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JAMES "JIMMY" JOHNSTON

September 9, 1931 ~ April 7, 2020

He only takes the best

God saw he was getting tired,
And a cure was not to be,
So he put his arms around him,
And whispered "Come with me",
With tearful eyes we watched him suffer,
And saw him fade away,
Although we love him dearly,
We could not make him stay,
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best,
Although his heart stopped beating,
His love will always remain,
His absence puts upon our hearts,
A very heavy strain,
For now he is in a place of everlasting rest,
We just have to understand that God,
He only takes the best.

James "Jimmy" Johnston, 88, of Sherwood, AR, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, April 7, 2020. Jimmy was born in Chickasha, Oklahoma to James Pierce Johnston and Mary Westmoreland-Johnston on September 9, 1931.

Jimmy moved to North Little Rock, Arkansas at an early age. He married the love of his life, Catherine Holt on September 17, 1953. Jimmy and Catherine had one son, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, who they were extremely proud of. Jimmy was saved on August 1, 1954 and was an active member of Sylvan Hills First Baptist Church. Jimmy graduated North Little Rock High School in 1950 and attended UALR at night while working full time. He received his Bachelors in Accounting in 1962. After working at Timex for 18 years, he retired from Atlantic Research Corporation after a faithful 19 years, in 1999.

He loved being outdoors with his family; camping, playing tennis, playing volleyball and traveling the world. He was a die-hard Arkansas Razorback and Dallas Cowboy's fan. If they were playing, he was watching!

Jimmy is preceded in death by his parents and grandparents; Aunt Hazel Evans (Jack), Aunt Jeanie Bruton (Bob), Donald Edward Holt, Bill and Lucielle Holt, LD and Margarete Holt, Nyna and Carroll Lee, Steve Lee and Lauren Lee. Jimmy leaves behind his wife Catherine, his son Jeffrey (Marsha), grandchildren; Kristy, Kelsey (Caleb) and Dillion (Adriane) and great-grandchildren; Kyler, Jase and Annelise. Other surviving family members include; DeeAnn Holt, Mada Stanley, Carrollyn (Jimmy) Tyson, Marty (Riley) Brice, LaQuita Lee, Brenda Reagan, Richard Lee, Ashley Block, Cary, Craig and Clay Tyson, Mac, Christopher and Elizabeth Brice, and many, many more dearly loved family members and friends.

Active pallbearers are Jeffrey Johnston, Dillion Johnston, Caleb Phillips and Kelsey Phillips. Honorary pallbearers include Jimmy Tyson, Riley Brice, Richard Lee, Kristy Johnston, Craig Tyson, Jon Stanley and Shawn Block.

The Johnston family would like to send a huge "THANK YOU" to DaVita, Carrie Brocchus and Hospice for caring for Jimmy in his recent years.

Due to the circumstances, the service will be private. At a later date, we will announce a celebration of life to honor Jimmy. In lieu of flowers, the family ask that you make a donation in Jimmy's honor to Arkansas Rice Depot, Arkansas Food Bank or the Humane Society.