



Timothy C. Johnstone

October 30, 2019

Tim Johnstone died October 30 at the age of 77 at his home in McAllen, Texas, after a short and brave battle with cancer. Tim graduated from Edcouch-Elsa High School and the University of Texas at Austin with a Master of Business Administration. In 1963, he married Mary Ellen (Mel) Davis from McAllen.

After graduating from the University of Texas, Tim worked at Arthur Young in Dallas as a CPA. In the early 70s, he and Mel moved to McAllen, where he entered into partnership with his father-in-law, Napper Davis, in the life-insurance business. For over 50 years, Tim served the needs of his clients with care and compassion.

Tim was an Eagle Scout, and his scout training helped shape the trajectory of his life. He always did what he said he was going to do and did it to the best of his ability.

Ever active in the community, Tim was a proud member of the McAllen South Rotary Club and was the driving force of their annual skeet shoot. A member of the McAllen Chamber of Commerce for over 50 years, Tim proudly served for many of those years as a McAllen greeter. He also served as chairman of the Rio Grande Valley Partnership in 1990.

Tim had a passion for the Model A Ford, this passion obvious when he restored a 1929 station wagon and a 1931 coupe. Tim worked tirelessly for the Model A community. He spearheaded the Rio Grande Valley Model A Club and was a chief judge for the Model A Ford Club of America. In addition, he

wrote a quarterly newsletter for station-wagon enthusiasts, Woody Wagons, for more than 40 years.

In addition to Model As, Tim had a love of shooting. He spent many weekends whitewing hunting in San Fernando, Mexico, and at the Mission Skeet & Trap Club shooting sporting clays. In the only way Tim knew how, he excelled at shooting sporting clays, winning numerous national awards.

Tim was preceded in death by his father, Clarence Johnstone, and mother, Angie Johnstone. He is survived by his wife, Mel, his daughter Kristi, son-in-law Kevin, granddaughter Kirby, sister Fonda Johnstone of Dallas, and stepmother Ida Johnstone of North Carolina.

Visitation will be held at Kreidler Funeral Home Friday, Nov. 1 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Funeral services for Tim will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 2, at First United Methodist Church in McAllen. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Boy Scouts of America, Rio Grande Council, Arrowhead District, 6912 W. Expressway 83, Harlingen, Texas 78501.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

1201 S Main
McAllen, TX 78501

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.
314 N 10th St.
McAllen, TX 78501
(956) 686-0234
kreidler@sbcglobal.net
<http://www.kreidlerfuneralhome.com/index.html>

Funeral Service

NOV 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of McAllen
4200 N. McColl Rd.
McAllen, TX

Burial will follow

NOV 2 (CT)

Roselawn Cemetery
1201 S Main
McAllen, TX 78501

Tribute Wall



“ *I met Tim in Mexico during one white wing dove hunting. We would meet every dove hunting season, also, visited him at his residence in McAllen, true passionate Ford A restorer and great leader.*
Dr. Luis G. Valdez

Dr. Luis G Valdez - February 24, 2024 at 01:29 PM



“ *Timothy C. Johnstone*

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *Timothy C. Johnstone*

November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM

CJ

“ While I never had the privilege to meet Tim, I worked with him for 32 years with Texas Life Insurance Company. He was always the most patient and respectful agent you could hope for. He truly cared about all his clients, like no other agent I've known. Tim was instrumental in building a strong Texas Life over the years.

He voice was unmistakable and I always said he had a "radio" voice.....so bold and clear, yet soft and caring at the same time. I am so sorry I never met him in person.

I have come to know his son-in-law, Kevin Collier, over the years and it is evident that Tim was very much loved by his family. I recall Kevin referring to him not only as his father-in-law, but as a mentor.

Lifting up prayers to Tim's family and friends during this time. May God give you the comfort and strength you need and may wonderful memories of Tim carry you through the hardest of times.

Cindy Jackson

Cindy Jackson - November 08, 2019 at 02:52 PM

RD

“ I first meet Tim as a pledge in the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and we had remained friends every since. After college when Tim and Mel lived in Dallas Cheryl and I would often socialize with them, and today we still have fond memories of those times.

Our love and best to Mel and family.

Bobby and Cheryl Dawe

Robert Dawe - November 01, 2019 at 08:11 PM

CL

“ Tim and I have been friends and Model A enthusiasts for too many years to count. The McAllen Fourth of July parade and the party afterward at my house were annual highlights we both enjoyed. We both loved talking about the nuts and bolts of our various car projects - and there was always a project for one of us. We loved every minute of it.
I will miss his expert advice and sense of humor more than I can say.

Carl Lueg - November 01, 2019 at 06:31 PM

BH

“ Tim was one of my best friends and I admired him greatly. We had not seen each other in a number of years and news of his death caught me by surprise. I am so sorry for his family and I wish them the best. I will always be thankful I had the opportunity to know him.

Buddie Hahn - October 31, 2019 at 04:33 PM

JH

“ *Jim and Jane Ellen Humphrey*

Jane Ellen Humphrey - October 31, 2019 at 12:33 PM

TP

“ I didn't get a chance to meet Tim other than through the Woody Wagon newsletter and with emails back and forth regarding the possibility of buying one of his project cars. It didn't work out to purchase anything at the time, but maybe the car and parts are still available. I was impressed with my interactions with Tim. He was a gentleman and communicated so very well with me. I could tell that he was a kind and caring man. He was also
A lifetime Model A lover... especially of Woodys. He will be missed by so many! Tim Peterson

Tim Peterson - October 31, 2019 at 11:55 AM

SM

Tim was a long time friend of mine and I will miss him. We had lunch together once or twice a month for many years. I know he will be missed by many. He was a real stand up gentleman. My condolences to his family. God Bless

Steve Markham - November 01, 2019 at 10:02 PM

KE

“ I have been lucky to have known Tim for many years and lucky to have been able to call him a good friend. Tim’s passion for the Model A was inspiring. A great Model A man he will be missed by all of us. I have never met his family but he often talked about his daughter who helped put together the wonderful woody wagons newsletter a great guy and I am so sorry for your loss my prayers go out to the entire family



Ken Ehrenhofer - October 31, 2019 at 08:12 AM

JF

“ To the family, my heart hurts for you and yours during this difficult time. I met Tim at my first Texas Tour years ago. Tim was kind enough to walk through the parking lot with me and gave me a few tips on what to look for when looking at or judging a Model A. I still use his tip on checking wheels to see if they all match and checking for original fenders. What a wealth of knowledge!! I will always fondly remember that Texas Tour and Tim’s kindness. I was honored to have met him and call him a friend. God Speed, Tim Johnstone, God Speed.

Jackie Freeman - October 31, 2019 at 01:58 AM