

Johnson family to be featured on TV program

Program spotlights somber art

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Jan and Joe Johnson, whose son, Spc. Justin W. Johnson, was killed in Iraq in 2004, will appear in a Georgia Public Broadcasting television program spotlighting art of fallen military heroes.

The Armuchee High School graduate was killed by a roadside bomb in April 2004.

The segment kicks off the new episode of "State of the Arts," which will air on GPB at the following times:

- 9 p.m. Jan. 30
- 10 p.m. and midnight Feb. 1
- 1 a.m. and 11 p.m. Feb. 3
- 2 a.m. Feb. 10



Spc. Justin Johnson (back row, left) died in Iraq. His parents, Joe and Jan Johnson (front row) will be featured in a PBS television program. Contributed photo

According to the GPB Web site, portrait painters Lisa Gleim, Leah Hopkins Henry and Geri Zaki are the founders of the project that became known as "Art from the Heart." "State of the Arts" followed the three through the process of contacting the families of Johnson, Army Specialist Jamaal Addison of Lithonia and First Lieutenant Tyler Brown of Atlanta.

Henry's portrait of Johnson was unveiled in a ceremony at Myrtle Hill Cemetery last year.

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