



Jonathan Goss

April 10, 1940 - November 17, 2025

JONATHAN GOSS

Sunrise April 10, 1940

Sunset November 17, 2025

Jonathan Goss, the son of MacRoy and Irene Gray Goss, was born in Hemingway, South Carolina on April 10, 1940. He was the second of seven children, six boys and one girl. He came from a hard-working family. Whether it be selling moonshine for his daddy or driving the school bus for lunch money, Jonathan, or Johnny as his friends and family called him, pitched in where the family needed him.

Johnny attended Deep Creek Elementary School followed by Howard High School, where he was involved in Chess and Glee Club. He was a dedicated and disciplined student. School staff encouraged and supported his dream; even going as far to borrow books from another school so he could learn Physics and Chemistry. He graduated from high school as Valedictorian in 1958, obtaining a full scholarship from the Milwaukee School of Engineering. In 1961, while still in college, Johnny was introduced to Martha Wilson. He asked her out to a party and after dating for a time, they married on July 16th, 1962, in Newark, Jersey. After six years of hard work and studying, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering, making him the first member of his family to graduate from college.

After graduating college 1964, he obtained a position at Sperry Univac. He and Martha moved to St. Paul, Minnesota. They had no friends or family to

help them acclimate to this new place, but they quickly formed bonds, creating a new community for themselves and the family they would eventually raise. In 1970, while working at Sperry, Johnny devised a computer device (Patent #3,515,073). The device was utilized by NASA. After his stint at Sperry, Johnny and friends decided to start an Electronics firm. Community Electronics Corporation (CEC) started as a small venture, but ultimately became a successful minority-owned business in Minneapolis. He later became the President and CEO. CEC, with its multimillion-dollar facility, provided jobs for nearly 100 employees on the Northside of Minneapolis honoring his commitment to those residing in the area.

As a life-long learner he returned to college, and in 1979, Johnny graduated from St. Thomas University with a Master of Business Administration. He took this education, and nearly 20 years' experience at CEC, and went on to work at Microtron where he was Vice-President and General Manager, leading the company to profitability. After leaving Microtron, Johnny then rounded out his career by giving back to the St. Paul community. He worked for SPEAC and later ended his career with St. Paul Public Schools.

Johnny served his community throughout his life in various ways. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity for over 60 years. Johnny also served on the board of Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, was a member of the Metropolitan Economic Development Association, and served on the board of The Fairway Foundation where he used his golf skills to teach the game to the next generation of players.

Johnny never lost sight of his love for the Lord. He grew up singing in church and continued while in college. Upon relocating to St. Paul, he and Martha joined Mt. Olivet Baptist Church where he has been a member for 61 years. Johnny was a faithful servant of the church, serving in many ways, including leading the Trustee Board for many years. He spent many of those 61 years singing in the Celestial choir and recording with the Mt. Olivet Celestial choir and the Emmanuel ensemble.

Johnny enjoyed life in many ways. He enjoyed fishing, boating, bowling, took

up the guitar, and loved driving his Corvettes. However, golf consumed most of his leisure time. His passion for the game spanned over 50 years. He travelled across the nation on golf trips with friends and spent countless hours on the course. The course became his second home.

Johnny also was a member of the Forty's Club for over 20 years and was a Connecting Link for 33 years. He never lost his love for South Carolina. He travelled home often to enjoy barbecue, play some pluck with his brothers and reminisce about old times. Many of his friends have visited his family home during their annual Myrtle Beach golf trips.

Johnny's life was a life well lived. Regardless of his experiences or his successes, he remained a country boy. He was brilliant and determined. He loved to learn. He loved the Lord. He loved to sing for the Lord. He loved his family. He loved his Corvettes, and he loved golf. He is surely in heaven playing golf and singing in the heavenly choir.

Jonathan is preceded in death by his parents, MacRoy Goss and Irene Gray Goss; brothers, Roy Goss, Wendell Goss, and MacRoy Goss, Jr; sister, JoAnn Goss, and daughter Natalie Goss. He leaves behind his wife, Martha Goss, brothers Verland Goss and Levi Goss; his children, Tyrone Wilson (Lori), Monica Edwards, Phyllis Goss-Albritten (Livingston), LaShawn Goss-Love, and Dimitri Dixon-Goss, nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and a wonderful village of family, friends, and loved ones. Services will be held on Saturday, November 29 at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church (451 W. Central, St. Paul, Mn 55103). Visitation will be held at 11:30am with service following at 12:00pm. The service can be viewed via livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/@mountolivetbaptistchurch3301/streams>. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his honor to Our Lady of Peace Hospice and Home Health Care (<https://ourladyofpeacemn.org/donate/>).

Tribute Wall

CC

“ *Martha, Phyllis and Shawn Over 60 years of Friendship makes us have truly happy and grateful years we shared together with so so memories. Starting in Milwaukee WI and than here in MN. Remembering the call from Johnny and Walter for our family to move and have Charles join their Company. Goss as we called will surly be missed Blessings and much Love Family 🙏*

Carol Cox - November 30, 2025 at 06:50 PM

DL

“ *To the Goss family,
My condolences are with you during this season.
After church during my summer visits, Goss always allowed me to squeeze in his corvette with Natalie, Phyllis and Shawn so I can enjoy time with your family. Thank you Uncle Goss.*

Donya R. Little

Donya Little - November 29, 2025 at 12:04 PM

JB

“ *Jeffrey & Jacqueline Bragg planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jonathan Goss.*

Jeffrey & Jacqueline Bragg - November 28, 2025 at 08:17 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jonathan Goss.*



November 28, 2025 at 08:17 PM

LF

“ Love, The Mahomes Family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Jonathan Goss.



Love, The Mahomes Family - November 26, 2025 at 11:45 PM

AM

“ Allen and Vanessa McClendon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jonathan Goss.

Allen and Vanessa McClendon - November 26, 2025 at 10:40 PM

AF

“ Albritten Family! purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jonathan Goss.



Albritten Family! - November 26, 2025 at 12:51 AM

PA

“ Patrick, Marielle, Stefanie, Amanda purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jonathan Goss.



Patrick, Marielle, Stefanie, Amanda - November 25, 2025 at 11:32 AM

PA

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Patrick, Marielle, Stefanie, Amanda - November 25, 2025 at 11:32 AM

MH

“ Marlon and Kesha Henderson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jonathan Goss.



Marlon and Kesha Henderson - November 24, 2025 at 11:17 PM

CF

“ Curtis Goss and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jonathan Goss.



Curtis Goss and family - November 24, 2025 at 08:23 PM

CG

“ I remember Uncle Johnny driving down to Grandma Irene's house in his Corvette, talking about golf, and playing pluck all night with his brothers talking trash. He was always so cool. My condolences to everyone. Heaven has gained a good man!

Curtis and Melanie Goss



Curtis Goss - November 24, 2025 at 08:12 PM

DG

“ Dawn G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jonathan Goss.

Dawn G. - November 23, 2025 at 08:34 AM

VD

“ I pray for my family. I ask God to keep us in his loving arms as we endure this path. Uncle Johnny you will be missed. My deepest condolences 🙏. R.I.P. Uncle.

Valeria Goss Davis - November 22, 2025 at 11:38 PM

DE

My prayers of hope, comfort, and understanding go out to all the family. May the Dpirit of the Lord our God, keep watch over you and sustain you. May HiS love guide, comfort, and keep you, especially as you endure through this pain and hurt.

Love to you all.
Always, Dawn Goss Evans, Dominique Williams, Desmond F. Goss, and Maya Goss 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Dawn Goss Evans - November 23, 2025 at 08:27 AM

LH

Sending my prayers for deep comfort and understanding throughout this difficult time to the Goss family! 🙏
Lois Hunt

Lois Hunt - November 24, 2025 at 11:20 AM

PE

“ 3 files added to the album Kappa Memories



Pedro - November 22, 2025 at 12:26 PM

IC

“ My condolences to my family, I will always remember you and your words of encouragement, “study hard and be the best that God created you to be.” I love you cousin.

Iris Carter - November 22, 2025 at 10:23 AM

JJ

“ My deepest condolences to my special friend Martha and all the family members,
I have had the pleasure of knowing Johnny since I was 15 years old. He was always approachable and had a winning smile. He would greet me with, “hey you”. He offered to help me improve my golf game, which turned out to be hopeless because I always put it off. Johnny could hold a conversation with you for hours. We would have fun talking about those teenage days. I will miss him. He enriched my life. Heaven is smiling and has now added a singing angel. With much love, Jeanette Taylor Jones

jeanette taylor jones - November 21, 2025 at 09:56 PM

CJ

“ To the family of Johnny Goss,
I was very sorry to hear of the passing of my friend, fraternity brother, classmate and fellow engineer. We were the rare few blacks at MSOE in the 50's. There were only a few of us who got corporate jobs after graduation and Johnny was one of them. However, shortly thereafter, brother Goss started his own company and was very successful. I am very proud that he was my friend and fraternity brother. Kappa Alpha Psi, is proud to claim Jonathan Goss. May you swing your clubs in heaven, With love and memories, Carl B. Jones

Carl B. Jones - November 21, 2025 at 09:31 PM

CJ

“ My deepest condolences to the Goss family.

Johnny Goss lived an extraordinary life filled with laughter, love, success, and enjoyment. I remember the first time I saw Mr. Goss. He came walking down the driveway at my parents' house, and I said Mom, who's that nice-looking older gentleman? She said, Martha's husband. I said Go, Martha, good catch (lol). Mr. Goss was a man of great character. I say to the Goss family, you will have several moments of sadness, but when you do, think of a warm memory you shared with him, and smile.



Mr. Goss will forever remain in the hearts of the Jones family and an invisible member to my Dad and brother, as they share a fraternity bond. Yes, he is in a better place, and Mr. Goss did it his way; he lived his life to the fullest and never missed a beat. Mr. Goss was a man of distinction and a diamond that will forever sparkle.

With love, Carlette Jones

Carlette Jones - November 21, 2025 at 12:51 PM

G.

“ Gordon . planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jonathan Goss.

Gordon . - November 21, 2025 at 09:41 AM

G.

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Gordon . - November 21, 2025 at 09:41 AM



“ My 1st cousin was truly loved by his family. He would come to SC and family would gather at the Goss family home. Laughing, eating, and reminiscing. He will be truly missed. He was inspirational in a lot of our family going to college. Life is not promised but eternal life is. Live so we will be there by God’s grace and mercy.

Alveria Carter Cooper - November 20, 2025 at 08:22 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Washburn-McReavy - November 20, 2025 at 05:29 PM