



Mr. Art Johnston

July 9, 1941 - November 15, 2025

Mr. Art Johnston, 84, of Henderson, passed from this life on November 15, 2025, in Henderson. He was born July 9, 1941, in Alpena, Michigan to the late Robert and Lillian (Enger) Johnston and has lived in East Texas since 1962.

Mr. Johnston served his country in the United States Air Force as an Airman 1st Class. He served all over the Pacific working as a Forward Air Controller and was on standby for Temporary Duty Assignment. Art was a man of many talents and interests. He was a licensed pilot and owned his own small airplane, was a skating instructor at the skating rink, and was a trampoline champion for the state of Michigan. Mr. Johnston also served as a missionary in South America for World Radio Missionary Fellowship where he helped build a radio system capable of a world broadcast.

For many years, Art owned and operated Photos By Art where he worked side by side with his beloved Dolores capturing countless images at local sporting events, schools, and other memorable life events. Art and Dolores were also foster parents to over 300 children. Mr. Johnston was a devoted Christian man and was currently a member of Hillview Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, he was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years Dolores Johnston, son Calvin Johnston, and his brother Robert Johnston.

Survivors include his daughter Rhonda Johnston; son Andy Johnston and wife Kathy; sister Nadyne Ryder; grandchildren John Weaver and wife Erin, and Kristina Bishop and husband Clay; great-grandchildren Jordan, Jayanna, Jaycee, and Jaylee Bishop, Landen, Lilee, and Lanee Weaver, and Lindsey Fannin; and a host of other family and friends.

A private, family burial for Mr. Johnston was held on November 19, 2025, at Butcher Cemetery in Cherokee County, under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. A celebration of life service for Mr. Johnston will be held at a later date.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Butcher Cemetery

855 CR 1322
Rusk , TX 75785

Previous Events

Private Family Interment

NOV **19**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RG

“ Art was my bus driver while I was in high school (some where around 97-02) and he was such a great man and so kind. I will always have fond memories of Art when he would tell the last few kids on the bus, who lived way out in the country, to bring money the next day and he would stop at McDonald’s or a local convenience store to allow us kids to get a snack before heading home. He will certainly be missed. Sending prayers for peace and comfort to his family.

Rachel Gonzalez - December 02, 2025 at 10:46 PM

CV

“ Carla Vaught lit a candle in memory of Mr. Art Johnston



Carla Vaught - November 20, 2025 at 01:22 AM

CP

“ Art and Dolores taught Training Union to so many kids at First Baptist in Henderson. I was so impressed he had his own personal pair of skates and was so talented.

Connie Phillips - November 19, 2025 at 03:03 PM

JS

“ Roger and I have many fond memories of Art and Dolores at the HCT. They were great friends and we had lots of laughs. Rest in peace, pals... ❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏✝️✝️✝️

Jan and Roger Spann

Jan and Roger Spann - November 19, 2025 at 03:00 PM

WB

“ Wayne Brown lit a candle in memory of Art Johnston



Wayne Brown - November 19, 2025 at 08:09 AM

SP

“ Art and Dolores made my wedding cake in the mid nineties. Plus Art took the photos. I also remember hearing about the wahoo tournaments. I know he will be truly missed.

Sonja Hale Patterson

Sonja Patterson - November 19, 2025 at 07:32 AM

HR

“ Art and Dolores were great. Art took pride in being a Henderson School Bus Driver and being a great photographer. Dolores always had a great smile.

Hal and Rosa - November 19, 2025 at 12:06 AM

KC

“ a great guy with a wonderful sense of humor and a kind guy. He and Dolores were so made for each other!

Kchapman65 - November 18, 2025 at 10:28 PM

JW

“ Papa Art wasn't just a great man, he was a Veteran, a missionary, a pillar in the community. He was a machinist and a canine trainer. He and Grandma Noggin (Dolores) fostered many children. He owned a bakery. He was a photographer. He was a dispatcher for the police department and a school bus driver. He was in gymnastics in college. The list of all of his achievements could go on forever. Papa Art was a loving husband. He cherished Dolores until his last breath. He was the best father, grandfather, great grandfather, and great great grandfather. He will be truly missed.

John Weaver - November 18, 2025 at 08:46 PM

DA

“ Donna Aaron lit a candle in memory of Art Johnston



Donna Aaron - November 18, 2025 at 05:36 PM

VA

“ Art was a really nice guy , met him and Dolores right after I started working at the Police Department. Both always had a smile .



Vernon Arthus - November 17, 2025 at 04:57 PM

LW

“ Art, Dolores, Mike and Loyce Radford, my husband and Jack and a couple other couples would all get together and have a big Wahoo tournament, eat and have so much fun. Jack and Art were always partners. They would win sometimes, but I think they cheated lol jk. That's just one of many beautiful memories with Art and Dolores. Rest In Peace Art. You will never be forgotten. We love you.



Lynn Winfrey - November 16, 2025 at 10:49 PM

HR

“ Hal and Rosa lit a candle in memory of Art Johnston



Hal and Rosa - November 16, 2025 at 09:34 PM

TS

“ Tim & Kathy Storer lit a candle in memory of Art Johnston



Tim & Kathy Storer - November 16, 2025 at 06:04 PM