



Johnny Cochran

October 23, 1942 - April 18, 2025

Johnny Allen Cochran of Fort Payne, AL passed away on Good Friday, April 18, 2025 at the age of 82.

A Celebration of Life service will be 12 noon, Saturday, May 24th at First Baptist Church of Fort Payne. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until the 12 noon hour of service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in his memory to one of the following ministries:

Bread of Life, PO Box 680876, Fort Payne, AL 35968 or Alabama Baptist Children's Home, 2681 Rocky Ridge Lane, Birmingham, AL 35216 or First Baptist Church of Fort Payne, 106 Grand Avenue NW, Fort Payne, AL 35967.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jan Thompson Cochran, his daughter, Jill Johnston (husband, Bob), his two grandchildren, Joshua Johnston (wife, Sarah) and Abigail Hunt (husband, Caleb), and one great grandson, Samuel Johnston, and his siblings Ray Cochran, Sylvia Drumm, Mary Lois Wadford, Dot Fletcher, Joyce Ramy, and Ruthie Merrill. He is preceded in death by his parents Howard Allen Cochran and Avis Laura Cochran.

Mr. Cochran was one of seven children, born in the country outside of Macon in Gray, GA. He served in the Army Reserve while working his way from

pushing a broom for General Electric to later owning his own electrical contracting business which served the greater Atlanta area. He married Jan in 1966 and later welcomed their only child, Jill, in 1969. In 2001, he financed the sale of his business to trusted employees in order to retire and move closer to his grandchildren in Fort Payne. He enjoyed watching his two grandchildren grow at a house built right beside their own.

Mr. Cochran was baptized at the age of 29 and was a committed disciple for the rest of his life. After moving to Fort Payne, Mr. Cochran joined First Baptist Church where he taught and served as a deacon. He took part in evangelism, disaster relief, Campers on Mission, church planting, lay renewal, and Sunday School teaching until his dementia diagnosis caused him to rest more at home. Mr. Cochran passed away peacefully in his own home surrounded by his family.

Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory of Fort Payne is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Cemetery

1002 Grand Avenue SW
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 24. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Fort Payne
106 Grand Avenue NW
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Celebration of Life

MAY 24. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SD

“ Johnny was a true servant of our Lord. My heart and prayers are with each of you.

Sylvia Drumm - May 18, 2025 at 10:22 PM

DC

Johnny made an eternal mark on my son Robby who worked for him. Robby still talks about how he learned to respect hard working people while working for Johnny.

Doiglas Cantrell - May 30, 2025 at 07:06 AM

LD

“ Johnny and Jan were such an inspiration to us during our time in FBC Newnan. Their home was always open to encourage and support so many. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Linda Dennis

Linda Dennis - May 18, 2025 at 08:35 PM

CL

“ Cheryl Little sent a virtual gift in memory of Johnny Cochran



Cheryl Little - May 16, 2025 at 02:12 PM

LB

“ Johnny and Jan were the first people we met when visiting First Baptist Fort Payne in 2003. We immediately became friends and both joined Campers On Mission (COM) shortly thereafter. Lynn and Johnny worked together on numerous construction projects, serving the Lord through the COM ministry. Jan would often accompany Johnny; what great memories serving our Savior together! Johnny was the kindest, most giving person! What an incredible example! A true ambassador for Christ. We miss you Johnny but know with certainty that we will see each other again one day! We also lift up Jan for comfort and healing during this difficult time.

Lynn & Velma Brown

Lynn & Velma Brown - May 13, 2025 at 02:46 PM

JB

“ Johnny and I met and became friends in the early 2000’s. Our friendship grew as our common faith in God solidified our mutual regard for each other.

We had great fun trying to fish in local waters with limited success. Our time spent fishing allowed for us to share and learn more and more about each other. As our knowledge of each other grew, my admiration and regard for Johnny soared.

We also spent hours working on handyman projects for local widows and handicapped residents. He loved giving aid to those in need.

I was awed with Johnny’s devotion to Baptist disaster relief efforts all around the southeast. Jan was always by his side supporting him. He was a leader of men and a noted problem-solver.

Most of all, he set a powerful example of faith in God and his Savior, Jesus Christ. He was a leader in church, a teacher and a consistent Bible student. He was not ashamed of the Gospel!

I miss those times we shared and I cherish the memories.

I pray for peace for Jan and family members who survive his passing.

John Botts

John Botts - May 13, 2025 at 08:11 AM

TB

“ Jan, you and Johnny are such a blessing, and inspiration and example for me and for all of us how to live and show love and the hope of Christ to others. I will miss Johnny and think of him always as the most gracious gentleman who always made me think he was happy to see me even when he didn't recognize me anymore. I will be holding you close in my heart and my prayers my dear friend. All My Love to you and Jill, Bob, Joshua and Abigail and their families.

Tamera Bearden - April 23, 2025 at 12:49 PM

CG

“ I just Mommy loved you both so much! I do have a recent memory of Dr. Pat and Mr. Johnny coming to visit Mom. We took pics and I am not sure who enjoyed it most! Sending my love and prayers!



Caroline Gentry - April 21, 2025 at 01:59 PM

TB

I love these pictures and these people so much!! I will always regret not spending time with Ms. Mildred. I know she had so many stories I needed to hear. I Love you too Caroline and think about and pray for you and your family (especially my sweet Cassie) often.

Tamera Bearden - April 23, 2025 at 12:39 PM

MM

I worked with Johnny for 13 years before I assumed the helm of his company as I and two coworkers purchased it the with his help. Johnny was a rare individual, especially in the construction business. His word was his bond in all matters. His reputation in the industry was above reproach.

Johnny and I became very close in those years. I loved him truly and my respect for him was immeasurable. In all matters Johnny looked to God for direction. Under his leadership we always considered if our actions would please God. Right and Wrong was the determining factor in all matters regarding employees, vendors, clients and all others who had dealing with his company. Johnny's influence continues to this day in the operation of his former company. I could write pages about Johnny Cochran and the high standards to which he held himself. I thank God for the time I spent with him and the influence he continues to have on my life and countless others who knew and worked with him.

He will be missed but his truth and influence lives within me and many others. His departure from this earth to be with God will not change that.

Mike Melton

May 9, 2025

Mike Melton - May 09, 2025 at 09:31 AM