



Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon

June 23, 1940 - March 14, 2023

It is with deep sorrow that the Lawhon family announces the death of their beloved father, Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon, 82.

Mr. Lawhon, the widower of Judy Johnson Lawhon, entered into rest on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A funeral service to honor his life will be held at 4 o'clock on Friday, March 17, 2023, at New Market United Methodist Church, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The Rev. Corinthia Mack will officiate the service. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home.

Johnny was born in Timmonsville, SC, on June 23, 1940, a son of the late Olin Bert Lawhon and Nica J. Lawhon. He was a graduate of Hartsville High School and played saxophone in the HHS band. He later graduated from Wingate College. Johnny had a lifelong passion for the arts, specifically dancing, which he began teaching in 1957. This love for dancing led to him founding Dance World with his sister Margie L. Watkins.

Johnny was a devoted Christian and active member of New Market United Methodist Church. Other than dancing, his hobbies included fishing, hunting,

camping, and sports. He coached church league softball with New Market Methodist Church and was a member of the Hartsville Bass Club.

He was married to the late Judy J. Lawhon for 59 years and leaves behind two sons and their spouses – Ken and Paula Lawhon; and Todd and Stacy Lawhon. He is survived by his sister Margie L. Watkins; four grandchildren, Tori, Jake, Taylor, and Tyler Lawhon; and one great-grandchild, Atlas Jones.

The family would like to give a special thanks to The Retreat at Carolina Bay and Crescent Hospice for their loving care.

Cemetery Details

New Market United Methodist Church Cemetery

1909 W. Old Camden Rd.
Hartsville, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home
306 West Home Avenue
Hartsville, SC 29550

Funeral Service

MAR 17. 4:00 PM (ET)

New Market United Methodist Church
1909 W. Old Camdlen Rd.
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - March 16, 2023 at 04:04 PM



Christy Richeson

So sorry to hear about Mr. Johnny. My prayers are with you Ms. Margie and the family.

Christy Richeson - March 21, 2023 at 04:17 PM

KB

“ *Ken, Paula, Taylor, Tyler, Todd and family, I'm sorry to hear of your dad's passing. You're in our thoughts and prayers.*

Kim Bryant Clanton and Betty Bryant - April 05, 2023 at 11:12 PM

LC

“ *Sorry for your loss, Johnny was a great friend, we will never forget you and your family, rest in peace.*

Les and Peggy crowley - March 20, 2023 at 12:44 PM

JS

“ Had the privilege and pleasure of playing softball with Johnny. What a great guy. What great memories. Fran and I will keep Todd, Kenny, and their families in our thoughts and prayers. RIP my friend. Jimmy Sligh

Jimmy Sligh - March 19, 2023 at 01:08 PM

JL

“ Jerry And Angela Lane lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon



Jerry and Angela Lane - March 18, 2023 at 06:43 PM

DW

“ Donna Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon



Donna Wiggins - March 17, 2023 at 07:57 PM

BP

“ Brooks Peterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon



Brooks Peterson - March 17, 2023 at 07:13 PM

LW

“ Lisa O’Tuel Williamson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon



Lisa O’Tuel Williamson - March 17, 2023 at 06:37 PM

DK

“ Duane King lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon



Duane King - March 17, 2023 at 03:34 PM

DM

“ Diann Beasley Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon.



Diann Murphy - March 16, 2023 at 11:08 PM



“ Crystal Minnehan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon



Crystal Minnehan - March 16, 2023 at 10:39 PM

SJ

“ *Sheila Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon*



Sheila Johnson - March 16, 2023 at 09:18 PM

JO

“ *Joy Newsome Owens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon*



joy newsome owens - March 16, 2023 at 06:42 PM

CG

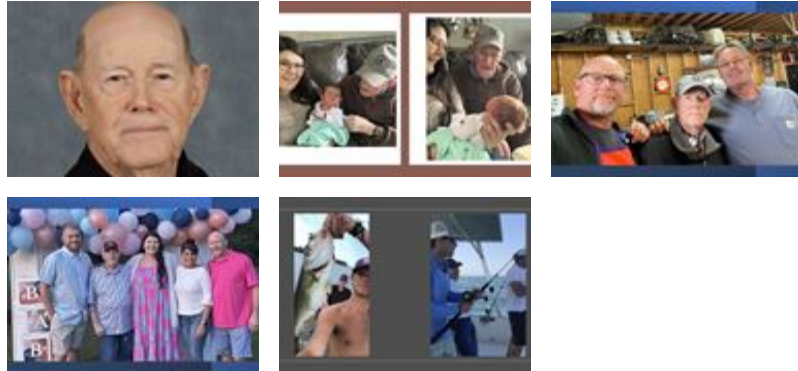
“ *My thoughts and prayers are Johnny's family.*



Connee Gamble Grantham - March 16, 2023 at 05:21 PM



“ 56 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - March 16, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ *Gene And Teresa Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon*



Gene and Teresa Gibson - March 16, 2023 at 03:26 PM



“ *Leland And Kathy Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon*



Leland and Kathy Huggins - March 16, 2023 at 02:49 PM

SE

“ Sam&Judy Elgin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon



Sam&Judy Elgin - March 16, 2023 at 02:42 PM

MG

“ Mitchell And Jackie Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon



Mitchell and Jackie Gainey - March 16, 2023 at 12:21 PM

SJ

“ I had the privilege of sitting with and taking care of Mr. Johnny at Carolina Pines! Sending my sincere condolences and prayers to the family!



