

Visitations

**Name:**

Antonio Alexander "T.J." Johnson

Date:

June 5th, 1934 - April 23rd, 2011

Obituary:

Antonio Alexander "T.J." Johnson, age 76 of Ridgeland Drive, Rutherfordton, North Carolina died Saturday, April 23, 2011 at Rutherford Hospital. He was a native of Richland County, South Carolina and a son of the late Robert C. and Vivian Crossland Johnson. Tony retired at the rank of Hull Technician Chief in the United States Navy with over twenty-two years service. He served on a Navy destroyer at the end of the Korean Conflict and in the nuclear submarine service and during the Vietnam War. Following his naval retirement, Tony was the owner of Johnson Welding and Steel Fabrication, he owned and operated T.Js. Convenience Store and was the former owner of Gilkey Service Center. A faithful member of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in Forest City, NC where he served as an usher and on various church committees. He was also a charter member of the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, was twice Past Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, Warden and Trustee, and volunteered with the Rutherford Hospital Auxiliary. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Baldwin of West Columbia, SC. Survivors include his wife of fifty-six years, Thelma Kate Breedlove Johnson of the home, a son, Antonio Alexander Johnson, Jr. and wife Paula of Old Hickory, TN, two daughters, Samantha Ann Harbort and husband John of Rutherfordton, Monica Martin and husband David of Rutherfordton, a brother, Robert Johnson and wife Jo of Rutherfordton, and two sisters, Veronica Sharpe of Columbia, SC and Janet Brown and husband Gene of Columbia, SC. There are also five grandchildren, Amanda Swengros and husband Ryan of Maiden, NC, Julie Ann Johnson and companion Cameron Harter of Old Hickory, TN, Christopher "C.J." Harbort of Berlin, Germany, Katherine Rose Martin of Berea, KY, and Mary Therese Martin of Rutherfordton, two great-grandchildren, Kylie Marie Harter and Kash Harter both of Old Hickory, TN. There are also a number of beloved nieces and nephews which were so special to Tony as well as special families and God children, The Skudlarick Family, Faunce Family, Cilone Family, and Rampollas Family. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at eleven o'clock Tuesday, April 26, 2011 in the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church with Father Herbert Burke and Reverend Mr. Andy Cilone serving as officiants. Interment with military honors will follow in the Rutherfordton City Cemetery. A Rosary service will be held at six o'clock Monday evening in The Padgett and King Chapel with visitation to follow the Rosary until eight o'clock. Memorials may be made to the Debt Reduction Fund of Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, 1024 West Main Street, Forest City, North Carolina 28043. The Padgett and King Mortuary is in charge of arrangements and an online guest registry is available at www.padgettking.com

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Immcaulate Conception Roman Catholic Church, Debt Reduction Fund, 1024 West Main Street, Forest City, North Carolina 28043

Visitations:

6:00PM to 8:00PM on Monday, April 25th, 2011 at The Padgett & King Mortuary ([map/driving directions](#))

Services:

11:00AM at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church on Tuesday, April 26th, 2011 ([map/driving directions](#))

Cemetery:

Rutherfordton City Cemetery
North Main Street
Rutherfordton, NC 28139 ([map/driving directions](#))