

Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Homes

Johnny P. Johnston

(Died August 22, 2006)



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Decorated Vietnam Veteran



Mr. Johnny P. Johnston, age 60, of Port Penn, DE, died on Tuesday, August 22, 2006, at his home surrounded by his beloved family. Mr. Johnston was born in Glendale, CA on September 19, 1945, son of the late Benice Johnston and Nellie Carter Johnston. A highly decorated US Army veteran of the Vietnam War, he first served with the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood, TX. During his tour of combat duty from 1967 to 1968 in Vietnam, he was attached to both the 1st Airmobile Cavalry and the 173rd Airborne Brigade. For his valiant service as an infantryman and forward observer, Mr. Johnston was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, two Bronze Stars for Valor, the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service, the Purple Heart for injuries sustained in defense of his country, two Air Medals for Combat Assaults, the Vietnamese Award for Gallantry, the Army Commendation Award, the Vietnamese Campaign Ribbon, the Southeast Asian Service Ribbon and the National Defense Ribbon. In civilian life, Mr. Johnston was a chemical operator by profession, working for Ciba-Geigy in Newport for 20 years until his retirement in 2002. He had also been employed with the DuPont Company and General Motors. Active in his community, Mr. Johnston was a volunteer firefighter with the Port Penn Fire Company at Station 29. He served as a member of the Fire Police for 10 years where he was known to colleagues as "Papa J." He was also a member of the VFW for several years, the 1/50th Infantry Association, the Police Rod and Gun Club in New Castle, and the Delaware City Recreation Club. Mr. Johnston was an avid racing fan throughout his life and especially enjoyed drag racing and NASCAR. As a young man, he worked for Howards Racing Cams in southern California. It was when he came east to assist in the fabrication of a dragster that he met his future wife, Sandra, and decided to make his home with her in Delaware. He is survived by his beloved wife of 40 years, Sandra M. Neidlein Johnston; their 2 children, Jessica Brown and husband, William, of Middletown; and Sean Johnston and wife, Julia, of Middletown; 6 grandchildren, Sean Jr., Jason, Ashley, Casey, William and Alexa; and mother- and father-in-law, Evelyn and Vernon Neidlein of Holiday, FL. Friends may call 6 PM to 8 PM on Sunday, August 27, 2006, at the SPICER-MULLIKIN FUNERAL HOME, 1000 N. DuPont Parkway, New Castle. A funeral

service will be held at 10 AM on Monday, August 28, 2006, at the funeral home. Interment with military honors will follow in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 2465 Chesapeake City Road, Bear. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Delaware Hospice, 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810.