Shirley and Michael Jenkins

shirley and Michael Jenkins - March 16, 2023 at 12:21 PM

JE

“ Jerry sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon



Jerry - March 16, 2023 at 12:16 PM

JE

“ R-I-P my dear old friend and co-worker. You and Judy were super Christians and truly lived the lives Christ wanted.



Jerry - March 16, 2023 at 12:11 PM

SC

“ Sandra Crowley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon



Sandra Crowley - March 16, 2023 at 11:25 AM

BW

“ My prayers go out to his family. I remember him from the HHS band.
Becky Wadsworth Walker

Becky Walker - March 16, 2023 at 11:17 AM

WK

“ Wanda & Brad Kent lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon



Wanda & Brad Kent - March 16, 2023 at 10:48 AM

CC

“ *Christel Copeland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon*



Christel Copeland - March 16, 2023 at 10:11 AM

SW

“ *Steve And JoAnn Wilks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon*



Steve and JoAnn Wilks - March 16, 2023 at 09:59 AM

JM

“ *Johnny And Denise McLain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon*



Johnny and Denise McLain - March 16, 2023 at 09:58 AM

SC

“ *Susan Clemmons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon*



Susan Clemmons - March 16, 2023 at 09:47 AM

VK

“ Johnny was a talented dancer. I remember watching him in high school perform his signature Stairway dance. He was very impressive. Condolences to Margie and his family.

Vicki Johnson Killen - March 16, 2023 at 09:20 AM

DT

“ Ken and Todd so sorry to hear about your dad. He was such a wonderful man but of course you know that! But he meant so much to me because he was part of the reason I was hired at Sonoco. He was on my interview team and I was so happy to see a familiar face. He made me calm and I was able to get through it. Even though the job I took was wrong it wasn't his fault. When I would go by and see my dad in the cone department I'd asked about him. That's how special he was to me! With love and prayers for the upcoming days ahead for you God Bless him



Dana Munn Tiller - March 16, 2023 at 09:17 AM

JC

“ Jim And Jeri Cox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon



Jim and Jeri Cox - March 16, 2023 at 09:13 AM

RA

“ Randy Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon



Randy Atkinson - March 16, 2023 at 09:12 AM

LS

“ Larry Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon



Larry Stewart - March 16, 2023 at 07:37 AM

JW

“ Jimmy Winburn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon



Jimmy Winburn - March 16, 2023 at 06:52 AM

MW

“ Mike & Amy Walters lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon



Mike & Amy Walters - March 16, 2023 at 12:12 AM

JD

“ Prayers and thoughts are with the family during your time of loss.



Jimmy Dial - March 15, 2023 at 11:33 PM

PG

“ Patrick Snd Pam Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon



Patrick snd Pam Griggs - March 15, 2023 at 11:19 PM

DB

“ Dick Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon



Dick Brown - March 15, 2023 at 10:43 PM

EB

“ Eddie Blackmon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon



Eddie Blackmon - March 15, 2023 at 09:49 PM

SF

“ Sorry for your loss. Praying for your family.

Steve and Gail Funderburk



Steve Funderburk - March 15, 2023 at 09:48 PM

JW

“ Jewel Gibson And Krystal Weekley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon



Jewel Gibson and Krystal Weekley - March 15, 2023 at 09:16 PM

DS

“ Todd and Ken sorry for your loss



Dennis Sellards - March 15, 2023 at 08:47 PM

KG

“ Very sorry for y'all's loss 🙏🙏



kim McWhorter gainey - March 15, 2023 at 07:57 PM

LS

“ *Lavonde Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon*



Lavonde Smith - March 15, 2023 at 07:46 PM

KJ

“ *Kathi Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon*



Kathi Johnson - March 15, 2023 at 07:24 PM

JP

“ *Todd, Ken, Mrs Margie and to all the family. I am so sorry. Praying for all of you today and in the days ahead. He was a special man.*



Judy J Pierce.

Judy Pierce - March 15, 2023 at 05:41 PM

WB

“ *Margie and family. Sorry to hear of the passing of Johnny. May God wrap you in his loving arms and give you strength and peace. Love in Christ.*

Walter and Janelle Britt - March 15, 2023 at 05:37 PM

FG

“ *Frances Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon*



Frances Griggs - March 15, 2023 at 05:23 PM



“ *Karen Gainey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Olin Lawhon*



Karen Gainey - March 15, 2023 at 05:16 PM

AK

“ *Ken, Paula, Todd and families, praying for you all during this difficult time.*



Angie Kennedy - March 15, 2023 at 05:11 PM

GG

“ *Sending Prayers so sorry 🙏 Rip Mr. Johnny*

Gail A. Gainey - March 15, 2023 at 04:35 PM

AS

“ I love you Johnny i miss you so much already still doesn't feel real ..
-sincerely your girl coota



Ashanti - March 15, 2023 at 04:25 PM

CA

“ Margie and Family - all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Love ya'll...



ChellieHunt Atkinson - March 15, 2023 at 04:06 PM

TC

“ I am so sad to hear of Mr. Johnny's passing. He was a great mentor to me. 🙏 For all of you



Tammy Young Caudle - March 15, 2023 at 03:30 PM

DS

“ Ken, Todd and families, we are so sorry to hear of Johnny passing. He was such a wonderful person and will be truly missed. He was our friend and we loved him and Judy. We will cherish our memories of them. We pray God will comfort each and every one of you now and the days ahead.



David & Gloria Shoemake - March 15, 2023 at 03:13 PM