



## J. Lee Johnson

August 28, 1971 - June 10, 2014

In Lieu of flowers donations may be made in Mr. Johnson's name to the Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra, Po Box 90903, Santa Barbara, Ca. 93190

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL **10**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Santa Barbara Womens Club  
670 Mission Canyon Road  
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

# Tribute Wall

BH

“ *Betty Hall lit a candle in memory of J. Lee Johnson*



**Betty Hall** - January 03, 2015 at 02:59 AM

BH

*I sit here in shock after just learning of Lee's passing. I am honored to have worked with him and to have known him and Betsy during their time in Fulton, KY. His smile could light up a room and his humor could cheer one up even on a bad day. He will forever be truly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to Betsy, David, Joe and Sharon at the loss of good man way too soon. Sincerely, Betty Hall*

**Betty Hall** - January 03, 2015 at 03:05 AM

KK

“ *Karen Kirkman lit a candle in memory of J. Lee Johnson*



**Karen Kirkman** - August 13, 2014 at 04:59 PM

AN

“ *Anita lit a candle in memory of J. Lee Johnson*



**anita** - August 13, 2014 at 04:48 PM

JJ

“ Lee was always Such A Happy Person. He Was A Competent Pianist That We Enjoyed Hearing Each SundaY At The ParkTerrace. Betsy, Joe And Sharon And Kevin You All Have Our Deepest sympath. God Bless You.  
Johnny And Judy Jones

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**Johnny and Judy Jones** - July 09, 2014 at 06:22 AM

JS

“ *Mr. Johnson was always a bright light when he would call the office. I just found out Lee passed away. How awful. It crossed my mind a few weeks ago, I have not heard from him. I thought maybe he and the family were on holiday. I will miss hearing his wonderful, cheery voice. Lee was always so kind to ask how I'm doing and the family, did I have a great weekend, etc.*

*I know this is my job, but I become quite fond of the people I speak with on a daily basis. Mr. Lee Johnson was most definitely one of them. Again, I will miss speaking with Lee. My deepest and dearest sympathies to you Betsy and Family. May Lee's sparkle of light be with you always." Deepest Regards,*

*Jamie Shallcross - Receptionist, Henderson Caverly Pum & Charney LLP*

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**Jamie Shallcross** - July 08, 2014 at 04:41 PM

RS

“ Betsy, I am so grateful that I was able to get to know you just recently through Lee and I'm so saddened by Lee's loss and what it must mean to you. Lee brightened my day every time I was lucky enough to be around him. He made the things I did around him more enjoyable and something to look forward to. I am a better professional because Lee was part of my trusted circle of advisors, and a better person because Lee touched my life. I'm certain that somewhere, somehow, Lee is working on mastering Bach and I will never hear that music again without his memory as a part of it. I will miss him dearly and will keep you and others dear to Lee in my prayers.

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**Rich Schuette** - July 02, 2014 at 05:57 PM

CF

“ Cynthia and Norman Fulcher



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**Cynthia and Norman Fulcher** - June 30, 2014 at 06:36 PM

AR

“ I was saddened to hear of Lee's death. I met Lee about five years ago and we have worked on trust matters with clients over the years. I so enjoyed those time talking to Lee. He was always so kind, thoughtful and had a great grasp of the law. I will always think of him with a huge smile on his face. I am sure he will leave a huge hole in the Santa Barbara legal community, both as a fellow lawyer and for those whom he served.  
I will miss you Lee.

