



## Mr. John Thomas Henson

December 22, 1945 - August 19, 2023

John Thomas Henson “JT” was born to an angel, Mrs. Ruth Louise Henson, on December 22, 1945.

Johnny married the love of his life Kay Henson on October 7, 1967. 56 years and two daughters later, Johnny and Kay built a beautiful life and family here in Oxford, where they attended First Baptist of Oxford. Johnny was a man of God, and a faithful member of his community, always calling on and checking in to help those in need. He taught at Weaver and Wellborn, where he coached football and basketball.

Johnny was known as Pop to Kristin, Henson, Jackson, and Kaylee. They were the pride of his life. You could typically find him in the front of the carpool line waiting for “the Kid” or going through the chickfila line looking for a date for one of his grandsons. He loved his westerns like Gunsmoke, the rifleman or anything with Clint Eastwood.

Johnny also loved to travel. He never missed a chance to see the world, even if it meant wandering the Louvre Museum in AFIB or seeing Italy from a true Italian hospital experience. He didn’t let anything slow him down from living out adventure in his life.

His adventures came in grand gestures and everyday mischief. He may

have been a man of few words, but you could always expect some type of aggravating, nicknames, and every once in a while, a prank that would leave us laughing for years. And you could always bet he had susie on him (his side-arm).

Johnny was a hard worker, providing for his family's every need. He and Kay built multiple houses together before they settled on County Line Road. Building together and keeping up every detail and blade of grass was a joy that extended to taking care of his kids and their homes. Nothing brought him more satisfaction than bossing the yard crew around at the house or Surgery Center letting them know there was an easier way.

Johnny was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth Louise Henson, and grandson, Jonathan Lee. He is survived by his sister, Fran Collins; his wife Kay Henson; daughters, Lagina Fillingim and Leslie Laplante; sons-in-law, Lee Fillingim and Mike Laplante; and grandchildren, Kristin, Henson and his wife Madison, Jackson Fillingim and Kaylee LaPlante.

He tended to his family tree the way he tended to his own garden. Grape vines, apple trees, and most importantly, tending to the bird feeder, where he and Kay watched hummingbirds every morning while doing their daily devotion.

Johnny passed onto eternity surrounded by love.

A funeral service for Johnny will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at The First Baptist Church of Oxford at 11:00 A.M. The Family will receive friends an hour prior to the service starting at 10:00 A.M.

Pallbearers will be: Henson Fillingim, Jackson Fillingim, Lee Fillingim, Michael Laplante, Jacky Sparks, Don Lindley, Barry Britt and Billy Dempsey



# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Oxford  
95 East Oak St  
Oxford, AL 36203

## Service

AUG **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JR

“ *My prayers go out to this precious family. I have fond memories of you and your extended family. May God give you comfort and strength*



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**June Land Reaves** - September 01, 2023 at 03:17 PM

AC

“ *My parents were friends with Johnny and Kay many years ago. As kids I remember spending time at their house. Many cook outs and Alabama vs Auburn games. Prayers for the family.*

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**Allison Snider Clay** - August 23, 2023 at 01:49 PM

DE

“ Johnny and me worked on 3rd shift together at Anniston Foundry for the summer in 1965. We road to work together sometimes in his 1956 Chevy, sometimes on my Harley Davidson Hog. One morning as daylight broke our shift was ending and we were walking through the fitting yard and I saw a car just like Johnny's and I hey that looks like your car - he said it can't be. We started to leave work and we couldn't find Johnny's car because it had been stolen. We found a way home that day and returned to work the next day only to find Johnny's car in the parking lot. He had left his billfold in the dash and the only thing they took was his cash. That same summer there was a big strike at the foundry and the Union was blocking the road. They had baseball bats and steel balls to ward off any scabs crossing the line. Johnny and me rode through the line on my Harley. We didn't miss a days work and we were on 1st shift the rest of the summer. I'll always have great memories of Johnny (Mule) playing football and working together that summer. Praying for God's blessings on Kay and their family.

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David Estes - August 23, 2023 at 11:26 AM

BD

“ On a cold winter night, with snow covering the highway, 4 boys, Johnny, Barry, Jacky and Billy, decided to roll huge snowballs across the highway. This was in front of Lakeview church. We waited for cars to come. Cars came and hit the snowballs. We were chased by the drivers, however, we were much faster, and out ran them.

Great memories!

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Billy Dempsey - August 21, 2023 at 08:34 PM

AJ

“ Hi

*My hame is Alicia Welch Jones. He was one of my favorite teachers. I was “the teachers pet” in his classroom. My desk was beside his and I helped him everyday.*

*He also was the first and only teacher that gave me 1 lick with the paddle (it wasn't hard) for chewing gum.*

*He was always so friendly and even years after graduating I would see him out and he always had a smile and time to stop and talk.*

*Praying for the family.*

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**Alicia Welch Jones** - August 21, 2023 at 07:07 PM

DW

*I was one of Coach Henson's students in the 80's at Weaver HS. He was one of my favorite teacher's. He had the best sense of humor and patience with some of the student's shenanigans. I remember that he was loved and respected by many of his students. Prayers for peace and comfort.*

*Dawn Thompson Wade*

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**Dawn Thompson Wade** - August 21, 2023 at 07:58 PM

TT

*Coach Henson was one of my teachers at Weaver HS. I was a student who moved a lot with my Dad's job but he always went out of his way to make me feel welcome.*

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**Teresa Williams Tims** - August 21, 2023 at 08:45 PM