June 13, 2015 at 06:16 AM

NR

“ Nina Rossi lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. Johnson Sr.



Nina Rossi - June 13, 2015 at 05:58 AM

DL

“ Deb Londah-Price lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. Johnson Sr.



Deb Londah-Price - June 12, 2015 at 08:29 PM

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Amber - June 12, 2015 at 05:33 PM

AM

*TJ your joy, compassion, and love for life will forever radiate on this planet. God bless you, your everlasting spirit, and your loving family. You are truly missed.*

Amber - June 12, 2015 at 05:36 PM

NR

*So nice to see that smile! I missed it tonight at the meeting and I miss you. But I know that you are walking in the grass somewhere. Love you, Nina*

Nina Rossi - June 12, 2015 at 07:10 PM

MS

*Hey there (((TJ))) I have to say I will forever miss your smile and your gentle heart! You truly gave of yourself to so many who reached out their hand to you, and you definitely were there! Believe me, I will NEVER FORGET YOU! your friend, Mary Ellen S*

Mary Ellen S. - June 13, 2015 at 11:12 PM

MK

“ *Love and Light my friend, I see you dancing.....Margie K.*



Margie K. - June 12, 2015 at 04:00 PM