



Mark Elliott Johnson, 66, of Wilmore, KY passed away on January 21, 2021 in the hospital fighting Covid 19. He was born on September 3, 1954 in S. Charleston, WV to Paul and Mary (Painter) Johnson.

Mark grew up in S. Charleston and graduated from S. Charleston High School in 1972. After high school he held various jobs, such as surveying, before feeling God’s calling into the mission field through God’s Army. He planted trees for them to help them fund a Christian school in California. He moved to Maryland, worked

in construction and at Amtrak, and eventually worked for Harford County Government for 25 years until his retirement in December, 2015. Shortly after retirement he and his wife, Melissa, moved to Wilmore, KY, a place both had wished to move to unbeknownst to each other.

Over the years, Mark was always involved in his church – helping to build a church, working on various projects for different churches, plus vacuuming chairs and serving on Prime Timers committee in his current church, Wilmore Free Methodist. He supported various Christian missionaries. In 2008 he also supervised a halfway house for men recovering from previous challenges to re-enter society on a firm foundation.

Mark is preceded in death by his parents Paul Johnson, Mary Johnson Rugel, and step-father John Rugel.

Mark is survived by his loving wife, Melissa Flowers of Wilmore, KY; sisters, Paulette (Ken) Fricker of Kannapolis, NC, Gloria (Roger) Boggess of S. Charleston, WV, and step-sister Carolyn Rugel of Russia; children Bethany (Lee) Hall of Milton, WV, Abigail Johnson Smith and Benjamin Luke Johnson, both in Maryland, as well as three grandchildren, Dax Johnson and Tara and Tiffanie Hall. He became a step-father to Phillip and Granddad to four step-grandchildren, Pierce, Tyler, Donald, and Brianna.

Mark was extremely missions minded. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to Wilmore Free Methodist Church noting “Missions” on the memo line.

A Celebration of the Life of

Mark Elliott Johnson

March 13, 2021 2:00 p.m.

Wilmore Free Methodist Church, Wilmore, Kentucky

Prelude	Mark Schell, piano Kevin Hale, bagpipes
Welcome and Invocation	Pastor Daryl Diddle
Hymnal, 463 Hymnal, 425	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand In the Garden</i>
Scripture <i>Psalm 65:1-8 Job 28:1-12; 23-28</i>	Lee Hall
Family Tributes	Melissa Flowers Paulette Fricker Alfredo Cintrón
Prayer	Alfredo Cintrón
Music Ministry <i>Love Came Down At Christmas</i>	Rose Evans
Message	Pastor Daryl Diddle
Notebook, C10	<i>I Want to Walk</i>
Benediction	
Postlude	

Seasons Come and Go
(Mark Johnson, April 16, 2016)

Seasons come and go;
Time seems to slow.
It really doesn't, you know.
Memories come alive and
Brighten every day,
Even as our fragile lives fade away –
The past, the carefree frolics, foolishness,
And fun, risky careless excitement and deeds.
Memories are etched in our minds, made in the sun.
Where and when did our youth fly away?
Memories tell us it was only yesterday –
Memories – like clouds blowing, ever changing shape and detail –
When we give them away, they breathe new life.
And to those who knew us, and those who know us now,
We live again forever new.
Memories, alive again, forever blowing
Through to others and ourselves.
Memories, may they ever be
Sun and gentle breezes wispy,
Like a smile, a quiet chuckle or two,
And a flicker of life in our
Seasons of this brief time.

I Met God in the Morning
(Author unknown)

I met God in the morning when my day was at its best,
And His presence came like sunrise, like a glory in my breast!

All day long His presence lingered; all day long He stayed with me,
And we sailed with perfect calmness o'er a very troubled sea.

Now I think I found the secret found o'er many a troubled way,
You must meet Him in the morning if you want Him through the day.



A Celebration of the Life
and Glorious Home-going of

Mark Elliott Johnson

September 3, 1954 ~ January 21, 2021

Cast all your cares upon the Lord
and He will sustain you.
Psalm 55.22