



Jeffrey Martin Johnson

March 4, 1956 - May 25, 2021

Jeffrey Martin Johnson died of cancer on May 25, 2021 in Houston, TX at the age of 65.

Jeff was born March 4, 1956 in Fall River, Massachusetts, later moving to Glasgow Kentucky where he was raised. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of Kentucky in 1978. Upon graduation, he accepted a position with Shell Oil Company in New Orleans, LA; remaining with the company for 37 years until his retirement in late 2015. He was based in both New Orleans and Houston over the years, ending his career in Houston where he remained after retirement. Jeff was a well-respected engineer known for his superior intellect and fact driven nature. He was generous with his time and experience, mentoring countless junior staff throughout his career.

Jeff loved being in nature, enjoying hiking as well as leisurely walks. Over the years, he created many happy memories exploring the great outdoors with his wife and children. The state of Kentucky, the home of his youth and extended family, continued to have a strong gravitational pull throughout his life. Many a vacation day was spent visiting family and enjoying the natural beauty of the state.

Jeff's most cherished roles were as a son, brother, husband and father. He is

survived by his wife of 33 years, Lisa Hanes Johnson; his son Ethan Andrew Johnson and his wife Kelsie of Houston TX; daughter Emily Elizabeth Johnson and her fiancé Michael Pratt of Dallas, TX; sister Cecilia Elizabeth Sisson and her husband Tom of Sedalia, KY; brothers Craig Arby Johnson and his wife Joanne of Falls of Rough, Ky; and Kim Edward Johnson and his wife Ann, of Emerald Isle, NC. He is preceded in death by his father Arby Nelson Johnson, mother Lois Webler Pirog and his brother Leslie Mark Johnson.

A celebration of his life well-lived will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that, if you wish, consider planting a tree in Jeff's memory in a place of your choosing.

Tribute Wall



“ Jeffrey Martin Johnson

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ Jeffrey Martin Johnson

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ Jeffrey Martin Johnson

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ Jeffrey Martin Johnson

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ Dear Lisa & family, I just learned of the news of Jeff's passing; so very sad. I will always remember Jeff as an outstanding Shell colleague & dear friend who touch so many lives with his gifted intellect & passion for excellence; a true mentor! My thoughts & prayers are with you & yours. Terrell Stroud

Terrell Stroud - July 25, 2021 at 03:59 PM



“ Lisa, I'm so sorry for your loss, and please know you and your family are on my heart and in my prayers.

Nicki Lamey - July 14, 2021 at 10:53 PM

RK

“ Lisa,
I was shocked and deeply saddened to hear about Jeff's passing. I so enjoyed working with him - especially his wisdom, perspective, calm demeanor, and his great sense of humor. I can picture his kind eyes and hear his laugh. My deepest condolences to you and Ethan and Emily.

Rena Koinis

Rena Koinis - July 10, 2021 at 12:27 PM

MN

“ Lisa,
I'm thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. I am deeply sorry for your loss.

Mark Newell

Mark Newell - July 09, 2021 at 10:23 PM

LG

“ Lisa,
My deepest sympathies to you and your family. I was so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. May your memories and God's promise bring you comfort during this difficult time. I'll be keeping you in my prayers.

*Yours in Christ,
Lisa Gibbens*

Lisa Gibbens - July 08, 2021 at 11:22 PM

DC

“ Deep condolences to Lisa and the family. Jeff was a good man. Sadly, I only knew him through work. He was a man of integrity who could work people through complicated decisions with sure logic. He cared about young engineers and was a terrific mentor. It's been over 15 yrs since I worked with him and I can still close my eyes and see him with a group of people calmly working through challenges.

David Carpenter - July 08, 2021 at 11:51 AM

KE

“ Lisa, Ethan, and Emily, I am so sorry for your loss. Jeff was a great advisor, mentor, and friend. We worked together on Brazil projects, and I will never forget his surprise when I up and gave him a hug on my last day in Houston before I moved to Brazil and again in 2015, when we ran into each other exercising along the bayou. A wonderful person! My prayers are with you and your family. Kelda McFee de Queiroz

Kelda - July 08, 2021 at 12:15 AM

PS

“ Lisa,
So sorry to hear of this sad news. Jeff was a success in all measures of life. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.
Pete Slaiby

Pete Slaiby - July 07, 2021 at 05:11 PM

SW

“ Lisa,
I am very sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. My sincere condolences to you and your family. I did not work directly with Jeff, but i did talk with him on occasion to get advise or hear his perspectives. Or just an over coffee chat. A very nice guy and a good man. You, kids and family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sam Whitney

Sam Whitney - July 07, 2021 at 03:14 PM

DC

“ Lisa and family,
I am very sorry for your loss. Jeff was always a great guy to work with, personally and professionally.

David Cole

David Cole - July 07, 2021 at 10:41 AM

LC

“ Lisa, I was so saddened to hear about Jeff's passing. Please accept our condolences. We will be lifting you and the kids up in prayer, trusting that God will surround you with comfort and peace.

Lisa and Stu Corder

Lisa Corder - July 06, 2021 at 03:07 PM

HT

“ Lisa - So sorry to learn of Jeff passing. Sincere condolences to you and your family.

Herb Thackeray

HERB THACKERAY - July 06, 2021 at 02:17 PM

JJ

“ Lisa, Condolence for your loss. Jeff was one of the ‘good guys’ to be around.

Jeff Jackson

jeff jackson - July 06, 2021 at 09:09 AM

JS

“ Lisa,

Please accept my condolences on Jeff’s passing.

He was a gifted man.

His discussions with the engineers on the Shell Square to/from Slidell vanpool made the daily commuting trips seem to be shorter than they really were.

God Bless you & your family,

John Simon

John Simon - July 05, 2021 at 09:07 PM

JS

“ Lisa,

Peggy and I send our deep condolences to you and the children. We were saddened by Jeff’s untimely death. Know that you are in our prayers. Jeff was so highly regarded in Shell...as reflected by the many tributes to his memory from friends and former colleagues.

John Sisler

John Sisler - July 04, 2021 at 10:15 PM

LS

“ Lisa, I was surprised and saddened to hear about the loss of Jeff. You have my sincere condolences. He was a prince of a man and model Shell employee. Cathy and I will keep you and your family in our prayers as you all move forward from this loss.

Larry Svab

Larry Svab - July 04, 2021 at 02:40 PM

EJ

“ I had the privilege of working with Jeff on the Mars South project in 2005-2007. It was extremely humbling and an honor to be able to sit beside him and learn from him as he guided me through “how to not get hosed” during a VAR. He was one of the true subject matter experts and made the business less intimidating to a young person through his relaxed demeanor.

Eliot Javanmardi - July 03, 2021 at 11:18 PM

TJ

“ Dear Lisa, I was so sorry to hear about Jeff’s passing. Jeff was my location host when I interviewed for Shell in the Fall of 1980. He said that day it was a privilege to work for Shell. I ever forget that, and decades of working with people like Jeff, proved him right. It was not until late in our careers that I had the privilege of work directly with him. His stellar reputation was well established. The privilege of working with him, proved him right again. Before he retired, we reflected on our first meeting and the bookends of careers working with the best of people. He will always represent the best of Shell to me, professionally and personally. He was a great guy, and I will always remember him. I will keep you and your family in my prayers in the difficult days ahead.

Tony Lanson, Jr - July 03, 2021 at 01:58 PM

RF

“ Lisa: So shocked and saddened to learn about Jeff. I have great Shell memories of him from the GOM (Cognac) to Brazil. A go-to guy to whom the metaphor "pay to base" applies...in so many ways. Lynn and I have you, Ethan and Emily in our thoughts.
Russ Ford

Russ Ford - July 03, 2021 at 01:50 PM

PB

“ Lisa, it is so sad to hear about your loss. My prayers and deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. I really appreciated Jeff's incredible technical excellence, his willingness to share and always be a team first person and his ease to converse with on both technical as well as life issues.
Phil Bohlmann

Philip W Bohlmann - July 03, 2021 at 10:14 AM

BB

“ Lisa, so many years have passed, but my memories of Jeff have always been of Jeff as one of Shell's finest, and a person who was so easy to talk with and I remember he is and was so highly respected. This is so difficult for you, if there is anything Susan and I could do, please let us know.
Bruce Bernard

