



## Mr. Johnny Humphrey

December 14, 1943 - May 19, 2020

Mr. John William “Johnny” Humphrey, age 76, of Lavonia, passed away Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at his home following an extended illness.

Born December 14, 1943, he was the son of the late Eugene Minor and Irene (Vandiver) Humphrey. He was a 1961 graduate of Lavonia High School and a veteran of the Army National Guard. Johnny was owner and operator of Franklin County Auto Parts until his retirement. He was also the former owner of Commerce Auto Parts, in Commerce, and Big A Auto Parts, in Toccoa and Hartwell. Following retirement, he enjoyed working on computers for his friends, which he continued as long as his health allowed. He was a retired firefighter and officer with the Lavonia Fire Department. He was a founding member of the Rebel CB Club Ambulance Service, which was the first ambulance service in Lavonia. He loved auto racing and was an official at Lavonia, Hartwell, and Toccoa, Speedways. He was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and the Sanctuary Sunday School Class. Johnny is widely known and remembered by his family, friends, and community for his generosity and gentle spirit.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years: Sue (Tucker) Humphrey of the home; daughter & son-in-law: Sharon & Rodney Ashworth of Hartwell; son & daughter-in-law: Dr. Stewart & Alejandra Humphrey of MO; grandchildren: Cohen Ashworth and John Stewart Humphrey; brothers & sisters-in-law: Jerome & Kaye Humphrey of Martin and Joe & Merita Humphrey of Rome; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a son: Brian Jay Humphrey; twin daughters; and his brother & sister-in-law Jeff & Francis Humphrey.

A private chapel service will be held at the funeral home with burial following in Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery. Following the service on Saturday, a recording will be on the funeral home website for those wishing to view. Although the family will not be present, Johnny will lie in state at the funeral home Friday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The family respectfully requests no flowers and asks that donations be made to Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, P.O. Box 393, Lavonia, GA 30553.

Due to the current community health crisis no visitation or public service will be held at this time. To sign the online guest register and leave personal condolences to the family, please visit [stricklandfh.com](http://stricklandfh.com).

Strickland Funeral Home of Lavonia is in charge of the arrangements.

# Cemetery

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## Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery

1333 Pleasant Hill Circle  
Martin, GA, 30557

# Events

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**MAY 22** **Lie In State** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Strickland Funeral Home of Lavonia  
355 Bear Creek Road, Lavonia, GA, US,  
30553

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Joseph A. Strickland Funeral Homes** - May 21, 2020 at 03:54 PM



“ Johnny was like a big brother to me. He always looked out for me and gave me good advice. We will miss him. Sue, Sharon and Stuart you are in our thoughts and prayers. Ernie and Marie Dawkins

**Ernie Dawkins** - May 22, 2020 at 03:58 PM

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“ Dianne McCall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Humphrey



**Dianne McCall** - May 24, 2020 at 01:49 AM

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“ I have been thinking of you all during this sad time. Remembering Johnny through the years and remembering Sue and her stories during our time working together at the high school. I know he will be missed.

**diane toney** - May 23, 2020 at 10:52 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Johnny Humphrey Service



Joseph A. Strickland Funeral Homes - May 23, 2020 at 02:07 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss of Johnny He a great man and a friend! He will be missed to so many of a lot of us. My Prayers are with you all. I went bye the funeral home to pay my respect yesterday brought so many memories back to me all good times we had together. God Bless his family! Love You'll

Levis Whitfield (tommy) - May 23, 2020 at 12:28 PM

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“ You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Lottie Mathews - May 23, 2020 at 08:37 AM

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“ I am praying for Sue and family.  
-George Garriss

George Garriss - May 23, 2020 at 08:37 AM

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“ John and I are extremely saddened to hear of Johnny's passing. I will always remember him spending an entire day transferring my info to a new computer. That ment a lot to both John and I. John has shared a lot of stories with me and I know Johnny will be greatly missed. Sue, we know what your going through, and if you need anything or just need a shoulder, we are just a phone call away. Our prayers are with you. Kathy and John Shirley.

Kathy Shirley - May 22, 2020 at 03:53 PM

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“ Sue and family, I can't imagine Lavonia without Johnny! You two represent home whenever we are here. We have had so much fun over the years when all the cousins gathered - always so much laughter (no matter the occasion). Praying for peace for you all!

