



Thomas Earl Johnston

July 22, 1944 - April 21, 2026

Thomas "Tommy" Earl Johnston, age 81, of Corsicana, Texas, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 20, 2026, at Twilight Nursing Home, surrounded by his family.

Tommy was born on July 22, 1944, in Corsicana, Texas, to Ish Johnston and Edna Earl Johnston.

He grew up in Corsicana and graduated from Corsicana High School, where he was a member of the Tiger football team.

Tommy married the love of his life, Darlene Bell, and together they shared a strong and devoted marriage that lasted over five decades. The two were married on December 27, 1974, and together built a life rooted in love and commitment, with the birth of their son, Caleb, becoming the greatest joy of his life. Their bond remained steady and enduring throughout the years, serving as the foundation of their family.

Tommy was preceded in death by his parents, Ish and Edna Johnston; brother, David Johnston;

father-in-law and mother-in-law, Clint and Murlene Bell; sister-in-law, Teresa Brown; and
nephew, Jonathan Brown.

He is survived by his loving wife, Darleen Johnston; son, Caleb Johnston, of Corsicana;
goddaughter, Natalie Lucas; and god-grandson, Luke Wallace; sister-in-law, Jaynie Johnston;
brother-in-law, James Brown; brother-in-law, Clinton Bell and wife Tina.

He is also survived by his nephew, John David and wife Tammie; nephews Brian Bell and wife
Christina; nieces Jennifer Buckhannan and husband John, and Amanda Wolfgram and husband
Eli; along with dearly loved great-nieces and great-nephews. He is lovingly remembered by his
lifelong cousins, who shared a close and enduring bond with him throughout his life.

Visitation with the family will be held on Thursday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Griffin
Roughton Funeral Home. A celebration of his life will be held on Friday, April 24, 2026, at 2:00
p.m. in the chapel at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, with Brother Charky Marquis officiating.

Burial will follow at Eureka Cemetery in Eureka, Texas. Pallbearers will be John David
Johnston, Eli Wolfgram, John Buckhannan, Mitch Prowell, Bryan Collier, and Gary Gober.
Honorary pallbearers are Clinton Bell, James Brown, Bob Wilson, and Mike

McKenzie.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Twilight Nursing Home and Bristol Hospice, including the staff, nurses, and chaplain, for the compassionate care, support, and kindness they provided to Tommy.

Tommy will be remembered for his devotion to his family and the life he built with those he loved.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Funeral Service

APR **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Thomas Earl Johnston.*



April 23 at 09:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Earl Johnston.

April 23 at 09:58 PM



“ *Darlene and family
You are all in our thoughts and prayers during
this difficult time - sending prayers of comfort*

Mike & Marsha Stearman



Mike & Marsha Stearman - April 23 at 04:55 PM



“ *Christine Blackerby lit a candle in memory of
Thomas Johnston*



Christine Blackerby - April 23 at 10:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Earl Johnston.*



April 23 at 10:04 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas Earl Johnston.*



April 22 at 07:28 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Earl Johnston.*

April 22 at 07:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas Earl Johnston.*



April 22 at 01:57 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Earl Johnston.*

April 22 at 01:57 PM

TR

“ Teresa Rowe lit a candle in memory of Thomas Earl Johnston



Teresa rowe - April 22 at 01:03 PM

EB

“ Emily Barlow lit a candle in memory of Thomas Earl Johnston



Emily Barlow - April 22 at 11:49 AM

IY

“ Ilesha Young lit a candle in memory of Thomas Johnston



Ilesha Young - April 22 at 11:02 AM