Bruce E Bernard - July 03, 2021 at 12:13 AM

KJ

“ Hi Lisa,
I am so saddened for you loss. I didn't work with Jeff but I heard he was a great engineer and did a great job of mentoring my son, Eliot Javanmardi I hop you find enough strength to manage your loss. I alway liked being I your team.
Kaz Javanmardi



kaz javanmardi - July 02, 2021 at 08:55 PM

LB

“ Dear Lisa,
Jeff is in my earliest memories at Shell, together with riding Express 70 with you. He was a delightful man and I know you must be devastated at his loss. I can only hope that you have many joyous memories of him, to sustain you in the time to come. With deepest sympathy,
Libby Bollich

Libby Bollich - July 02, 2021 at 08:27 PM

BL

Lisa,
You and Jeff were always a classy couple. He was an excellent engineer and a real gentleman. My condolences for your loss. Bob

Bob Lippincott - July 02, 2021 at 08:29 PM

DS

Lisa, I'm so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. He had such a big influence on me and so many others in the Shell family. He also had a very positive impact on Shell and its projects. His excellence as a person and his willingness to listen and share ideas with folks in all disciplines was a model we should all emulate. My deepest sympathies. Please take care. Best Regards,
Dan Schwartz

Daniel Schwartz - July 04, 2021 at 05:37 PM

DR

“ Lisa, my sincerest condolences. Jeff was an absolute star, a true gentlemen. He had such a positive influence on so many including me - I loved working with him, and really enjoyed our conversation. So complementary of people, so well versed, and always willing to help. He will be missed. You and your family are in my thoughts.
Dave Reid

David Reid - July 02, 2021 at 08:21 PM

SL

“ Dear Lisa and Family,

I am saddened to hear of your loss. May God comfort you and bless you at this time. You are in my prayers.

*Kind regards,
Scott Lester*

Scott Lester - July 02, 2021 at 05:46 PM

LH

“ Dear Lisa,
I was so saddened to hear of Jeff's passing. Please accept my heartfelt condolence on your loss.

You may remember, Jeff and I were on the '98-99 Cognac team. Everyone on the team was "A-quality" but Jeff was clearly the star. Superb technical skills, great business acumen, and a willingness to coach and mentor others. His advice and recommendations always counted!

I will always remember Jeff as a warm-hearted individual with a quiet, witty humor. His smile would light up the room. I'm confident there will be many trees planted in his memory.

May the memories of your time with Jeff bring you comfort.
Thinking of you,
Linda Hubner

Linda Hubner - July 02, 2021 at 05:16 PM

RK

“ Lisa,

Just read about this tragic news. Please accept my sincere condolences; my prayers for you and the family to be blessed with the strength to get over this loss. I will always remember Jeff for his humility and will cherish numerous fond memories of very frank discussion.

Rakesh Kumar

Rakesh Kumar - July 02, 2021 at 03:54 PM

SH

“ We are so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. Our thoughts are with your family & friends. He touched so many.

Stuart Hara - July 02, 2021 at 03:41 PM

RV

“ Lisa, so very sorry for your loss. My prayers will be with you and your family. I hope the Lord gives you peace and that you're able to reminisce and relish in many fond memories of your lives and time together.

Ramon Vallejo - July 02, 2021 at 03:37 PM

JB

“ Dear Lisa,

I am so sorry to hear this tragic news! This must be so difficult for you and children. I will pray for you and Jeff every Sunday at church when I remember all my deceased Shell friends. Jeff was always a gentleman in addition to being brilliant!

*Jimmy Breaux
jnbreaux@yahoo.com*

Jimmy Breaux - July 02, 2021 at 03:33 PM

RS

“ Jeff was one of the pillars of the RE discipline at Shell. My heartfelt condolences.

Ray Soong - July 02, 2021 at 02:57 PM

PV

“ I enjoyed working with Jeff over the years, his smile and quiet approach was always well received as well as his strong technical work. We will keep Jeff and Lisa and family in our prayers. Peter Velez

Peter K Velez - July 02, 2021 at 02:01 PM

SJ

“ Really saddened to hear about Jeff's passing. He was a great engineer and it was always a pleasant experience to interact with him. His smile will always stay with us. Our deepest condolences to Lisa and children.

Sid Jain

Sid Jain - July 02, 2021 at 01:46 PM

VB

“ So sorry to hear about Jeff's passing. He was a great mentor to me, influencing my life and career. Lisa I also know how much he loved you and your kids. Truly a special guy who will be missed.

Val Brock - July 02, 2021 at 12:45 PM

LC

“ Lisa and family, I'm very sorry to hear this and send you my sincerest condolences.

Luis Cosme

Luis Cosme - July 02, 2021 at 12:42 PM

DM

“ Dear Lisa, Ethan, and Emily, Rose and I are so sad to hear of Jeff’s passing. We always enjoyed his humor and good will and of course he was a first rate engineer. We send our deepest sympathies and the hope that you will find comfort in his memory. Know that we hold you all in our thoughts and prayers.
Dean and Rose

Dean Malouta - July 02, 2021 at 12:41 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Martin Johnson.



July 02, 2021 at 11:38 AM

LH

“ I was so saddened to hear of Jeff’s passing. My heartfelt condolences to you, Lisa, and to your children. Jeff was one of our best engineers and he was always pleasant and sharing his dry sense of humor. Barbara and I are keeping you in our thoughts during this difficult time.

Lyle Henderson

Lyle Henderson - July 02, 2021 at 11:30 AM

SG

I am very sad to hear of Jeff’s passing. He was a real joy to work with; always objective with well thought out ideas and solutions. Our deepest condolences to Lisa, children and entire family.

Steve Glass

Steve Glass - July 02, 2021 at 11:50 AM

ML

Lisa, deepest condolences on the passing of Jeff. He was an extraordinary engineer and a great person. I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to worked with him.

Mike Loveland

Mike Loveland - July 02, 2021 at 04:03 PM

SC

Dear Lisa: We are so sorry to learn of Jeff's passing. He was a great colleague in all respects, as well as a great engineer. He was an example for all of us who had the pleasure to work with him. Our thoughts are with you and your family.

Scott Cameron and Penny Bowen

Scott Cameron - July 02, 2021 at 04:11 PM

FS

“ *Lisa, I just learned of Jeff's passing this morning and I send my condolences. I hope that you, Ethan and Emily can find comfort in the Lord and in each other.*

Frank A. Glaviano, Sr.

Frank A. Glaviano, Sr. - July 02, 2021 at 11:11 AM

JF

“ *Lisa, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. May the Lord wrap his arms around you and your family at this difficult time and help you find peace and solace.*

John Fanta - July 02, 2021 at 11:00 AM

CC

“ Lisa, this was a such a shock to Cheryl and I for we both thought so highly of Jeff, an excellent colleague and fine person. Jeff was a very thoughtful, caring person. We are so sorry for your loss. Chris and Cheryl Clark

Chris Clark - July 02, 2021 at 10:59 AM

LF

“ Lisa, it is so sad to hear about your loss. My prayers and deepest sympathies go out to you and your family.

Len Falsone - July 02, 2021 at 10:22 AM

JS

“ Lisa, Ethan and Kelsie, I always enjoyed working with Jeff--his technical insights pushed all of us at Shell to higher performance but mostly he loved all of you! Jeff was so serious about his work and his face always lit up when talking about all of you and your accomplishments. My heart breaks for you loss. Jan Sherman

Jan Sherman - July 02, 2021 at 10:00 AM

GS

“ That is so sad. Prayers to Lisa and the family. Jeff was a stand up person and a remarkable engineer.

Geoff Sell - July 02, 2021 at 09:58 AM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Jeff on a short-term project at Shell 9 years ago. Encyclopedic knowledge of reservoir engineering, patient, helpful, resourceful. Enjoyed our conversations. Kind man. RIP Jeff.
Roy Luck

Roy Luck - July 02, 2021 at 09:46 AM

JC

“ Jeff and I would discuss getting out of the city to the country. These discussions led me and my wife to purchase a second home in the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia. As I set on the back porch, staring into the woods, I reflect on those discussions and inspiration to take action. Thanks Jeff for sharing your time and vision in this life.

Joe Cunningham - July 02, 2021 at 09:06 AM