



## Justin Charles Johnson

May 6, 2022

Justin Charles Johnson, 37, loving husband of Stacie (Dent) Johnson, passed away on Friday, April 29, 2022, at his residence.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 11 o'clock, from the chapel of Chance and Hydrick Funeral Directors, with Reverend Jerry Wilson and Reverend Wayne Todd officiating.

Family will receive friends on Monday, May 9th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM, at the funeral home.

Justin was the son of Wayne Johnson and Pat Gunter, both of Augusta. He grew up in South Augusta where he graduated from Cross Creek High School. Ever the athlete, he played many sports; baseball, football, participated in wrestling and, of course, weightlifting. In 1995, he was a member of the winning Masters City little league team. He attended Augusta University for a bachelors degree in kinesiology.

His interest and love of weightlifting continued as the years went by. He participated in several powerlifting competitions, winning first place in his weight class multiple times. He always wanted to hit his highest numbers on the platform so the records would be "on paper" - so as a last testament to his ability, his final numbers were: squat- 515lb; bench - 430lb; and deadlift -

500lb.

He was infatuated with World War II documentaries, Vikings, and the Roman Empire. He always said he was born in the wrong era and should have been banging his shield in battle or fighting lions in a coliseum. He loved movies and was known to quote them frequently, especially Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, which he could quote line for line and sing every song. He enjoyed trips to the beach and was happiest splashing in the water, off of Florida's gulf coast, where his mom grew up.

For all his muscles and intimidating demeanor, he hid a big heart and a goofy side. He loved hard and he loved big and if he loved you, you knew it.

Justin also loved the Lord. Raised in church, he spent most of his childhood at Broad Street Baptist Church and Central Baptist. He most recently attended Abilene Baptist.

Aside from Jesus and his mother, the greatest love of his life was his wife, Stacie. Knowing each other as children, they reconnected later in life and it was truly love at first (second) sight. Their love for each other was unconditional, powerful and indisputable. They were truly best friends and very supportive of one another through the good and bad.

In addition to his wife, Justin is survived by his stepchildren, Robert, Drake and Miriam; his faithful companion, Ruger; his parents; his sister, Jaime (Shane) Brocato; his niece, Makenzie Brocato; his nephew, Blake Brocato; and a multitude of family and friends. He is reunited in heaven with his grandparents, uncles, cousin and his brother, Ken Johnson.

Serving as Pallbearers: Shane Brocato, Blake Brocato, Will Smith, Robert Shanks, Stephen Smith, Steven Dent, Jeff Gunter, and Russell Beecher.

Honorary pallbearers are his former Masters City Little League teammates.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make contributions to:

Be Humble Gym

C/o Jordan Matulevich

3 Royal Drive

Sherman, Illinois 62684

Be Humble Gym exists to provide special needs athletes the ability to train year-round for amateur lifting competitions and learn the health benefits of physical activity. This organization and its mission meant a lot to Justin.

Chance and Hydrick Funeral Directors, 2502 Richmond Hill Rd., Augusta, GA  
30906

# Tribute Wall

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“ Stacie,

*I was so sorry and shocked to hear of Justin's passing. He was a sweet, kind man, and I was looking forward to working with him again. I'm sure you are devastated. If you need anything, you know where I am.*

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**Donna C. McDaniel** - May 11, 2022 at 11:12 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to the family. Johnson and I were co-workers at the Richmond County Alternative School where I teach History, one of his favorite subjects as we've had multiple conversations about his areas of interest. We also discussed power lifting as I am a former one trying to get back in shape. Johnson would share his videos with me and we were both familiar with some of most reputable guys from around the CSRA. He was **EXTREMELY** supportive of my weight loss journey and my venture back into the world of weight lifting. I am no where near where he was, but he spoke to me as an equal. No matter what could have been taking place at the school (and we deal with the most extreme cases the city has to offer) he was **ALWAYS** warm and courteous with a smile on his face and in his voice. He had the enthusiasm of a child when he became excited about something or another and anytime we could chat for a few minutes, he'd pick my brain about something or another and I'd pick his about power lifting. It was plain to see he was a good guy and a man of faith. I observed him on so many occasions as the students would try and mimic his stature and walk and he'd just laugh with a genuine energy. One thing that I must say is this, it is not common for white guys to refer to us as "Brother", but each and every time we first passed by one another or on our way out, he'd refer to me as just that, "Brother". We as warriors **NEVER** use the adjective "sweet" to describe another warrior, but in his case, Johnson was perhaps the sweetest and most gentle hearted warrior that I have **EVER** had the privilege of meeting. On behalf of the entire Alternative Center at Morgan Rd., we are so very sorry for your loss and hope that the Most High comforts you through this most difficult time. Thank you so very much for sharing your son, husband, father, brother, uncle, cousin or friend with us, he was a good man and one of the best co-workers anyone could ever ask to have. May he powerlift in peace with that youthful smile upon his face and warmth within his kind heart.

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**Billy Martin, Jr.** - May 07, 2022 at 04:03 PM