



Stephen Jonas Johnson

January 1, 2014

Stephen Jonas Johnson, 69, of Atlanta passed away on January 1, 2014 at Peachtree Christian Hospice. He will be reunited in heaven with the love of his life, Marianne Timmerman Johnson, after being apart for just one short year. Steve was born on October 22, 1944 in Alliance, NE and raised on his family farm in Bridgeport, NE. He received his bachelors in Psychology and Zoology from Arizona State University, an MBA in International Management from Thunderbird School of Global Management and his Ph.D. in Clinical Neuropsychology from the California School of Professional Psychology. After moving to Atlanta in 1979 for work at Emory Rehabilitation Center, he founded the Center for Cognitive Rehabilitation (CCR), which is committed to the treatment of people suffering from traumatic brain injury. One of his professional passions was forensics and he worked tirelessly to ensure that the truths of people's injuries were accurately reported. He also helped lead various professional organizations such as the Brain Injury Association of Georgia where he was instrumental in spearheading a successful campaign for helmet laws in the state of Georgia. After retirement from CCR in 2011 he began teaching continuing education courses, something he simply loved. One his greatest joys was playing with his 5 young grandchildren. The kids would take turns riding on Papa's lap, getting pulled around in a wagon, dressing Papa in whatever crazy wig or boa the kids fancied, reading endless books on his lap, and collecting special rocks. Steve was one of the most positive and optimistic persons one could ever meet. He genuinely had

interest in every single person he encountered and had the ability to change people's lives with one good heart-to-heart conversation. He will forever be remembered for his depth of love, strong spirit, unwavering determination and devotion to family and friends. We will miss you dearly and love you "a million times around the world." Steve is preceded in death by his wife, Marianne Timmerman Johnson. He is survived by his daughter Sarah (Scott) Sloan; son, Jonas (Laura) Johnson, cherished grandchildren; Rhiannon(7), Patrick (6), Lilah (5), Emma (3) and Jonas Henry (1); sister-in-law, Dottie Johnson; brother-in-law, Joe Timmerman; many nieces, nephews, cousins and relatives. The funeral Mass will be held on Saturday January 18th at 12:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Following the funeral Mass, the family will receive friends in the reception hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Steve's name to the Brain Injury Association of Georgia.

Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen Jonas Johnson*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Sarah and Jonas,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. I have known him throughout my professional career, and had the pleasure of supervising him on some neuropsychological testing many, MANY moons ago. I was then later pleased to sponsor him for fellow status in the National Academy of Neuropsychology. My husband and I spent many dinners together with your folks at the Brain Injury Association fundraisers. I will miss Steve and your mom very much.*

Dr. Joanne Max - January 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sarah and Jonas, peace and comfort to you both as you celebrate the lives of your parents and adjust to life without them both. Your dad was a great teacher for me, he changed my life and those of thousands more. As my clinical supervisor for 12 years, he taught me about being present for my clients, about finding something positive to spring from. I will forever see him chuckling and rising a bit to say as we waved his hand and scooted up in the chair, "You know, what I like about that is...." As I think of now the 3rd generation of brain injury specialists coming along behind him, I clearly see the ripple effect of his pioneering, patient spirit. Thank you for sharing him with all of us and know that his legacy is important and lasting.*

Cindi Johnson - January 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ Your father/grandfather was one of the nicest and kindest person that I have ever had the opportunity to know. I was your parents banker for many years. Even though I have not had the opportunity to meet any of you - your father and mother spoke of you often. They were so proud of all of you. I know that your father and mother are together once again as they should be. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

JoAnn Young - January 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Sarah and Jonas, I worked with your father when I first completed graduate school (Sarah you may remember me). I had no idea what a privilege it would be to be mentored by such a bright, caring, gifted man. I would not be half the professional I am today were it not for Steve. He was one of the finest human beings I have ever met. My thoughts are with you both at this time. I am so very sorry for your loss.

Katherine Dunlap - January 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

IM

“ Steve was such an outstanding person. He was a great family man, Christian, and friend. He will be missed by all those whose lives he touched, and we are many. May he rest in the arms of the God he so loved. Iris McCoy

Iris McCoy - January 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Sarah and Jonas, I have such fond memories of hanging out at your house in high school. Your mom was ALWAYS smiling and giggling and your dad was such a calm presence, despite being surrounded by a bunch of crazy teenagers. In the 17 years since I lost my dad, I've asked "why??" so many times. There is no good answer. So instead you say "thank you" for the times you had, and try to figure out what to do next. Cherish your memories, be thankful for the time they had with your children and be thankful for each other.
Sending love and prayers from an old friend,
Steph

Stephanie Vidan Styles - January 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM