



John Paul Broderson

October 18, 1941 - October 24, 2018

Frankfort – John Paul “Papa” Broderson was born October 18, 1941, in Franklin, Simpson County, Kentucky. He was a graduate of Franklin Simpson High School, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Kentucky School of Medicine. He completed his internship in Minneapolis, and his residency at the University of Illinois in Chicago, spending time in Calcutta, India working with the cataract camps. Following his training, he moved to Frankfort where he practiced Ophthalmology for 35 years retiring in 2006 at which time he began his life’s passion for service.

John Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Lucy Mae Robertson Broderson, brother, Joe Broderson, brother, Lee Broderson, and nieces, Beth Broderson and Lisa Mitchell. He is survived by his wife and soul mate, Marcey Broderson, sons, John Paul Broderson, Jr., Kelly Glenn Broderson (Angie), and Brian Todd Garland; daughters, Julie Garland Stevenson and Beth Garland McDonald (Mike), grandchildren, Emma Grace Stevenson, Joseph John Broderson, Jacob James Broderson, Daniel Jackson McDonald, Benjamin Whalen McDonald, and Margaret Laurel McDonald. He is also survived by his brother, Alvin Benton Broderson (Ann), sister-in-law, Barbara, sister-in-law, Jenny Mitchell (Rodney), as well as many nieces and nephews.

Papa’s life was devoted to service, not only to his family but in his daily service to the Least of the Brethren. He has served as a member of the Drug Court Board, assisting participants in their journey to a better life, served on

the Salvation Army Board, taught life skills classes at the Franklin County Regional Jail, was active in the Interfaith Council in Frankfort, lead the Men's Sunday School Class at the First United Methodist Church, and was a member of the Thursday Morning Men's group at Cracker Barrel. He was a devoted servant to everyone he met – a most generous and compassionate man – showing love and respect to everyone with no thought of religion, color, or social status. One of the Saints he admired was Mother Teresa who said, "A life not lived for others is not a life." This life for others was the way he lived.

Services will be held at First United Methodist Church on Monday, October 29, 2018, at 12:30 p.m. with Dr. Phil Hill officiating, Dr. Jackson Brewer, and Rev. Tonya Kenner officiating. Burial will follow at Frankfort Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Sunday, October 28, 2018, at the Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks expressions of sympathy be made to First United Methodist Church Frankfort Least of the Brethren Fund.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Frankfort Cemetery

215 East Main Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 227-2403

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
211 Washington Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

Service

OCT **29**. 12:30 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
211 Washington Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

Tribute Wall



“ *John Paul Broderson*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM

AR

“What a huge loss for John Paul's family and friends and our community. He is also a tremendous loss for the Cracker Barrel Men's Devotional Group of which I am a member. Shortly after John Paul joined our little group, he was preparing the lesson more than the rest of us combined. Before his passing, the group had decided that John Paul should lead the discussion at all our meetings -- a burden which he gladly accepted. When we would begin the study of a new book, John Paul would purchase a copy for each of us. I have seven books that John Paul gave to me just in the past two years. He was the most generous person I have ever met. He would give you the proverbial "shirt off his back." He gave from his resources, but he gave of himself too. John Paul spent of himself. In his wisdom, he knew that is how one truly becomes rich.

John Paul was one of the most spiritual persons I have ever met. His was a life of service from the jail to the Sunday School Class to anyone in need. Most people commit the Golden Rule to memory. John Paul committed it to his life. There is a saying that when you have a choice to be right or to be kind, always choose to be kind. John Paul invariably chose to be kind.

It was obvious to all in our devotional group, that John Paul had spent a lifetime seeking the Lord. He has found Him now and is at home in heaven. Our group will miss this humble, dedicated and loving servant of the Lord. But each of us can say we are better persons for having known John Paul. He was an example to us all. He is our loss, but heaven's gain.

*Alex Rose
Cracker Barrel Men's Devotional Group*

Alex Rose - November 02, 2018 at 01:09 PM

JG

“ We will always remember John Paul's compassion for prisoners in Nicaragua and his generosity to expand ministry to them through God's Plan In The Family.
Jerry & Wanda Goerz, Lexington, KY

Jerry Goerz - October 29, 2018 at 01:56 PM

BW

“ Dr. Broderson was one of the loveliest people I've ever known. He was a rare human being. Kind and generous to a fault, always at the ready with an anecdote that made you think and made you feel. So much of what he said to me stuck and I can't say that about many people. I will miss Dr. Broderson.

becky wells - October 29, 2018 at 01:33 PM

PC

“ All of our family went to Dr. Broderson. He was such a unique person. We're so very sorry for you loss. He is greatly missed.
John/Minnie Triplett and family.

Pam Cloyd - October 29, 2018 at 08:43 AM

NC

“ I was a distant cousin fo John Paul,younger than him and part of the Claypool branch of hisHendricks clan.
We had quite a few reunions of our families in Franklin and as kids John Paul was always so kind and cute and funny. He has been more to many people as were his parents, Lucy Mae and Joe. He has earned his reward in heaven and I send my deepest sympathy to his family and friends. May you know those of us that knew him knew how much he loved you all.
Nancy Claypool Collins Columbus,ohio

Nancy Collins - October 29, 2018 at 04:59 AM

BB

“ I am honored to say that I was his first employee when he came to Frankfort and set up his "new" practice for him!! I never loved any job more--and that included working for Governors, the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission and six national healthcare medical specialty associations in the years that followed!! Our family loved Dr B, Barbara, Paul and Kelly like family and we were very sad when we had to move away from Frankfort and my awesome boss and our close friend and his family. Our children with grown children remember our memories with them. We were not often in contact with them since but they have never ever been far from our hearts and we have been so blessed to stay in touch. We were so sad when we heard about Barbara's passing and we share that same sorrow with the news of his death now. Our love and prayers are with this beautiful family.

Billie & Bill Bradford - October 28, 2018 at 03:03 PM

EN

“ Dr. John Broderson was a gentle man of Christian integrity ecumenical love for the downtrodden and the helpless. He stretched his tentacles to Cameroon, Africa to embrace my family and save my daughter who was nearing death from eye problems. Dr. Broderson never hesitated to accepted me and my family as his extended family. Thanks to Gerry Howard and late Mr. Strong of the Buck Runn Family who brought Dr. Broderson into our lives. He was an exceedingly good man, and his goodness and godliness will outlive him. Rest in peace, my friend and brother. You have run the race and definitely there is a big prize waiting for you/

Emmanuel Ngwang & the Ngwang Family

Emmanuel Ngwang - October 27, 2018 at 08:07 PM

JO

“ *RIP dear friend I will all ways keep you in my heart.. u show me the right way to live life I will keep in mind each of does words that you thought me I will go fallow every estep u guide me thank you for saving my life.. love and prayers for all the family!*



Javier osequera - October 27, 2018 at 12:50 PM

DB

“ *He was my doctor for many years. Also went to school with all the children . So sorry.*

Denise Moore Burke - October 26, 2018 at 07:37 PM

JC

“ *RIP dear friend love always 🙏💔😭*

Janelle Clark - October 26, 2018 at 07:00 PM

BL

“ *John Paul and his brother Ben were such good friends of mine at Franklin-Simpson High School. I remember him and his family with deep gratitude. He was a warm, accepting and supportive friend, and the world is poorer without him.*

In love and gratitude, Beasley Leffew

Beasley Leffew - October 26, 2018 at 06:57 PM

KB

Mr. Leffew,

*Would love to speak with you more about dad.
Thanks*

Kelly Broderson

Kelly Broderson - October 27, 2018 at 10:32 PM

DR

“ *Thoughts and prayers go out to all of John Paul's friends and family. Early in his life we were best friends. Also friends with his first wife Barbara. We were in the same class at FSHS. Many memories of those days. Spent many nights upstairs with him and his brothers Joe and Benny. After HS we drifted apart as we went separate ways miles apart. May he RIP.*

David Redman - October 26, 2018 at 04:13 PM

KB

*David. I am one of John Paul's sons, Kelly Broderson.
Where are you living now? Would love to speak with you*

Kelly Broderson - October 27, 2018 at 10:30 PM

JB

“ *I'll miss you John Paul as will all of those you touched with your faith and generosity. I can't think you enough for your support and mentorship. God Bless.*

john browning - October 26, 2018 at 02:05 PM

AF

John Paul was our eye doctor when we lived in Frankfort and we always felt so blessed in his presence. He always shared his faith and touched those around him. So sorry for your loss but Heaven has definitely gained a faithful servant.

Amy and John Faulkenberry - October 26, 2018 at 03:18 PM

PW

“ *My eyes and the eyes of my family were never in any better hands than this man....I will miss our talks and visits at Kroger each week.....Prayers fo r Marcy and the rest of the family.Heaven gained an angel....I looked forward to my visits and catching up with him...When we took Chelsea to him when she was18 months I was a nervous wreck.But he put our minds at ease.....love you and will miss you Doctor B.....*

Paula Moore Woolums - October 26, 2018 at 02:01 PM



Cornelia Jay

“ *I have never looked more forward to a dr visit than i did to come see Dr B. The Lord definately had his hand on him. Im so sorry for your loss family. I pray for your grief. I cant say enough about how this man touched my life. He will be missed 😭😭*



Cornelia Jay - October 26, 2018 at 12:19 PM

PM

“ *My thoughts and prayers to the family.*



Patsy McChesney - October 26, 2018 at 11:57 AM