



MaxWelton 'Bart' Bartholomew Johnson, III

August 6, 1945 - December 5, 2017

MaxWelton 'Bart' Bartholomew Johnson, III passed away on Tuesday, December 5, 2017. He was 72, a native of West Palm Beach, FL and a long time resident of New Orleans, LA. Bart graduated from Portsmouth Abbey School in Portsmouth, RI. He served our country in the U.S. Marine Corp. and later the community as an Auxiliary Officer with the Kenner Police Department and Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Department. Bart then began his career as a Pension/Profit Sharing Plan Administrator. As a thoroughbred race horse owner, he enjoyed many years at the race track and later served as Executive Director of the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association. Bart was a die-hard New Orleans Saints football fan and his other interest included motorcycling with the Southern Cruisers, woodworking, gardening and working with computers.

Beloved father of Sheila King, Laura Eiswirth and Judy Curry. Son of the late Mary Cecilia Walsh and MaxWelton Johnson, Jr. Brother of Liz Hirschberg, Susan Ahlstrom, Regina Lord and the late Marcia Healy. Grandfather of Riley and Regan King, Christopher and Joshua Eiswirth, Zachary Whittle, Helena Curry and Bryant Leshore. Survived by his life's partner, Wanda M. Davis; her daughters, Neeley Berry and Brandi Williams; and her grandsons, Derrick and Hayden Berry. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Memorial Service at L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner on Friday, December 22, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Visitation from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *MaxWelton 'Bart' Bartholomew Johnson, III*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Mark, Lattishia, Sekorah and Kessler purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of MaxWelton 'Bart' Bartholomew Johnson, III.*



Mark, Lattishia, Sekorah and Kessler - December 21, 2017 at 06:35 PM



“ *Dennis, Beverly, Harry & Liz purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of MaxWelton 'Bart' Bartholomew Johnson, III.*



Dennis, Beverly, Harry & Liz - December 21, 2017 at 11:14 AM



“ *Clyde and JaneNell Kennair purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of MaxWelton 'Bart' Bartholomew Johnson, III.*



Clyde and JaneNell Kennair - December 20, 2017 at 11:04 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of MaxWelton 'Bart' Bartholomew Johnson, III.*



December 18, 2017 at 08:44 PM



“ *Gina purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of MaxWelton 'Bart' Bartholomew Johnson, III.*



Gina - December 17, 2017 at 09:00 PM

GI

“ If I could talk to Bart now I’m pretty sure he’d be laughing about me writing this post on the internet. His sense of humor would not let me down when thinking of him as the Big Guy in the Sky. It took me a few days before I could put my thoughts together about my big brother and the thought of not seeing him again. Today, I realized without question that he is really with me all the time. Whether I saw him or not over the past few years or see him in this world in the future he is in many of my fond memories and present in decisions I make today.

We both started our lives being named after the Clergy of the Catholic Church we were born into. He received the honor of being named after the Pastor and I was named after three of the Nuns. I guess our Mom was trying to send us a message to pray a lot. Our childhood days were simple and fun, lots of ice skating, hockey for Bart and sleigh rides, church parades, festivals, and the yearly Soap Box Derby for him. I don’t remember if he ever won but it was great fun to watch.

As we grew a little older and started becoming a little more independent, he built a small room for himself over the garage. I remember him loving that space and I guess it may have been part of his feeling behind loving his little apartment in his barn. He didn’t get a lot of privacy in our house, the oldest of five, four under him being girls. My mom gave him a room without doors. It was like having a bed in a wide hallway and it was only a few feet from the bathroom door that all the girls used. He used to keep a cane in his bed and if we got too close to him on the way by, he’d wave it in the air.

He always made me laugh. Once he ran away from home and the pastor let him stay in the house across the street from us. (the church owned it) I would sneak over and give him snacks.

A few years later he joined the Marines. We were all very proud of him and I still have the photo he sent me in his uniform. There

weren't many boys in our small town who joined the marines and made it through the training and to this day I have people come up to me and tell me they remember him.

He went on to become a father of many lovely young women of this world. His daughters and their families were deeply loved. He was a proud grandfather.

Some worldly things I knew of that were dear to him... his fig tree and his rice cooker. I'll never forget the time he didn't want to eat my rice because I didn't cook it in a rice cooker. It was pretty funny and I never forgot it. Of course, I bought a rice cooker and every time I make rice I think of him.

Wanda, his wonderful life partner opened up his creative side. The crafts they made together and experiences selling them brought a great deal of joy into his life. She was his dearest partner and no matter what happened as they grew older she was there for him. Together they took a great deal of time out of their lives to care for our Mom and Dad. I am forever grateful for their kindness.

Bart, my big brother who helped me to learn to skate and ride a bike will always be here with me. I look forward to the future, spending some time with all who loved him.

Gina

Gina - December 17, 2017 at 08:35 PM

MA

“ I remember the first time I rode on a motorcycle while living for a short time in River Ridge New Orleans. I was almost 5 yrs old, but I wasn't scared because I had complete trust in the driver of that mighty machine.

It is my earliest memory of knowing what freedom felt like, and how exciting it could be!

That same person taught me how to create things with other kinds of machines (not to his knowledge) but as I would peek in on what he was doing in his workshop.

I really enjoyed my time spent there and did not want to leave when my family had to move to Georgia.

I can honestly say that it was these early childhood experiences that sparked my sense of adventure, exploration, curiosity and creativity.

Throughout the rest of my childhood I would explore as far from home as I could (before supper time of course), build tree forts with make-shift tools, and take apart toys, big wheels, bicycles and other odds and ends to learn how they work or make them better.

I would later ride motorcycles, go-carts, ATVs, etc.. always tinkering with them and trying to make them better; well, as much as I could convince my friends to let me do so...since they were their toys, not mine.

I am proud to say that I attribute these interests or traits to my Uncle Bart!

As the years went by, I had fewer opportunities to spend quality time with this childhood hero of mine, but I always looked back on those experiences with a smile and with pride.

I will always remember you Uncle Bart, and know that you were a positive influence in my life.

I take comfort in knowing that you are now with my mama and your mama once again.

Not sure when I will be with you and all the other loved ones, but I

hope ya'll save a seat for me at the grown-ups table when I get there.

Until we meet again Uncle Bart...

*Love,
Mark*

Mark - December 17, 2017 at 08:17 PM

TE

“ *The Eiswirth's purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of MaxWelton 'Bart' Bartholomew Johnson, III.*



The Eiswirth's - December 17, 2017 at 01:11 PM

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“ *The Eiswirth's purchased the Stately Lilies for the family of MaxWelton 'Bart' Bartholomew Johnson, III.*



The Eiswirth's - December 17, 2017 at 01:09 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of MaxWelton 'Bart' Bartholomew Johnson, III.*



December 11, 2017 at 04:06 PM

PL

“ *Praying and thinking about Bart's beloved family. Words cannot express my sorrow at this time. I have so many great memories of Bart along side his remarkable companion Wanda who has been my best friend since 6th grade. All our bike rides together and just the time we spent as friends. His warm hospitality and dry sense of humor. Oh My! Gonna miss you Bart. Love, Paula.*

PAULA LELEUX - December 11, 2017 at 09:38 AM

HT

“ *Praying for all of his loved ones at this sorrowful time.*

Holly Turner - December 09, 2017 at 09:22 AM