Alice Rokahr  
Sioux Falls South Dakota Trust Officer

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Alice Rokahr - June 25, 2014 at 09:58 AM

KK

“ Karen Kirkman lit a candle in memory of J.  
Lee Johnson



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Karen Kirkman - June 23, 2014 at 06:49 PM

MA

“ Mary Akkerman lit a candle in memory of J.  
Lee Johnson



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Mary Akkerman - June 23, 2014 at 02:07 PM

GS

“ Sharon my little sister, Joe Betsy and Kevin. I will remember Lee for all the joy he brought to us. What a blessing to our family! I can only remember good comments from Mother about Lee when she lived you . Lee was such a blessing to mother in her old age. Lee brought you -Sharon and Joe-a lovely daughter-Betsy-to love and hold dear.He always made excellent choices.What a wonderful brother to Kevin. When Kevin saw Lee he would clap his hands and smile so big. Sharon you and Joe should be so proud and complimented for the fine young man you raised to share with us.Yes, we are all so sad to give Lee up and we have that big WHY --but we have such wonderful memories of a life well lived! Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted. You shall know the truth and the truth will make you free.

Grace

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**Grace Sellers** - June 18, 2014 at 04:13 AM

MM

“ Lee became my big brother by marriage. One of the happiest days of my life was when he wed my sister, Betsy. I was happy because I knew that he would be the best for her, as she was the best for him. Those are actually perfect words to describe Lee: 'the best.' Whether he was being family, being a friend, giving comfort, giving a hug, telling a story, being patient . . . Lee was the best at it. I adore my big brother, and I'm so grateful for all the memories we have of him. Loving thoughts and hugs to Joe, Sharon and Betsy, from Meaghan and Mark

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**Meaghan and Mark** - June 17, 2014 at 11:13 AM

RB

“ Dear Betsy, Sharon and Joe,  
We were so sad to hear the unexpected news about the passing of Lee. We think the last time we saw him was at a family reunion up in Meadowlands, Minnesota. At that time he was already well on his way to becoming the wonderful man he became. We were always amazed when we would hear about another one of his accomplishments. Time may pass, but the memories of Lee will always live on and the love family and friends have for Lee will always live on too. Ours thoughts are with you all right now as we send prayers, hugs and love.  
Ranae and Jim Breyen

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Ranae Breyen - June 17, 2014 at 07:50 AM

AB

“ We all want to do something to mitigate the pain of loss or to turn grief into something positive, to find a silver lining in the clouds. But I believe there is real value in just standing there, being still, being sad.”

I have only worked with Lee for a little over a year - but I will truly miss him.

April

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April Braley - June 16, 2014 at 05:27 PM

KK

“ I was privileged to have known and worked with Lee for two short years. His affable charm was always there, our bright spot in the office. Lee was extremely professional, but always had a smile or a laugh with clients and colleagues. It is heartbreaking not to have him still with us. I am so very sorry for his family and friends' great loss. God bless and keep Lee.



*Karen Kirkman*

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**Karen Kirkman** - June 16, 2014 at 05:25 PM

MK

“ Dear Betsy, David, Joe, and Sharon,

*I like to think of Lee as one of God's bright lights that Jesus speaks of in the Sermon on the Mount: "Ye are the light of the world." I also like to think of him in the present. As his light of love, humor, intelligence and spiritual sense burned brightly here, blessing family, friends and others, it still radiates to those who he is with now. As he lighted up hearts with his love, minds with his intelligence, and faces with his humor, he does so now. A loved and loving husband, a loved and loving son and son-in-law, a loved and loving brother and brother-in-law; a loyal friend, a valued church member, an esteemed colleague. One can feel Lee's life-light touch and warm the heart, thinking of him.*

*Much love to Lee's dear family,*

*Aunt Mary*

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**Mary Kuhl** - June 16, 2014 at 05:02 PM

CC

“ Known family for a while. Lee was a nice young man who will be missed by family, wife & friends. So sorry for your loss. Cathie Collier

Cathie Collier - June 16, 2014 at 03:24 PM

PG

“ I am related to Lee in that he was my mother's cousin. I haven't seen Lee in several years but remember him as being extremely bright, with a good sense of humor and a joy to be around. I was very sad to hear the news. My heart goes out to his parents and wife. Paige

Paige Gerbic - June 16, 2014 at 02:34 PM



“ Amy Stewart lit a candle in memory of J. Lee Johnson



Amy Stewart - June 16, 2014 at 01:24 PM



“ I'll never forget the leadership, intelligence, kindness, and humor Lee continually expressed when I met him our first year in college in the FALCON program. My prayers, love, and support are with you dearest friend, Betsy Walls Johnson, and your precious family.

