



Johnny Ard

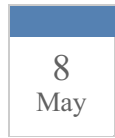
June 01, 1967 - May 03, 2018

Johnny Ard, 50, of Valdosta, died on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at South Georgia Medical Center. Born in Las Vegas, Nevada on June 1, 1967, Johnny was a first round draft pick for the Minnesota Twins in 1988 and later played for the San Francisco Giants. He loved fishing and spending time with his boys. A much loved baseball coach, he loved his players and treated them as they were his own boys. Johnny worked as a Senior Fiber Optic Tech with the Southern Company. He was a member of the Park Avenue United Methodist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Bonnie, sons, Luke Ard and Jude Ard all of Valdosta; his mother, Nina Dewitt of California, and a brother, Joey Ard of South Carolina. Johnny was preceded in death by his father, Harley Proctor Ard and a brother, Jimbo Ard.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. at Park Avenue United Methodist Church. Reverend Hale Bishop and Mr. Justin Crenshaw will officiate. The family will receive friends following the memorial service at the church. Condolences may be conveyed online at www.mclanecares.com. McLane Funeral and Cremation Services.

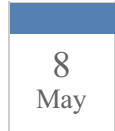
Events



SERVICE

4:00 PM

Park Avenue United
Methodist Church 100 E.
Park Ave., Valdosta, GA
31602



VISITATION

5:00 PM

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Tribute Wall

R

Rob Anderson

I had the pleasure of watching Johnny coach my 16 year old daughter Lily on a young kids basketball team a number of years back. He probably taught and showed both of us the best example I have ever seen of how to manage through often being overmatched while maintaining good sportsmanship and staying competitive. That season practicing at S L Mason will always be greatly appreciated by my family and I look forward to watching the success of Luke and Jude. I did not know him before that season and never ran across him afterwards. When I saw news of his passing,...I just had to let everyone know how one child and one adult was better off for their time with Johnny Ard. Thanks Rob Anderson Gadsden Alabama

R

Rebecca Mayer

Dear Family, So sorry to read of Johnny's passing, my husband Gordon Mayer worked with him, I meet him many times he was a wonderful person, and he was very supportive during Gordon's illness and passing. May God be with you during this difficult time.



Tracy Gill

Our deepest heartfelt sympathy to Bonnie, Luke and Jude. We were all saddened by the news of Johnnys passing. Praying for comfort and peace for your family. May you be held by the love of God during this time. Love the Gill Family. Walt, Tracy and Cameron

K

Karen Kelly

Thank you Coach Johnny for your kindness & patience towards Spain (Tittletown Tigers). He loved & respected you to the fullest! Too bad Spain's Daddy, Will, was a Viking. As Mrs. Bonnie said that very first day she met Spain's Daddy, "I'm sorry!". Lol!

M

Marty Coward

Great memories playing baseball with him and Jimbo. Great men that are and will be missed. Pray GOD will provide peace to family through these times. RIP my old friend.



"Candle of Memories"
was lit in memory of Johnny Ard

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S

Suzanne Nichols

Bonnie & boys, We are so sorry to hear of Johnny's passing. Praying for you all. Brett, Suzanne, & Andrew Nichols



Jason Cockfield

When I think back on Johnny, Jimbo, and Joey, usually it isn't much thinking at all...the mention of either of the three instantly brings to mind ball...playing ball....basketball, baseball, whatever. We all grew up together basically only a dirt lane and speck of woods in between our homes...Jimbo, Johnny, and Joey would all be over at the house playing ball....and later on it was usually Joey....and as all things usually go....we enjoyed those times as long as they lasted....and then everyone grew up and moved away....Our heartfelt sympathies and condolences to his wife and sons and Joey. Praying for God's Comfort and Blessings on this family during this time of bereavement. ---The Cockfield Family, old "Radio Rd" neighbors from Hemingway, SC: Roy & Kathy, Jason, Mark, and Darrell.



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Sarah Korab

I know Johnny is playing ball in heaven. My heart is heavy. Bonnie, we will keep you and the boys in our prayers. Bill and I feel very fortunate to have caught up with Johnny on his Merritt Island/Cocoa Beach ball trip a few years ago. We had a lot of great laughs over dinner and my husband really enjoyed meeting him. We are all recipients of Johnny's contagious smile and infectious personality. If you look in our eyes, you will see his reflection.



Lori Gurley



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Q

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You really touched a lot of lives as we all see! You were one kind soul and we are saddened for the loss of Johnny Ard! May God comfort the family and bring peace to his wife Bonnie and his boys Jude and Luke! We have you all in our prayers! Love Cribb/Morgan family



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C

Cathy Harrison

Our thoughts and prayers to Bonnie, Luke and Jude! Asking God to comfort them now and in the days to come. Wow the lives you have touched !



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P

Paulette Tyler

Roger and I always enjoyed our time in Valdosta with the Ard's when visiting our daughter Rachelle and Family. Have wonderful memories of Johnny creating Shrimp boil for us! I like to think of sunbeams as those we love, reaching down to remind us they are not very far at all. Much love to Bonnie, Luke and Jude. You are in my prayers. Love, Paulette Tyler



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Michael Kaminske

Rest in Peace my friend. I will always remember your wit and love of life. I will never forget you singing Hank Williams Jr at my wedding! You were a star that burned out too quickly.

M Mary R

Extending Our most Heartfelt Sympathy to all the family . The loss of a loved one is so dear to us and is never easy. All the cherish memories,that you will have bring some light during this dark times. (John 5:28,29).Our Heavenly Father will give you peace and comfort you need to get through difficult times.....My sincere condolence to all.



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R Rachelle Johnson

We will dearly miss Johnny. He and Bonnie were some of our first dear friends in Valdosta. Our boys were together constantly until the day we had to leave for a military move. They are our second family. We love you Bonnie, Luke and Jude. We have wonderful memories of being with all of you and will cherish those always. Love you all JJ, Rachelle, Trevor, Tyler and Tanner Johnson

C Chaney's, Graham's & Elkins

We are so heartbroken over this loss, our prayers are with the family. Wishing you all peace and comfort during this time.



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M Maggie

Uncle Johnny, You were an amazing man, and I'm so happy I got the chance to meet you. I'll never forget sitting at the table, going through pictures, and learning how to make low country boil.. I'm proud to be your niece. I love you, rest in peace.



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C

Cheryl Roberts

So very sorry for your loss. Johnny was truly a wonderful person with a kind soul. You're in our thoughts and prayers. We love you all.



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W

Wanda Pittman

Bonnie, like and Jude I am so sorry on the passing of Johnny. He was a great guy and am so proud to call him my friend. Y'all will be in my thoughts and prayers in the days to come.



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