



## Hugh Melvin Johnson

April 25, 1940 - December 12, 2025

Hugh Melvin Johnson, affectionately known to generations simply as “Coach,” passed away peacefully surrounded by his family. A lifelong resident of Kingston, Tennessee, Hugh devoted his 85 years to faith, family, and the community he loved.

Born and raised in Kingston, Hugh’s roots ran deep in Roane County. After graduating and beginning his career in education, he spent more than 40 years as a teacher and coach, shaping countless young lives both on the field and in the classroom. Known for his steady guidance, firm but fair leadership, and trademark encouraging smile, Coach Johnson became a mentor to many and a cherished figure in local athletics. His former students often said he taught far more than the game—he taught character, discipline, and heart. For 64 years, Hugh was a devoted husband to his beloved wife, Peggy Johnson. Their enduring partnership was a testament to love, loyalty, and the quiet strength found in a life built together. Hugh was a family man through and through, happiest when surrounded by loved ones, sharing stories, laughter, and the wisdom earned from a life well lived.

Hugh’s legacy lives on in the thousands of lives he touched—as a teacher, a coach, a neighbor, and a friend. He will be remembered for his compassion, integrity, and unwavering commitment to lifting up others.

He is survived by Peggy, his loving wife of more than six decades, son Chris (Donna) Johnson, son Gary (Lucy) Johnson and daughter Kim (Greg) Clark, grandchildren Brittany Taylor, Gunnar Johnson, Macy (Logan) Hawks, Blake

Endicott, Josh Johnson, Tanner Eaton, Colby Johnson, and great-grandchildren Jolee Taylor, Maddie Taylor and Ember Hawks. He is preceded in death by his loving parents Hugh L. and Lucille Johnson.

May he rest in peace, knowing his life made a difference.

The family will receive friends from noon until 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston. Funeral at 1:00 p.m. with interment to follow in Kingston Memorial Gardens. Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston is serving the Johnson Family.

# Previous Events

## Vistiation

DEC 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Kyker Funeral Homes  
OUR KINGSTON CHAPEL  
PO Box 69, 350 W Race St  
Kingston, TN 37763  
(865) 376-6531  
<https://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Interment

DEC 17 (ET)

Kingston Memorial Gardens  
123 Oak Drive  
Kingston, TN 37763

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Hugh Melvin Johnson*



Kyker Funeral Home - December 16, 2025 at 01:12 PM



*My prayers are with the family*

Glenda Scott - December 17, 2025 at 02:58 PM

JS

“ *Coach Johnson was a great teacher and man of God. I know he was ready to gain his angel wings and join Jesus in Heaven. He worshipped God for all these years and longed to be there.*

jodi y Samples - December 17, 2025 at 05:50 PM

MF

“ *All the stories this man had. Loved them all.*



Melissa Fitchpatrick - December 17, 2025 at 03:59 PM



“ 205 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Kyker Funeral Home** - December 16, 2025 at 12:58 PM

KC

“ *Katie & Zach Cardwell purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Hugh Melvin Johnson.*



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**Katie & Zach Cardwell** - December 15, 2025 at 10:14 PM

JE

“ *I am so sorry! He was such a nice guy and a wonderful history teacher! He made everything sound like such a great story...he's one of the main reasons that I have a History degree...Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers!*

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**Jody Easter** - December 15, 2025 at 02:16 PM

LT

“ *Lowe Family-kourtney,doug,and tristan purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Hugh Melvin Johnson.*



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**Lowe Family-kourtney,doug,and tristan** - December 15, 2025  
at 10:32 AM

MA

“ *Praying for peace & comfort for Coach Johnson's Family & Friends. Someone so special, who put footprints in so many lives will be greatly missed. Thank you Coach for caring for so many kids, you don't see that anymore in many school systems & Lives. RIP Coach, Forever Loved, Forever MISSED.*



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**Martha** - December 14, 2025 at 08:30 AM

PS

“ *Hugh Melvin was a very dear person to me. We worked together at Cherokee and I had known Peggy at Midtown. That was a blessing to me. He was a kind and gentle soul. He made the world a better place.*

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**Patti Suits** - December 13, 2025 at 09:22 PM

TB

“ *Good Man...*

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**Troy Beets** - December 13, 2025 at 04:27 PM

PW

“ Praying for this sweet family. I pray they find comfort in knowing he made such a difference in the lives of so many!

Penny Woody - December 13, 2025 at 10:41 AM

KL

“ To the family of "Coach" Johnson, Please accept my condolences and I pray that the good Lord gives you that Peace that surpasses ALL understanding & give you comfort as only he can. Coach touched so many lives in such a good and positive way !!! I will never forget him ! He was always so good to me in school. I had him as a Physical Education teacher/Friend. He was always joking with me and my best friend & we would joke right back with him. He would always ask me if I had any snacks in me cause his wife had him on a diet...lol. He was a friend to my uncle, Otis (Jack) Miles & they had once worked together for the State at the state garage and when he found out Jack was my uncle he became even more of a friend to me ! He was a good honest man who loved his wife and children immensely !! I sure will always remember our good times and jokes !! You will be missed "Coach" & forever loved. Rest easy now in the arms of Jesus, your work here is done. ❤️💔. Kim Parris Lively



Kim Parris Lively - December 13, 2025 at 01:35 AM

DC

“ Coach baby face Johnson was a great man and an inspiration for many of us students back in the day. May the family find peace and may coach rest in peace.

donna Mixon cook - December 12, 2025 at 11:08 PM

PM

“ *He was a wonderful man. One of the greats. My condolences*

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**phone Adcox McCurry** - December 12, 2025 at 10:52 PM