



## Calvin Keith Johnson

May 9, 1957 - October 23, 2019

Calvin Keith Johnson was born to James Lee Johnson and Elsie Vera Powell Johnson May 9, 1957 in Ville Platte, LA. The youngest of 8 children, Calvin was doted on by his older siblings while growing up alongside many of his nieces and nephews in Bayou Chicot. After graduating from Bayou Chicot High School in 1975, he married his high school sweetheart Kathy Powers in 1976. They had one daughter, Kaitlin, who he loved dearly and was so very proud of.

Calvin began his career at Cleco in 1978 as an operator at Coughlin Power Station. Throughout his next 41 years of service with Cleco, he would go on to hold numerous positions of increasing responsibility, including supervisor of energy control operations and general manager of energy services. Calvin's unique career allowed him the opportunity to work as an operator and a manager in the generation and transmission areas of Cleco Power, in addition to working a short while in their unregulated marketing and trading business. He was solely responsible for initiating procurement of solid fuel by river needed for Madison 3 operations over a decade ago – a first for Cleco. Calvin became a well-loved and respected member of the power industry and had friends from companies all across the country.

In addition to his dedicated work at Cleco, Calvin was also a master craftsman. Using his fine woodworking skills, he built cabinetry for homes from Ville Platte to Alexandria. His talented touch can be seen throughout his own historic home which he completely refinished in Alexandria's Garden District. In later years his interests turned to metalwork, which he mastered and excelled in, true to his perfectionist nature.

Calvin moved to Alexandria in 1999, where he eventually met Shelley Jinks. They quickly became close friends and then inseparable partners, marrying in 2004. Their mutual adoration and respect for one another was evident to all who knew them. Their home was often opened up to friends and family to celebrate life – from morning runs and coffee, to Halloween and New Year's Eve parties. Calvin loved nothing more than to play the role of gracious host within his home. There was never an empty cup or glass as long as Calvin

was around.

When he wasn't building something in his workshop, he was out golfing, running, cycling, or cooking. He was happiest when he was busy and surrounded by the people he loved. His smile, kind eyes, and warm, genuine chuckle endeared him to everyone who knew him. A life of joy and gratitude and a legacy of integrity is what he leaves behind.

Calvin passed away peacefully in his home Wednesday, October 23 after an 18-month battle with Glioblastoma Multiforme, an aggressive form of brain cancer. His final moments were much like the life he lived, surrounded by love.

He is preceded in death by his father, mother, brother James Aaron Johnson, and sister, Vera Lee Johnson Cole.

Those left to mourn him and cherish his memory are his loving wife of 15 years Shelley Marie Jinks Johnson of Alexandria; daughter Kaitlin Sheree Johnson of Alexandria; former wife Kathy Jean Powers Johnson of Turkey Creek; sister Mildred Lucille Johnson Patin of Pineville; sister Shelby Jean Johnson Madden of Plano, TX; sister Elsie Lorraine Johnson Perrodin (Ebby) of Ville Platte; brother Clyde Wilbur Johnson of St Landry; sister Peggy Jean Johnson Forman (Wayne) of Bayou Chicot; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends.

A Celebration of Life for Calvin Keith Johnson will be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, November 2, 2019, with Dr. Chris Thacker officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of John Kramer & Son Funeral Home. Visitation will be held from 9:00 A.M. until the time of service at the church on Saturday, November 2, 2019.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Rosie Foundation: PO Box 301, Franklin, KY 42135.

To extend online notes of condolence to the Johnson Family, please visit [www.KramerFunerals.com](http://www.KramerFunerals.com).

# Events

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**NOV** **Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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Emmanuel Baptist Church

430 Jackson Street, Alexandria, LA, US, 71301

**NOV** **Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ I wanted to let Shelley and Kaitlin and all the family know that we dearly loved and miss Calvin. I was in the 5:30am running group "The Cenla Wolfpack" started by Calvin and Shelley at their house. They were always such wonderful hosts and friends and encouragers. I loved seeing Calvin's smiling face and running with the group plus the conversations after our runs often by the fire and the pool in their back yard. Calvin was definitely an inspiration to me and to all as is Shelley and Kaitlin for your strength and love during the last 18 months. God bless you and please know that I will be continuing to pray for you especially after the funeral and everyone goes home. May God bless and keep you in the days ahead. I made a donation to the Rosie Foundation in memory of Calvin. Much love to all!

**Todd Rogers** - November 01, 2019 at 06:52 PM

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“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Calvin Keith Johnson.



November 01, 2019 at 02:54 PM

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“ Tony and Leslie Walker purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Calvin Keith Johnson.



**Tony and Leslie Walker** - November 01, 2019 at 01:00 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Calvin Keith Johnson.



November 01, 2019 at 11:36 AM

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“ Mark & Lauren Uresti purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Calvin Keith Johnson.



Mark & Lauren Uresti - October 31, 2019 at 03:52 PM

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“ ExxonMobil Fuels & Lubricants purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Calvin Keith Johnson.



ExxonMobil Fuels & Lubricants - October 31, 2019 at 11:51 AM

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“ Love, Your Marathon Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Calvin Keith Johnson.



Love, Your Marathon Family - October 29, 2019 at 10:18 AM

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“ Dick and Diane Gomez purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Calvin Keith Johnson.



Dick and Diane Gomez - October 29, 2019 at 09:30 AM

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“ BIG Hugs and Much Love from your Valero Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Calvin Keith Johnson.



BIG Hugs and Much Love from your Valero Family - October 28, 2019 at 04:19 PM

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“ My husband and I had so many many wonderful times with Calvin and Shelley. We went on a few small trips together and one big one to Vegas to celebrate Calvin's big 50 in May 2007. Can't believe that was 12 years ago. We were with them both at Schlitterbahn in Newbraunfels Texas when Calvin proposed to Shelley. During all those wonderful adventures Calvin was wonderful, joyful and always an all around great guy every single time! He had the warmest smile and most compassionate yet at times, humorous eyes. They crinkled and sparkled when he laughed! We will never forget him.

Kelley and Amanda - October 28, 2019 at 11:37 AM

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“ The Staff at Crain-Ponthieux Companies purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Calvin Keith Johnson.



**The Staff at Crain-Ponthieux Companies** - October 28, 2019 at 09:53 AM

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“ our condolences and prayers for Shelley and family.

**Dennis and Vicky Guthrie** - October 27, 2019 at 05:54 AM

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“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Calvin Keith Johnson.



October 26, 2019 at 10:07 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Calvin



**Gail Altendorfer** - October 24, 2019 at 10:53 PM



“ Such fun times with good friends. This is one of my favorite pictures

**shelley johnson** - October 25, 2019 at 11:10 AM



“ So very sorry Shelly for your loss. Calvin was a good man and you were blessed to have had these years together. Praying for God's comforting arms to surround you. Much love ,  
Martha

**Martha Carson** - October 25, 2019 at 05:48 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Calvin Keith Johnson.



October 24, 2019 at 05:50 PM