

ST. ANDREW'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

Service of Witness to the Resurrection
for

Harold Raymond "Ray" Johnston, Jr.

September 30, 1936 - February 6, 2017

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
IN WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST
With Praise and Thanks to Almighty God
for the life of
HAROLD RAYMOND “RAY” JOHNSTON, JR.
September 30, 1936 – February 6, 2017



ORDER OF WORSHIP
2:00 p.m. February 8, 2017
WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

PRELUDE

*SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE Rev. Dr. Emmett Powers
I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. I was dead and behold I am alive forever and ever. . . Because I live, you also will live. Rev. 21:6; Rev. 1:18; John 14:19

*CALL TO WORSHIP
We are gathered here to praise God, to witness to our faith, and to give thanks for the life of our *brother Ray Johnston*.
We come together in grief, acknowledging our loss.
May God grant us grace that in pain—we may find comfort, in sorrow—hope, and in death—resurrection.
Dying, Christ destroyed our death. Rising, Christ restores our life.
In baptism, Ray was sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ’s own forever.

*PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray:

Eternal God, we bless you for the great company of all those who have kept the faith, finished their race, and who now rest from their labor. We praise you for

those dear to us. We thank you for Ray Johnston whom you have now received into your presence. Help us to believe where we have not seen, trusting you to lead us through our years. Bring us at last with all your saints into the joy of your home, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

No. 439

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not always sought or done your will. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore to us the joy of your salvation now and forever . . .

Silent Prayers May be Offered

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Valera Messer, Dorothy Moorefield, Martha Giarratano

PRAYER FOR COMFORT AND ILLUMINATION

Most merciful God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the support of the weary, look down in tender love, we pray, on these your servants, whose joy is turned into mourning. According to the multitude of your mercies, uphold, strengthen, and comfort them, that they may not faint under this trial, but find strength and a refuge in you. Almighty God, illumine us now through your Word, so that hearing your promises, we may be lifted out of darkness and distress into the light and peace of your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Psalm 23
Dennis Rowe, Solo

FIRST LESSON 1 CORINTHIANS 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

SECOND LESSON 1 CORINTHIANS 15

The words of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

REMEMBRANCES

*HYMN *This Is My Father's World* No. 293

HOMILY Rev. Dr. Emmett Powers

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith “Apostles’ Creed”

*HYMN

Amazing Grace
Valera Messer, Violin

No. 280

*COMMENDATION

O God, in the beginning you formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed into us the breath of life. So also, in the last days, you have promised to raise us from the dust, so we might assume a new body at the coming of your Son. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive. We thank you for this hope, that Ray Johnston who has died, will be raised to life imperishable. Look down upon us with tender pity and compassion, grant each of us the comfort of your Spirit. Renew within us the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

Now may the God of peace, who brought from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be and abide with you always. Amen.

POSTLUDE



Harold Raymond “Ray” Johnston, Jr., 80, of Sour Lake, died Monday, February 6, 2017. He was born on September 30, 1936, to Marie Grant Johnston and Harold Raymond Johnston, Sr., in Beaumont. He is preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Janita Dell Johnston; and brother, Eugene Johnston.

Ray was a 1955 graduate of French High School and graduated from Lamar University with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering in 1964 and became a Professional Engineer with the State of Texas in 1977. He was owner of Galewsky-Johnston Consulting Engineers in Beaumont. Ray was an Elder at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church and served as Deacon and Elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church. He was an Eagle Scout and served as Scout Master for Troop 251 in Pinewood.

Survivors include his wife of sixty years, Gwen Johnston; sons, Hal Johnston and his wife, Alice, of Sour Lake; Mark Johnston and his wife, Patsy, of China; and David Johnston of Beaumont; grandchildren, Will Johnston, Chris Johnston, Jennifer and Tracy Davis, Ryan and Sasha Johnston, Laura Segler, Danika Johnston, Nathan Johnston, and Annalyse Johnston; and great-grandchildren, Morgan, Carley, Collin, and Grayson Davis, Rylei, Preslei and Lyndlei Johnston, and Chase Segler.

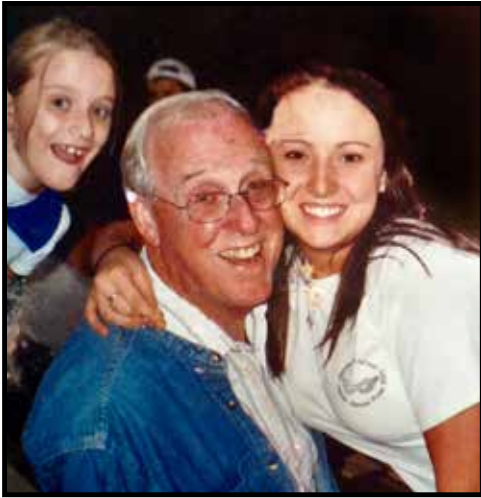




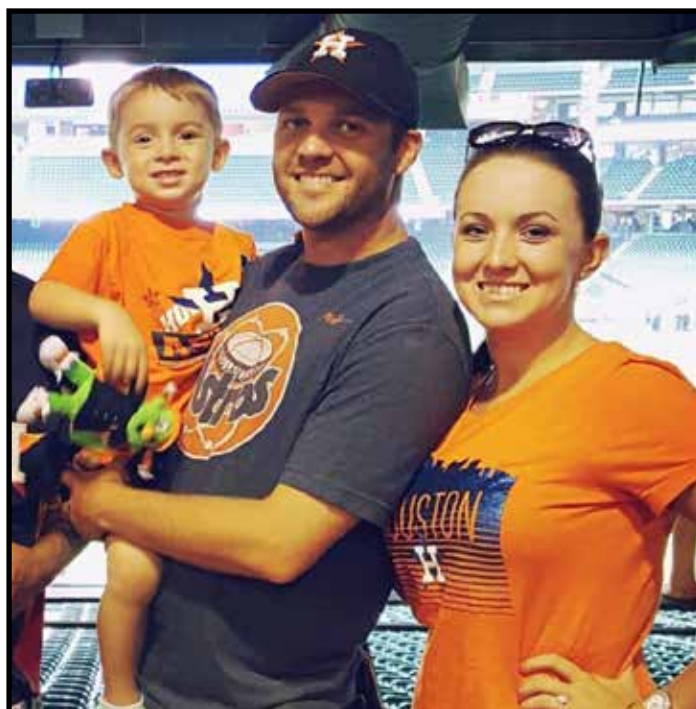














Pallbearers

Ryan Johnston
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Chris Johnston
Nathan Johnston
Pat Martin
Richard Sens

Honorary Pallbearers

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Steve Potts

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Leading Worship

Rev. Dr. Emmett E. Powers, Transitional Pastor
Carolyn Perkins, Organist
Dennis Rowe, Director of Music
Valera Messer, Dorothy Moorefield, and Martha Giarratano, String Trio



Please sign Mr. Johnston's guestbook and share your memories at
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