**Sharron Maughn** - May 22, 2020 at 03:39 PM

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“ Sue and Family, my heart is full of good memories of all our Vandiver family gatherings across the years. I can still hear Johnny's oh so distinctive voice welcoming everybody. He was a good man who cared for everyone; I was proud to call him cousin. He will be missed. May God wrap his arms around you and bring you blessed peace. Much love, Kay Vandiver Stovall

**Kay Vandiver Stovall** - May 22, 2020 at 03:33 PM

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“ Praying fro you all  
Howard and Marlene Sheriff

**Howard and Marlene Sheriff** - May 22, 2020 at 03:21 PM

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“ My dad and Johnny were the best of friends, he was always talking about Johnny Hump (as he called him). Rest In Peace. See ya when we get there.  
With love,  
Olin Smith & Laura Smith

**Laura Smith** - May 22, 2020 at 02:20 PM

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“ Dr. Humphrey - The staff here at Heartland Plastic & Hand Surgery want to send you our condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, and your entire family, during this difficult time.

**Kim Hope** - May 22, 2020 at 10:48 AM

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“ What a fine man and a dear friend, not just to us but to everyone he met. Look at all these tributes! This is just amazing. He had a great love for his family and friends and that is so evident. Johnny Humphrey...a man we have known all our lives. His legacy will live on and be remembered. Prayers for you all during this time and the times ahead. We will remember Johnny with smiles because of how he touched our lives and made the world a better place. Love to all! Judy and Keith

**Judy Carter** - May 22, 2020 at 09:18 AM

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“ So very sorry for your loss Johnny was such a sweet person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May The Lord Jesus comfort your hearts at this very difficult time. Kenny and Wanda Davison

**Wanda Davison** - May 22, 2020 at 07:54 AM

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“ Johnny,  
He always met you with a smile and outstretched hand. Grew up in Lavonia and always traded with Johnny for automotive needs and at Christmas time would always get “Monkey” calendars from him.  
He will be sorely missed by a large number of individuals, including myself. Want to offer my deepest sympathy to Johnny’s family and wish them the very best. May God give all peace and comfort.  
Mike & Gloria Dawkins

**Mike Dawkins** - May 21, 2020 at 09:15 PM

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“ I made my first ambulance call with Johnny and made many fire calls with him too. He was always someone you could talk to for good advice. Jonny will be truly missed. Prayers to the family-Mike Reed

**Mike Reed** - May 21, 2020 at 08:02 PM

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**Jimmy and Dianne Spears** - May 21, 2020 at 06:03 PM

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“ Sue and I want you and the family to know that my prayers are with you. I can remember the friendship that we had with Johnny and your family. May God comfort each in a special way.

Douglas Goss

**Douglas Goss** - May 21, 2020 at 05:25 PM

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“ Sue And Melinda Fulghum lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Humphrey



**Sue and Melinda Fulghum** - May 21, 2020 at 04:28 PM

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“ Dr. Humphrey and family - so sorry for your loss, keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.

Beverly and Bill Doan

**Beverly Doan** - May 21, 2020 at 03:36 PM

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“ Such a dear, precious friend that will be greatly missed. Our love and prayers to Sue and family. Heaven is much richer now. We will always remember his kindness to us.  
David & Carolyn Wilson

David & Carolyn Wilson - May 21, 2020 at 03:36 PM

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“ 43 files added to the album LifeTributes



Joseph A. Strickland Funeral Homes - May 21, 2020 at 03:36 PM

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“ Chad And Amy Marcengill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Humphrey



Chad and Amy Marcengill - May 21, 2020 at 12:38 PM

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“ Sue, Stewart and Sharon so sorry for your loss. He will be missed by all of the Lavonia community.

Prayers,  
Kim Craft

Kim Craft - May 21, 2020 at 12:19 PM

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“ Sue and family, so sad to hear about Johnny. You all are in our thoughts and prayers! I will miss keeping in touch with you on Facebook! He will be missed but will be remembered with our memories. Take care! Elaine and Lendon Gibbs.

**elaine gibbs** - May 21, 2020 at 11:57 AM

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“ Mr Johnny has always been one to help in any way he could. Back in the "old days" i used to race. I would go up to franklin county auto parts with a idea, and Johnny would always come up with the parts to finish the job. There would have been a lot of people out walking if he had not been there to come up with ways to fix their cars. He did not always go by the book, but he always found you a answer. He will be greatly missed by many people, including me !!!

**Curtis** - May 21, 2020 at 10:21 AM

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“ Evelyn Herring lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Humphrey



**Evelyn Herring** - May 21, 2020 at 09:52 AM

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“ Leslie And Jan Boles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Humphrey



**Leslie and Jan Boles** - May 21, 2020 at 09:17 AM

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“ My prayers are with y'all at this sad time. Johnny and Sue were the finest couple that I ever knew, God bless this family



**benny cheek** - May 21, 2020 at 09:06 AM

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“ Bobby Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Humphrey



**Bobby Adams** - May 21, 2020 at 09:00 AM

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“ Sue, you and Johnny were two of the first people we met when we first moved to Lavonia. What a wonderful couple with two special children. We are thinking of you all as you say goodbye to your loving husband and father.

