



## James G. Johnson

December 4, 1941 - June 16, 2023

James “Jimmy”/“Jim” Gordon Johnson, 81, of Richmond, IN, entered his heavenly home on June 16, 2023.

Jimmy was born on December 4th, 1941 in Winchester. As a youngster, Jimmy enjoyed participating in soap box derbies, ultimately competing in the All-American Soap Box Derby World Championship. He was a personal driver for Hagerstown’s famous Ralph Teetor and mowed the grounds of the Teetor estate. After graduating from Hagerstown High School in 1959, he became a part of the Indiana University Marching Hundred, then went on to study at Indiana State University in Terre Haute for 3.5 years.

Jim was well known as a jazz drummer over the decades. He played in various bands, toured around the country with the Lou Mitten Trio, sat in for Wild Bill Davis, and in later years performed with Richmond’s jazz band, Moment’s Notice.

Jim worked for Dana Corporation in Syracuse for many years before retiring in 2002. He relocated to Richmond to live out the rest of his years working various security jobs, playing pickup gigs with local jazz musicians, making a home for a few rescued cats and spending as much time with family as possible. Jim will be remembered for his sense of humor, memorable laugh, the joy he experienced being a pappaw, how proud he was of his daughters,

his love for animals, his sweet spirit and enduring faith in God.

James was preceded in death by his parents Gordon “Babe” and Ruth (Foutz) Johnson of Hagerstown and sister Joanna “Joie” (Charlie) Tutterow of Deputy, IN.

James is survived by his daughters Jana Johnson of Springville, IN and Jessica (Andy) Krickenbarger of Arcanum, OH, and granddaughter Kaiya.

Visitation will be 3 to 5 PM on Friday, June 23, at Culberson Funeral Home, Hagerstown. Services will follow at 5 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Animal Care Alliance of Richmond, IN ([animalcarealliance.com/Donate Now](http://animalcarealliance.com/DonateNow)).

Online condolences may be left at [www.culbersonfh.com](http://www.culbersonfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## West Lawn Cemetery

400 West High St.  
Hagerstown, IN 47346  
(765) 489-6171

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 23.** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Culberson Funeral Home - Hagerstown  
51 South Washington Street  
Hagerstown, IN 47346  
(765) 489-5511  
info@culbersonfh.com  
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## Service

**JUN 23.** 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Culberson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James G. Johnson*



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**Culberson Funeral Home** - June 22, 2023 at 06:58 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James G. Johnson.*



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June 23, 2023 at 09:48 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James G. Johnson.*



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June 22, 2023 at 07:13 PM



“ 100 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Culberson Funeral Home** - June 22, 2023 at 06:43 PM



“ *He was my drummer when I played with Moments' Notice. Good man, good drummer. Always held a steady beat. Jim will be missed.*  
*Paul L Moran*  
*Sun City Center Florida*

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**Paul L. Moran** - June 20, 2023 at 05:14 PM

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*So sorry to hear about your dad. Enjoyed by acquaintance with Jim. May God be with your during this time.*

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**Pastor Bob Fannin** - June 21, 2023 at 09:45 AM