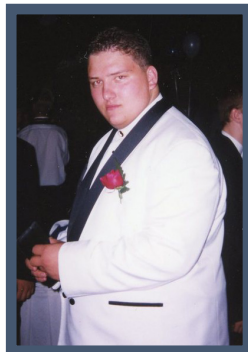
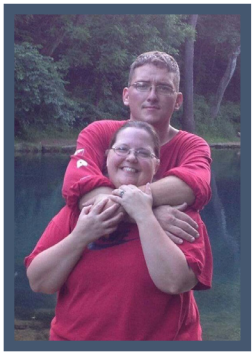


*"Jesus fell three times  
and got back up,  
I CAN GET BACK UP TOO!"*

-WILL JOHNSON



## IN APPRECIATION

All of Will's family want to express their sincere appreciation for the many comforting thoughts and prayers, floral tributes, food, and acts of kindness extended to each of them during this time.

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# REMEMBERING WILLIAM

Mr. William Odell Johnson, II., age 41, of Jefferson City, Mo., passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at his home.

Will was born on March 19, 1980 in Phoenix, Az, a son of Don Allen and Donna Kay (Hawkins) Johnson. He was married on August 22, 2003 in Clay County, Mo. to Nicole Lynn (Mallory) who survives at the home.

Will was baptized into the Catholic faith in 1989 and was very proud of and dedicated to his Catholic faith. He was a strong believer in Christ and knew there was a place for him in Heaven. He was sure of an eternity free of pain and suffering in the kingdom of God.

A longtime resident of the Central Missouri area, Will was a 1998 graduate of Eugene High School.

From 2009 until 2014, Will worked with Piston Automotive in North Kansas City as a supervisor. During this time, he also worked in construction serving the Kansas City area. In 2010, a job through the Laborer's Union in Kansas City came available and as a lifelong Chiefs fan, Will was thrilled to help with the renovations on Arrowhead Stadium.

Will was very talented both artistically and musically. He used many mediums, but he really enjoyed drawing and painting and even won many first-place awards for his acrylic paintings. Will played the guitar, clarinet, drums, saxophone, and was a gifted singer. He enjoyed watching and playing sports, especially when he was able to cheer on the Kansas City Royals and the Kansas City Chiefs. More than anything, Will loved spending time with his family, especially his nieces and nephews. Some of his favorite memories come from family gatherings where he grilled the best burgers and pork steaks around. To Will, there was no such thing as a stranger, just a world full of friends whose names he hadn't learned yet.

Survivors include: his loving wife, Nicole; six siblings, Neal Johnson (wife, Kari) of Linn, Mo., Kathy Diggs (husband, John) of Eldon, Mo., Don "DJ" Johnson Jr. (wife, Heidi) of Fenton, Mo., Lorie Fitzgerald (husband, Sean) of Osborn, Mo., Terry Johnson (wife, Stacey) of Brazito, Mo., and Amanda Johnson of Wardsville, Mo.; two half-sisters, Rachel and Ramona Johnson; nieces and nephews, Luke, Logan, Chloe, Drayden, and Shianne.

Will was preceded in death by his father; his three angel babies; maternal grandparents, Don and Audie Hawkins; one uncle, Richard Gardner; and one cousin, David Gardner.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL  
11:30 a.m. Monday, January 31, 2022  
Freeman Chapel  
Jefferson City, Missouri  
The Reverend Jason Doke

Gathering Hymn..... "On Eagle's Wings"

## Liturgy of the Word

First Reading ..... Job 19: 1, 23-27a

Responsorial Psalm..... "I Will Walk in the Presence of the Lord"

Second Reading..... Romans 8:14-23

Gospel..... John 14:1-6

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Meditation..... "Ave Maria"

Remembrances

Song of Farewell..... "How I Long to See Your Face"

Final Commendation

Recessional Hymn..... "When We All Get to Heaven"

## MUSICIANS

Donna "Mama" Johnson, Lorie Fitzgerald

## LECTORS

Elizabeth Sherrell, Kathy Diggs, Neal Johnson

## PALLBEARERS

Luke Johnson, Logan Johnson, John Diggs, Neal Johnson,  
D.J. Johnson, Terry Johnson, Adam Mael, Doug Salyer

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Drayden Johnson, Ed Splane