



## John Johnston

December 23, 1922 - July 18, 2011

John E. Johnston, age 88, of Evansville, passed away Monday, July 18, 2011 at the Golden Living Center – Woodlands in Newburgh.

Mr. Johnston had worked as an over the road truck driver and later as an Assistant Superintendent at George Koch Sons for 34 years. John was a former member of both, St. Theresa and St. Anthony Catholic Churches and a member of the Koch Retirees Club. He loved working on and fixing automobiles, enjoyed gardening and his dog, Tiger.

Surviving John are his two daughters, Loretta Williams and Annetta Putman and her husband, Gib, both of Evansville; his son, Jerry E. Johnston of Evansville; a step daughter, Sharon Cole Sprague of Farmington, UT; three half brothers, Bill, Gary and Steve Johnston and three half sisters, Sue Ann Greenwell, Jonelle Schwitz and Gail Fulton. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, Brian, Mark, Shawn, Tara, Tiffany, Courtney, Andrea and Todd; four step grandchildren, Gary, David, Scott and Justin, nine great grandchildren, six step great grandchildren and the mother of his children, Irene Turpen.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine (Kennedy) Johnston in 2004; his sister, Geneva Render and a half brother, Mike Johnston.

Funeral services will begin at 9:00 A.M. on Friday, July 22, 2011 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Rev. Ted Tempel officiating. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 8:00 P.M. on Thursday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 8:30 A.M. until service time on Friday at St. Anthony.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or to the Little Sister's of the Poor, 1236 Lincoln Ave., Evansville, IN.

The family would like to thank AseraCare Hospice and Golden Living Center – Woodlands for their care and compassion.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 21. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 W. Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN

## Visitation

JUL 22. 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM (CT)

St. Anthony Catholic Church  
704 First Avenue  
Evansville, IN

## Service

JUL 22. 9:00 AM (CT)

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704 First Avenue  
Evansville, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Johnston



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**Pierre Funeral Home** - July 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ John Johnston

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January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ John was my ex father-in-law, & A very good grandfather to my 2 boys Brian & Mark, He was A very good man!!!He will be missed!!!##imported-begin##Janice Pearson##imported-end##

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July 22, 2011 at 07:51 AM



“ I too am a "step grandchild" and am very grateful for all that John taught me and the wonderful example he was to me throughout my life. He taught me how to fix things with hours upon hours in the garage, how to work hard until the job was finished, how to grow a really big tomato and then most importantly...how to enjoy eating it! He was the ultimate example of kindness with everyone that he came in contact with, friend or stranger. I was grateful as a small child for his never ending stash of Bubble Gum in the door handle of the car. I learned how to enjoy just sitting and relaxing with a bowl of ice cream on the porch after working hard in the yard or the garage. I learned that it was ok for a man to tear up and show emotion when happy or sad. He showed me how to love and sacrifice for my future wife to make her happy as he did for Kate every day. My grandpa Keister passed away when I was very young so John is the grandpa that I knew all my life. I am sad to lose him, but that feeling is quickly replaced knowing that he is reunited with the love of his life. I miss you grandpa!##imported-begin##Scott Keister##imported-end##

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July 21, 2011 at 02:21 PM



“ For 44 years John and I have shared a very special father and daughter relationship and I know that relationship will continue beyond this life. My children are and have always been his grandchildren even though his blood doesn't flow through their veins. John and I could talk about anything and often did..for hours on end...with lots of belly laughs interspersed along the way. John lived a Christ like life. He was always the first to reach out to help or comfort others and made the recipient feel as if they were doing him the favor. When he and my mother married in 1968 I didn't realize what a treasure he was...but that became evident very quickly. My mother's last words to me were concern and instructions regarding John's well being after she was gone. I am happy he has been "promoted" to the next stage of his eternal progression and look forward to the wonderful reunion to some.  
Sharon Cole Sprague###imported-begin##Sharon Cole Sprague###imported-end##

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July 21, 2011 at 01:17 PM



“ I miss the hours upon hours that we spent together in the garage and backyard. I cherish the days spent with him at the workbench, drinking a soda bottle of Ski and fixing something up.

Although a "step" grandchild - John was the only grandfather I ever knew and he treated me as if I were his own. He was kind, compassionate, and humble - always helping others in anyway he could. Whether it was Janice the waitress or a stranger in the hardware aisle - John's kindness was always evident.###imported-begin##Gary Keller###imported-end##

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July 20, 2011 at 06:53 PM



“ My sympathy to all of John's family. John was the most caring man I have ever known. He was kind, funny and a great addition to the Kennedy family when he married Kate. Heaven must be resonating with joy upon his arrival. I will never forget him.

John, You and Donnie can go to lunch again and give Leo a big hug from me.

Margaret Kenndy (Leo's widow)##imported-begin##Margaret Kennedy##imported-end##

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July 20, 2011 at 02:47 PM



“ John was my uncle. His wife kate was my father's sister. I have many happy memories of John. When we were kids and he and Kate used to come visit us in Indianapolis, John always brought his tool box. He was happy to help my dad who was not very handy! He was the kindest, most gentle man I have ever met. Although I am sad to hear of his death, I know there are many happy loved ones in heaven who are glad to see him!

To Karin (above poster), yes, John lived on Kratzville Rd.##imported-begin##Monica (Kennedy) Pontenberg##imported-end##

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July 20, 2011 at 01:32 PM



“ i wanted to know if John use to live on Kratzville Road? I have memories of a John when I was younger we lived behind and when I saw this picture today my heart dropped, I ask could this be him? ##imported-begin##Karin Willett (garrison)##imported-end##

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July 20, 2011 at 10:36 AM