



## Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr

March 10, 2015 - March 27, 2025

Jacob Joshua Johnson, Jr., age 10 of Dayton, passed away on March 27, 2025, at Children's Hospital at Erlanger in Chattanooga. He was born in Chattanooga on March 10, 2015, the son of Jacob Johnson, Sr. and Dena (Downer) Johnson. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, David Downer, and his maternal grandmother, Donna Kaylor.

Jacob lived in Dayton all of his life. He attended Chattanooga Christian School where he was a third grader. He loved to dance, sing, listen to music, swim, explore, and throw the ball. He attended Calvary Chapel in Chattanooga.

In addition to his parents, Jacob Johnson, Sr. and Dena Johnson, of Dayton, Jacob is survived by his paternal grandfather, Kevin Johnson of Dayton, his paternal grandmother, Bonnie Lamb of Oklahoma, and his aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A Graveside Celebration of Life will be held at the Johnson Family Cemetery in Dayton on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. with his teacher, Meredith Griffin officiating, followed by a white dove release.

Please share your memories and photos of Jacob on his online guest register at [www.vanderwallfh.com](http://www.vanderwallfh.com).

The family is being cared for by Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton, Tennessee, where they will receive friends at the cemetery thirty minutes before the service.

# Cemetery Details

## Johnson Family Cemetery

469 Rhea County Hwy 27  
Dayton, TN 37321

# Previous Events

## Graveside Celebration of Life

APR 1. 3:00 PM (ET)

Johnson Family Cemetery  
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Dayton, TN 37321

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - May 19, 2025 at 10:43 AM

TA

“ The Erlanger PICU attendings. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr.



The Erlanger PICU attendings. - April 01, 2025 at 09:21 AM

TA

“ The Erlanger PICU attendings. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr.

The Erlanger PICU attendings. - April 01, 2025 at 09:21 AM

DU

“ Downside U. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr.

Downside U. - April 01, 2025 at 08:53 AM

SI

“ Siskin Children's Institute purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr.



Siskin Children's Institute - March 31, 2025 at 02:39 PM

TF

“ The Anderson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr.

The Anderson Family - March 31, 2025 at 11:59 AM

TF

“ The Anderson Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr.



The Anderson Family - March 31, 2025 at 11:59 AM

WM

“ Wes, Leeann, Josie & Charlee Moore purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr.



Wes, Leeann, Josie & Charlee Moore - March 31, 2025 at 10:13 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr.



March 31, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr.

March 31, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ Dan an Judy Kearnaghan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr.



Dan an Judy Kearnaghan - March 30, 2025 at 06:15 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr.



March 30, 2025 at 05:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr.

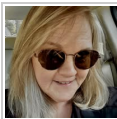
March 30, 2025 at 05:28 PM

BE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Beverly Eller - March 30, 2025 at 11:51 AM



*Jacob was always laughing, and that laughter will echo in my heart forever*

Beverly Eller - March 30, 2025 at 11:59 AM

NS

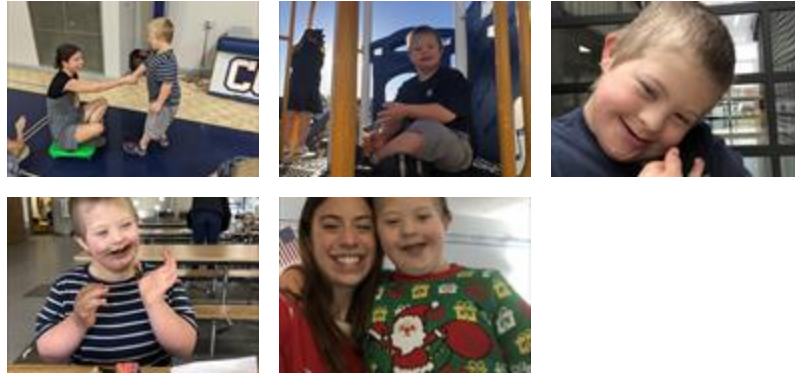
“ *It was an honor and blessing to be Jacob's speech therapist for the last four years. Although I was teaching him skills to communicate he taught me a more valuable lesson. Joy, happiness, and love and acceptance for everyone just as God made them.*  
*Love always- Ms. Nikki*



nikki simpson - March 30, 2025 at 10:27 AM

CT

“ I had the privilege of being the paraprofessional in Jacob’s class when he was in first grade. He was so much fun to be with every day and I loved his laugh and how much he loved his friends! Much love and prayers for Dena and Jacob in this great loss.



Charlotte Tuma'e - March 29, 2025 at 10:21 PM

ST

“ Stellar Therapy- Nikki, Tricia, Jessi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr.

Stellar Therapy- Nikki, Tricia, Jessi - March 29, 2025 at 04:59 PM

ST

“ Stellar Therapy- Nikki, Tricia, Jessi purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr.



Stellar Therapy- Nikki, Tricia, Jessi - March 29, 2025 at 04:59 PM

YE

“ Your friends at Soddy Elementary purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr.



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**Your friends at Soddy Elementary** - March 29, 2025 at 01:24 PM

MJ

“ I will always remember his contagious laugh and love for music. We would sing wheels on the bus down the hall to practice his ABC's which he loved. He was such a sweet heart and I will miss him dearly. My heart goes out to everyone who knew and loved him. Prayers for strength and peace.

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**Mrs. Jessi** - March 29, 2025 at 07:27 AM

DF

“ David Morin and Family purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr.



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**David Morin and Family** - March 28, 2025 at 11:15 PM

LD

“ Love, Izzy (and family) Davies purchased the *Serene Retreat* for the family of Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr.



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**Love, Izzy (and family) Davies** - March 28, 2025 at 10:11 PM

LD

“ Love, Izzy (and family) Davies planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr.

Love, izzy (and family) Davies - March 28, 2025 at 10:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr.

March 28, 2025 at 07:32 PM



“ "God Has You" 21" Sonnet Chime was purchased for the family of Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr.



March 28, 2025 at 07:32 PM

BG

“ Bram (5th grade) and Callum (2nd grade) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr.

Bram (5th grade) and Callum (2nd grade) - March 28, 2025 at 06:07 PM

BG

“ *Bram (5th grade) and Callum (2nd grade) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr.*



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**Bram (5th grade) and Callum (2nd grade)** - March 28, 2025 at 06:07 PM

UM

“ *Uncle Bob and Aunt Mikki planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr.*

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**Uncle Bob and Aunt Mikki** - March 28, 2025 at 03:06 PM

UM

“ *Uncle Bob and Aunt Mikki purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Jacob Joshua Johnson Jr.*



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**Uncle Bob and Aunt Mikki** - March 28, 2025 at 03:06 PM