



Mr. John D. Johnston Jr.

October 1, 1932 - December 18, 2011

John D. Johnston, Jr. died on Sunday, December 18, 2011 at his home on Skipper Ridge in Henderson County, North Carolina. Born in Asheville, North Carolina on October 1, 1932, he was the son of John D. Johnston and Marion Green Johnston.

He attended Asheville High School, where he was President of the student body, and Duke University as an Angier B. Duke Scholar. In 1956, he received his LL.B from Duke University Law School, where he was a Member of the Editorial Board of the Duke Bar Journal. Following a brief career in private practice with J.P. Morgan & Company in New York and Wright & Shuford, attorneys in Asheville, he began his career as a law teacher in 1962 at Duke Law School. He taught at New York University Law School from 1969 until he retired in 1990 as Professor of Law Emeritus. He was a scholar of legal topics many consider dull – property law, trusts and estates and land use regulation – but his classes were always packed because he was a brilliant teacher who made these subjects come alive for generations of law students.

He leaves to mourn him his wife of 40 years, Diana Armatage Johnston, his sister, Aileen Trollinger, 6 children from a prior marriage to the late Beryl Roberts Watson (Catherine Harris, Patricia Thayer, Joy Christian, Laura Johnston, Jackie Swanson and John D. Johnston III), 2 step-daughters (Rebecca Murray and Megan Murray), 17 grandchildren, 1 great-grandson

and many friends and former students.

Services will be private.

Memorials may be made in his honor to MANNA FoodBank, 627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville, NC 28805.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John D. Johnston Jr.*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *My sympathy to the family. I hope they are all doing well through this tough time.*

John Sharpe - December 26, 2011 at 02:56 PM



“ *My sympathy to Mrs. Johnston and the rest of the family. Mr. Johnston and his first wife, Beryl were friends of my parents, and i grew up with their eldest daughter, Cathy, who i would love to be in touch with again.*

Katie Kremer - December 25, 2011 at 08:18 AM



“ *Jack and his sister Aileen attended Central Methodist Church and Lee H. Edwards High School together. They and their parents were both good friends and delightful to be around. Jack visited our house and I have some home movies of one visit. He was one fine man. I only saw Jack and Aileen at Church after our high school years, since I made a career of the Air Force and following retirement settled in Knoxville, Tennessee. My sympathy to Aileen and the family.*

Bill Starnes, LHE Class of 1948.

Bill Starnes - December 21, 2011 at 08:59 AM

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“ Jack and I were friends at Lee Edwards for our high school years. He was a fellow student that stood out because of his drive and intellect coupled with ability to make everyone feel comfortable. He showed leadership at a young age and his personal traits and intellect were able to forge a good life for himself and his families. He was so likable and considerate. His place here on earth will not be replaced. He was a unique human being. My heart goes out to his family and know that they will be comforted.
Peggy Anne Pettit, Ph.D.

Dr. Peggy Anne Pettit - December 21, 2011 at 06:31 AM

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Diana- the Board and Staff of Pardee Hospital Foundation are thinking of you and send our sympathy to you and John's family.
Myra Grant,

Myra Grant - December 27, 2011 at 10:49 AM