Jennifer Vandersmith - June 16, 2014 at 12:25 PM

JL

“ *The world is a poorer place for the passing of such a kind and gentle soul. Part mischievous boy and part old soul, always with a ready smile and wit. My sincere condolences to Betsy, Sharon and Joe.*

*Judy Lancaster*

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**Judy Lancaster** - June 16, 2014 at 11:38 AM

DM

“ *I remember Lee best as a young boy. He was a good friend to my Timmy. He was bright, well-mannered, dependable, and had a wonderful smile. Sharon and Joe, my heart breaks for you and your family. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you.*

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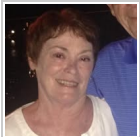
**Dee McClay** - June 16, 2014 at 06:32 AM

TW

“ *Their aren't any words to express out condolences, Betsy, Sharon and Joe. May God hold and comfort you during this difficult time. Moran-Wade families.*

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**teresa wade** - June 15, 2014 at 09:19 PM



“ *We are so very saddened by Lee's death. I pray that God will give you strength to get through this difficult time.*

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**Lois Birk** - June 15, 2014 at 05:49 PM

BM

“ *Betsy, Joe, and Sharon,  
We share in your sorrow at Lee's untimely passing. He was  
intelligent, kind, funny, and respectful of all he encountered. Our  
thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.*

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**Brenda Mahan** - June 15, 2014 at 02:35 PM

TB

“ *Terry & Darlene Beadles lit a candle in  
memory of J. Lee Johnson*



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**Terry & Darlene Beadles** - June 15, 2014 at 11:39 AM

SC

“ *Susan And Richard Cardwell lit a candle in  
memory of J. Lee Johnson*



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**Susan and Richard Cardwell** - June 15, 2014 at 09:36 AM

SC

*I am so shocked that I cannot think straight. Lee was certainly a  
favorite of mine, a wonderful student and friend to me. A strong  
memory was the night of play practice when we learned of the  
earthquake in San Francisco and all of his family was either there or on  
their way home. We talked, prayed, worried 'til we knew the family was  
ok. Richard and I will keep all of you in our prayers.*

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**Susan and Richard Cardwell** - June 15, 2014 at 09:41 AM

JA

“ Lee was one of the smartest people I ever knew. He was kind and funny and always straight with everyone. My heart goes out to his wife and parents and everyone who will miss him.

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**Jennifer Alamdari** - June 15, 2014 at 09:25 AM

EF

“ U were a special young man with a smile always and caring spirit. Love and prayers to ur wife and family.

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**Elaine Forrester** - June 15, 2014 at 07:28 AM

FB

“ Lit a candle for J.Lee Johnson

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**Frankie Brown** - June 15, 2014 at 03:09 AM

AH

“ Such a humble, intelligent and loving man. Lots of love to his family during this difficult time.

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**Angela Hopper** - June 15, 2014 at 12:42 AM

DA

“ Lee was a great man. He had a quiet strength that left an unforgettable impression with everyone he came in contact with. May God Bless him and his family. I am thankful to have met him! Rest In Piece!



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**Danny Alvarez** - June 15, 2014 at 12:12 AM

JG

“ Joe and Sharren, so sorry to hear of your son's passing. I was on facebook and saw the announcement.



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**Janice Kay Greer** - June 14, 2014 at 11:30 PM

PC

“ Lee was a great friend. He will be missed by many. Condolences from the Curlin family.

