



James Grady Johnson

February 5, 1940 - June 23, 2006

A Native of Union Point, Georgia, Mr. Johnson was the son of the late James Frank and Grace Dwyer Johnson. Mr. Johnson had lived in New York and California while a professional wrestler known as "Crazy Luke Graham". A member of one of the greatest families in pro-wrestling, the Graham family, Mr. Johnson, aka Crazy Luke teamed with Tarzan Tyler to win the first ever WWWF world Tag Team Championship. Other accomplishments include, WWE international Tag Team Champion, WWE United States Tag Team Champion, WWC Caribbean Heavyweight Champion, WWC North American Champion, NWA Central States Heavyweight Champion, NWA Mid America Heavyweight Champion, NWA Mid America Heavyweight Champion, NWA Hawaii Heavyweight Champion, NWA Tag Team Champion. Upon retirement from pro-wrestling, Mr. Johnson returned home to the Athens area. He had lived in Milledgeville for the past year and attended Freedom Church.

Survivors:

Daughters- Lori Lyle of Milledgeville, Aleshia Greene of Allentown, Delita Sisk of Lexington, Danielle Gattie of Gray

Son- Scott Johnson of New Smyrna Beach, FL

11 Grandchildren, 3 Great Grandchildren

Tribute Wall



“ *HAppy Birthday.... I know I am a few days late...but I think of you often.*

Luke Jr.

Luke Jr. - February 10, 2015 at 07:00 AM



“ *My brotherinlaw. I sure missed growing up without Luke and my neices & nephew. I have always miss you.##imported-begin##susie miller##imported-end##*

July 06, 2009 at 11:15 PM



“ *I send my deepest sympathy to the Luke Graham family. Crazy Luke wrestled for many years for my father, the late Promoter Nick Gulas in Tennessee and the surrounding southern states. I was fortunate to wrestle him many times during my wrestling career. My father always talked highly of Luke.
May Crazy Luke rest in peace in heaven's arena, in a 2 out of 3 fall match, with an everlasting time limit.*

Yours In Sports,

George Gulas##imported-begin##George Gulas##imported-end##

June 28, 2006 at 11:49 PM



“ When I was a little boy I saw Mr. Graham wrestle in Birmingham in the 1970's. It was an exciting moment in my life. What a performer! I was terrified and fascinated by him. My law partner and I still talk about him to this day. Only a few months ago we were fondly recalling him and his persona. I found out about his death purely by accident while doing a web search today. Although I haven't been interested in wrestling in 30 years, I searched for his name because he was such a memorable performer. His family should be very proud of him. He entertained more people than they will ever know. My childhood would not have been as colorful or interesting without Crazy Luke Graham in it. I am sure thousands of others would say the same. My thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Greg Denny##imported-end##

June 28, 2006 at 07:59 PM



“ Crazy Luke Graham is a name from my childhood, a time that i cherish. he was a delightful figure and brought much joy to me and probably millions more baby boomers. With no disrespect to his family, the fans chanted crazy luke crazy luke and luke would go crazy. no higher status or praise for a heel in this business. Condolences to all. St Peter is chanting Crazy Luke and Mr. Johnson is clutching his hair with a huge smile on his face. I just know it. Farewell ro a great wrestler and performer##imported-begin##phil luchun##imported-end##

June 28, 2006 at 05:22 PM



“ Crazy Luke,

It brings a tear to my eye to know that you have passed. I was my pleasure to have met and known you. God Bless you and your family....

Pat Rose##imported-begin##Pat Rose##imported-end##

June 28, 2006 at 04:48 PM



“ aleshia and nicole and family

we are very sorry to hear of your loss. you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##andy &carmel rowland##imported-end##

June 27, 2006 at 02:26 PM



“ On behalf of the staff of Georgia Wrestling History, I pass along my deepest sympathies to the family of 'Crazy' Luke Graham. He was not only a legend in the business, but a true superstar in the state of Georgia over the years. He was also a true gentlemen each time we spoke, and will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Rich Tate##imported-end##

June 27, 2006 at 12:00 PM



“ The family has my sympathy. I knew Luke when he wrestled in the Nashville, Tn. area for Nick Gulas. I have several memories of him as a wrestler and as a person.##imported-begin##Mike Porter##imported-end##

June 27, 2006 at 10:33 AM



“ I SAW CRAZY LUKE IN PERSON AT SUNNYSIDE GARDEN IN NEW YORK. FIGHTING BRUNO SAMMARTINO. HE HAD HIS THUMB TAPED AND GAVE BRUNO A RUN FOR HIS MONEY. HE WILL BE MISSED##imported-begin##J SOLOMON##imported-end##

June 26, 2006 at 06:32 PM



“ Lori,nicole;
i am very sorry to hear of your father and grandfathers death- I enjoyed talking to him at Aidens birthday party at the lake and I know how much he meant to you all- you are all in my prayers##imported-begin##debra herringdine##imported-end##

June 25, 2006 at 11:27 PM



“ Mr. Johnson touched our lives at vistacare with his tender "teddy bear" ways; we are praying for you.

with deepest sympathy

CLARISSA##imported-begin##Clarissa Driskell (Vista Care)##imported-end##

June 25, 2006 at 02:18 PM



“ I rember meeting Luke at a wrestling match my dad grew up with him when he lived in Gray. My dad name is Calvin Lane.##imported-begin##Davis Family##imported-end##

June 25, 2006 at 01:59 PM



“ As a kid I loved watching this great athlete wrestle. He put on a great show for the fans. The earth's loss is heaven's gain. God bless all of the family.##imported-begin##Don Byram##imported-end##

June 25, 2006 at 12:39 PM



“ Dear Father I'm so sorry I could not be there but I know you already know that for you are in a better place . We all will miss you and your love but know you will always be with us Papa Bear.I Love you Lee.##imported-begin##Lee Greene##imported-end##

June 25, 2006 at 10:38 AM



“ i remember watching him wrestle when i was a kid, he could get the crowd "worked up" better than most can do these days, young fans don't know what they are missing##imported-begin##DAN PETTIS##imported-end##

June 25, 2006 at 08:01 AM



“ Sr.

I am sure you have found the keys by now... I still dont have them. We have your throne in the dressing room with us and your pictures overlooking us all.

June will be Luke Graham Sr. Memorial month at the wrestling in Batesville. We are putting your picture on every seat... Remember, you always wanted to put a butt in every seat. !!! We do that every week now. You would be proud. We "toot" the bottle and tell our stories of you. We even use our arms!

We remember you daily at home and in the arena... We all miss you.

All my love dad...

Luke, Angela, Trey, Chubby, Nancy, JP, Tabitha, Scotty, Shannon, Sebastian and Main Event Wrestling America##imported-begin##Luke Graham Jr##imported-end##

April 10, 2006 at 08:52 AM



“ *Will never be anyone like him again ! Gone but not forgotten
!##imported-begin##Andrew Jones##imported-end##*

February 11, 2006 at 11:18 PM