**jack and Peggy Slaton** - May 21, 2020 at 08:08 AM

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“ My prayers and thoughts are with you all during this difficult time. May God wrap his everlasting arms around you and hold you close. Johnny was such a caring and considerate person. He will be missed by us all.

**Mary Lou Jacson** - May 21, 2020 at 07:29 AM

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“ Such a kind and caring man. There will never be another like him. Love and prayers to Sue and children.  
Tyrus and Bonnie

**bonnie smith** - May 20, 2020 at 10:07 PM

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“ Carole Burroughs Spencer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Humphrey



**Carole Burroughs Spencer** - May 20, 2020 at 10:03 PM

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“ Johnny was a wonderful friend He will be missed by many Love and prayers to the family. Elizabeth and Daniel Crump

**Elizabeth Crump** - May 20, 2020 at 08:42 PM

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“ Loved the man. His intellect, wisdom and caring nature serves as example to all of us. Prayers to those that loved and depended on this man for so much.

**Eddie Wayne Grizzle** - May 20, 2020 at 08:37 PM

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“ Ingra Langston sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Humphrey



**ingra langston** - May 20, 2020 at 07:35 PM

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“ Sharon and family, so sorry to hear about your dad. You and the family have my prayers.



**Kathy Baker** - May 20, 2020 at 07:06 PM

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“ Sue and family, we are so sorry to hear of Johnnys passing! He was a wonderful man and a great neighbor! He will be missed. May God give you strength and know we are here if you need us!

**larry and Sharon Philpot** - May 20, 2020 at 06:53 PM

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“ Our love and sympathy to Sue, Sharon, and Stewart and their families. We are so very sad to hear this news this morning. Johnny and I grew up in the Clarks Creek community and I remember Johnny and his family as good friends and neighbors from so many years ago. Johnny was a good man and will be missed. All the family will be in our prayers. - Joe and Patsy (Thompson) Wang

**Pat Wang** - May 20, 2020 at 06:51 PM

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“ Kelly & Duchess Blakely lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Humphrey



**Kelly & Duchess Blakely** - May 20, 2020 at 06:43 PM

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“ It is said that everyone leaves part of themselves behind when they pass. Johnny left a big part of himself to the whole town of Lavonia. Admired and respected by so many friends and acquaintances, Johnny was simply a fine man. As a young fellow, as a favor to his friend, my mother, he let me come stay at the parts store with him and he gave me little jobs like fetching coffee, sweeping up and taking out the trash. I learned a lot that summer because he was patient, kind and encouraging. I looked up to him and he taught me many life lessons. He always gave good advice and even though he might not have thought that I was listening, I was and his wisdom has helped me throughout my life. He will be sorely missed by everyone whose life he touched.

**Kelly Blakely** - May 20, 2020 at 06:42 PM

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“ What a special man in my life. He will never know how much he meant to me.

**Kay Holland Reed** - May 20, 2020 at 06:35 PM

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“ We will miss you, Johnny. Condolences and love to all Johnny's family.



**Sherry Bruce** - May 20, 2020 at 06:23 PM

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“ Renee Gailey Wood lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Humphrey



**Renee Gailey Wood** - May 20, 2020 at 06:21 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Johnny's passing. He was a kind and sweet soul...All the family are in my thought and prayers.



**Shirley W. Scarborough** - May 20, 2020 at 05:42 PM

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“ Johnny was a great man. Praying for peace and comfort for you all! Love you!

Rodney & Renee Andrews

**Renee Andrews** - May 20, 2020 at 05:36 PM

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“ Linda McGee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Humphrey



**Linda McGee** - May 20, 2020 at 05:19 PM

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“ Prayers for all of you during this time. Edward and Angie Andrews

**Edward & Angie Andrews** - May 20, 2020 at 05:04 PM

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“ Swain And Connie Roberson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Humphrey



Swain and Connie Roberson - May 20, 2020 at 04:58 PM

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“ Sue and family,

We were so sorry to hear of Johnny's passing. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers!

Larry and Lydia Finger

Lydia Finger - May 20, 2020 at 04:44 PM



“ sorry to hear about johnny.i purchased parts from Johnny for years.he was a wise and caring soul.he will be missed.

carl whitworth - May 20, 2020 at 05:56 PM

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“ Linda Doker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Humphrey



Linda Doker - May 20, 2020 at 04:40 PM



“ Sue and family,Kenneth and I are so sad at the passing of Johnny,he was such a great person and will be missed so much. You have our deepest sympathies,and we pray that you will be comforted by how much Johnny was loved. God Bless you in your deep sadness, Kenneth and Linda Doker

Linda Doker - May 20, 2020 at 04:46 PM

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“ Sue,  
You are in my prayers and thoughts. You have my deepest sympathy.

**Linda B. Payne** - May 20, 2020 at 04:35 PM