



## Michael "Fridge" Johnson

April 23, 1973 - June 29, 2024

Michael "Fridge" O'Neal Johnson, age 51, of Paintsville, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, June 29, 2024, at Paintsville ARH Hospital.

Michael was born April 23, 1973, in Pikeville, Kentucky, son of Margaret Ann Coleman Johnson of Pikeville and the late Mike "Crackers" Ray Johnson.

Michael was a retired Correctional Officer at USP Big Sandy and previous Lieutenant for Johnson County Sheriff's Office. He was a guitar and music enthusiast and played for Sons of FM. Michael could be found on a ball field, fishing, playing music, or shooting guns.

Other than his mother, he is survived by his loving wife Melissa Michelle Hayslett Johnson of 18 years, six children; Joshua Michael (Ashley) Johnson of Ivel, Jordan O'Neal (Kaitlyn) Johnson of Raccoon, Lauren Faith (Colton Kiser) Johnson of Clintwood, Virginia, Michaela Grace Johnson of Paintsville, Alexander Bryce Johnson of Paintsville, and Abigail Hope Johnson of Paintsville; one sister, Angela (George) Knipp of Frankfort, four grandchildren; Riley Blair Johnson, Lucas Alan Kiser, Lainey Kate Johnson, and Henry Joe Johnson.

Michael was preceded in death by his father and brother, Jeremy Scott Johnson.

Funeral services will be conducted 1:00 p.m. Thursday, July 4, 2024, in the Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel with Aaron Penix officiating. Burial will follow at Lakeview Memorial Cemetery, Staffordsville, Kentucky. Friends may visit the Jones-Preston Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 2,

2024, 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, 2024, and 11:00 a.m. until time of service, Thursday, July 4, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Obituary is courtesy of Hall & Jones Funeral Home of Virgie.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakeview Memorial Cemetery @ Staffordsville

3921 KY 40  
Staffordsville, KY 41256

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jones-Preston Funeral Home  
807 South Mao Trail  
Paintsville, KY 41240  
jonespreston1@yahoo.com  
<http://www.jones-prestonfuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

JUL 3. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jones-Preston Funeral Home  
807 South Mao Trail  
Paintsville, KY 41240  
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## Funeral Service

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JUL 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Jones-Preston Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Nathan Little lit a candle in memory of Michael "Fridge" Johnson*



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**Nathan Little** - July 09, 2024 at 06:03 PM

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“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked with Fridge when we both worked for the Elkhorn City Police Dept. I had just started and he was my Sergeant. He was so funny and full of life. We both worked there for a few years then we both ended up working for Johnson County Sheriff Dept. He was so professional and we would go hang out on our off time shooting basketball or going to the gym. If anybody needed anything he would be there. He loved his wife and valued family. I will always remember you brother and my thoughts and prayers go out to the family. You will be truly missed. Nate Little*

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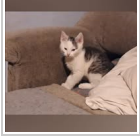
**Nathan Little** - July 09, 2024 at 06:02 PM

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“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. May you find comfort in the memories you have of Fridge.*

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**Judy & Luke Flanary** - July 08, 2024 at 11:30 AM



“ *Krystian Tomala lit a candle in memory of Michael "Fridge" Johnson*



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**Krystian Tomala** - July 02, 2024 at 01:03 AM