



John "Johnny" Emerson Kingsley Jr.

August 9, 1962 - May 31, 2023

John "Johnny" Emerson Kingsley, Jr., passed away May 31, 2023, in Southaven, MS. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven (626 Star Landing Road East, Southaven, MS 38672.) A going home service will immediately follow at 1:00 p.m., also at Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven. A private family graveside will be held after. In celebration of his birthday in August, the family will hold a service to celebrate him again, at a later date in August, with more information to come. Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven is in charge of arrangements.

Johnny was born August 09, 1962, in Memphis, TN. He was the star of the show everywhere his presence was made, from being on the "Oprah Winfrey Show" to being an Elvis impersonator at several events. Johnny was very involved with the Special Olympics and even won gold medals in Ireland for the World Games. He was an Honorary member at Anderson Jordan Marine Corp League where he thoroughly enjoyed his meetings when he was in attendance. Johnny was also very active as a Special Olympic Athlete's Ambassador. His family described him as being everyone's biggest cheerleader. You would always see Johnny with a smile on his face, especially when he was at work at Lenny's Sub Shop. When he wasn't involved in Special Olympics, you would catch him cheering on his favorite team, the Alabama Crimson Tide. Above all, Johnny loved his family dearly and enjoyed being a brother, an uncle, a cousin, and a friend. He made your life better just

because he was in it. He will definitely be missed by all that knew him.

He was survived by his parents, John Emerson Kingsley, Sr. and Lilly Ann Kingsley of Southaven, MS; his brothers, Danny (Cheryl) Kingsley and Mark (Angii) Kingsley, both of Southaven; his nephews, Michael (Julie) Kingsley of Southaven and Hunter (Jennifer) of Courtland, MS; his nieces, Megan (Hunter) Bledsoe of Nashville, TN and Hollie Childers of Dallas, TX; his great-nephew, Lane; his great-niece, Caroline; and numerous extended family members.

Johnny was preceded in death by his grandparents, Dante and Pauline Donati and Luke and Mary Leicester Kingsley.

In lieu of flowers, family members ask that memorial donations may be sent to the following charities:

The Special Olympics of Greater Memphis at <https://specialolympicsmem.kindful.com/?campaign=327739> , Anderson Jordan Marine Corp League by mailing them to 3630 Church Road, Horn Lake, MS 38637, St. Jude at www.stjude.org, or the Shriner's Club at https://donate.lovetotherescue.org/give/145680/?gclid=CjwKCAjwg-GjBhBnEiwAMUvNWwDwoTYDMEiuvSbBVjGmXneEI_v8wyDqQepEts7bZpoquo1b-52e5hoCgywQAvD_BwE#!/donation/checkout?c_src=google&c_src2=loveshriners .

Online condolences may be left on her Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JUN 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven created a Webcast in memory of John "Johnny" Emerson Kingsley Jr.



Coleman Funeral Home - June 07, 2023 at 09:32 AM



Sally
Cloud
O'Brien

Sweet sweet service 🙏❤️

Sally Cloud O'Brien - June 07, 2023 at 06:03 PM



Sally
Cloud
O'Brien

“ RTR, young friend, you will be missed by so many who knew & loved you! Your smile will always live on in everyone's hearts.

With My Deepest Condolences ,
John , Lilly and family,
Sally Cloud O'Brien
Queen of Peace



Sally Cloud O'Brien - June 07, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ 54 files added to the album LifeTributes



Coleman Funeral Home - June 05, 2023 at 03:09 PM

BH

I was never more honored that I was to have Johnny as a groomsman at my wedding. He was one of a kind and the nicest person I've ever known. Danny, please tell your family I'm so sorry, my prayers are with you all and I love you all. 💔

Becky Stalaker Hicks - June 06, 2023 at 12:51 AM

TB

“When someone you love dies their memory becomes a treasure!” Johnny blessed all who knew him and brought joy. May God hold you in his hands always❤️

Terie Blair Boyette - June 06, 2023 at 12:58 PM

SA

What a joy and special friend Johnny was to everyone he met. God bless your family and comfort you with the wonderful memories you shared. Sissy Stalaker Allmon

Suzanne Allmon - June 06, 2023 at 04:55 PM

BL

“ Johnny always made the meeting at the Anderson-Jordan Detachment, Marine Corps League a fun place to be. He will be missed. Prayers for the Kingsley family during this time. God Bless, 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Bill Lamar - June 03, 2023 at 08:09 AM

JA

“ So sorry to hear of Johnny"s passing.I"m going to miss his smile,hugs and our little chats when leaving church. Our thoughts and prayers are with you John and Lily and your family through this time of grief. God love and bless you all!

Joyce Anslinger - June 02, 2023 at 09:29 AM

TD

“ Tom & Betty Drumm purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of John "Johnny" Emerson Kingsley Jr..



Tom & Betty Drumm - June 01, 2023 at 09:47 PM

TD

“ Tom & Betty Drumm planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Johnny" Emerson Kingsley Jr..

Tom & Betty Drumm - June 01, 2023 at 09:47 PM

TD

“ Little Johnny always had a smile and big hug every time we went to lunch, he was so much fun and really enjoyed coming to the Marine Corps League meetings. He was the center of attention at our fund raisers with his great big smile ! Semper Fi little Johnny until we meet in that great big Marine Detachment at Heavens Gate !

Tom Drumm - June 01, 2023 at 09:15 PM

JG

“ Lydia,
You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

John and Candy Gardino - June 01, 2023 at 07:13 PM

CM

“ We are very sorry for your loss. We loved Johnny and he was a wonderful friend to all. He had a very big smile and seemed always happy. Hugs to you You Lilly And to all your family. We loved him being in Special Olympics. Love Cindy, Louis, and Marlin Mogy



Cindy Mogy - June 01, 2023 at 05:54 PM

AW

“ So sad to hear about Johnny's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you Lilly and your family. Love you.

Anna Marie Williams - June 01, 2023 at 05:43 PM

JJ

“ Sorry for your families loss. Johnny was a great person and I loved talking to him at all the family functions. My favorite memory of him is he always knew that his granddad and I had the same car and we always talked about it. And as always him being E.P. "The King". He will be missed by all!



Jamie Joyce - June 01, 2023 at 04:36 PM

BS

We are confident that Johnny's soul rests in glory and in peace. Bob and Mary Shearin

Bob and Mary Shearin - June 01, 2023 at 10:32 PM

AW

With deep sympathy from the Wallace family at this time of sadness. John and Lilly sending you loving thoughts and prayers. Having Johnny around was always a pleasure, he was a great helping hand at the meetings and fundraisers with us in the Marine Corps league. He never failed to have a big smile on his face. Those memories are his legacy of the gentleman he was. Take comfort - those who love will be reunited in eternity.

Anick & Arnold Wallace - June 02, 2023 at 07:55 AM

PA

Amazing athlete. Amazing family.

Patricia Ardovino - June 02, 2023 at 02:40 PM

DS

I'm so sorry to hear this. Johnny was a doll. Always made me smile and always SO polite. John and Lily, you did a great job with that young man.

Dena Schmidt - June 02, 2023 at 02:48 PM