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**Patrick Curlin** - June 14, 2014 at 11:12 PM

SB

“ Susan Caldwell Black lit a candle in memory of J. Lee Johnson



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**Susan Caldwell Black** - June 14, 2014 at 11:07 PM

JH

“ Joan & Tommy Hendrix lit a candle in memory of J. Lee Johnson



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**Joan & Tommy Hendrix** - June 14, 2014 at 10:47 PM

HW

“ *Hal Warren lit a candle in memory of J. Lee Johnson*



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**Hal Warren** - June 14, 2014 at 10:32 PM

JW

“ *Joan Warren lit a candle in memory of J. Lee Johnson*



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**Joan Warren** - June 14, 2014 at 10:31 PM

JB

“ *Jana Byrd lit a candle in memory of J. Lee Johnson*



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**Jana Byrd** - June 14, 2014 at 10:28 PM

LH

“ Lee was simply lovely- a lovely man, a generous heart, a noble soul. He was funny, kind, respectful, upbeat-- just a beautiful guy. We got to know each other during the Germany abroad and I instantly liked him and enjoyed his company (and was amused by his Kentucky-German accent). I'm grateful we reconnected in Santa Barbara a few years ago. It was great to spend some time with him and Betsy-- and witness their easy companionship, support of each other, and general joyfulness... Betsy, my prayers are with you during this challenging time. I'm very sorry for your loss.

Linda Hambrick - June 14, 2014 at 09:50 PM

TR

“ Teresa Lusk Rose lit a candle in memory of J. Lee Johnson



Teresa Lusk Rose - June 14, 2014 at 09:50 PM

ES

“ Had fun trumping around Europe with Lee, Donovan Hall, and Mindy Warren after our Prin Abroads. Best wishes to the family.

ellen sprague - June 14, 2014 at 09:47 PM

JB

“ Jeff Bennett lit a candle in memory of J. Lee Johnson



Jeff Bennett - June 14, 2014 at 09:45 PM

GB

“ *Ginger Bard lit a candle in memory of J. Lee Johnson*



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**Ginger Bard** - June 14, 2014 at 09:41 PM

KM

“ *If you had a tough decision to make--the kind no one wants to face-- Lee was the truest type of friend. He would say what needed to be said, popular or not, and he would put aside his own concerns to stick with you until he knew you were on the right track. Lee regularly displayed the most tremendous character, but from a very humble place. (Kyle Miller, college friend)*

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**Kyle Miller** - June 14, 2014 at 09:12 PM

TC

“ I was two years ahead of Lee at Principia College and can claim the distinction of being his first roommate in Brooks House South, House of Champions. It was a pleasure getting to know him, and I'm grateful to have had him as a house brother. His father-in-law's remarks are spot on, and I too can attest that Lee was a true southern gentleman and an exemplary man. Even though I was two years older, I felt my own personal stock increased when I was with Lee, and I always enjoyed having him with me in social situations. I didn't keep in close contact with Lee after college, but I will always cherish his generosity and graciousness in providing me with helpful advice when I started my own business nearly nine years ago. I just asked a couple of questions, and Lee went way above and beyond to give me lots of good information that put me at ease about some of the decisions I was making about how to proceed. He treated me as if I was a "friend for life," and I certainly feel the same way about him. My thoughts and prayers go to Betsy and the rest of their families. I'm so grateful to know that Lee is an indestructible spiritual consciousness, and that he is forever with his Father-Mother God.

Terry Coolidge - June 14, 2014 at 09:08 PM

KK

Well said, Terry. He affected many of us and your words capture it perfectly.

Kevin Kozin - June 15, 2014 at 07:51 AM

WW

“ J. Lee Johnson, my son in law was "the son I never had". I just loved him.

*He represented the essence of manhood: courage, strength, compassion, empathy, a highly developed sense of culture and ethics without dogma. I never saw him angry or treat anyone with anything other than respect, regardless of who they were. He loved music and was an accomplished pianist; I loved to hear him play.*

*Lee worked hard to discover his métier in the law and it made my heart sing to watch his career develop to a very high level of accomplishment.*

*Lee and Betsy had a magical love affair throughout their time together, demonstrating continually their commitment to each other.*

*Lee's too early passing seems a travesty and leaves a huge gap in my life. I will fill it with his being -- his way of doing things and the fondest memories of his presence.*

*He will be much missed but be much remembered and honored.*

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**W. David Walls** - June 14, 2014 at 08:04 PM