



Dale William Johnson

April 1, 1932 - September 17, 2010

(Master Sergeant) MSGT Dale William Johnson, a long-time resident of Fair Play, passed away Friday, September 17, 2010 at his home. He was born in Fair Play, Missouri on April 1, 1932 to Otis William Johnson and Gertrude Susan Clayton Johnson.

He graduated from Fair Play High School in May 1950 and then joined the US Air Force after graduation. After finishing basic training at Lackland AFB, TX in 1950 he trained in the Military Police at Camp Gordon, GA and then cross-trained into Air Traffic Control at Biloxi, MS in 1957. Overseas assignments included England, Germany, Greenland and an assignment to Shemya AFB, AK.

Dale received many service awards for work and equipment improvements, including three save awards for saving three aircraft and the people aboard the aircraft by helping them to navigate to safe landing from emergency situations that could have resulted in crash landings. He was awarded the European Communications Area Europe (EAME), Outstanding Air Traffic Controller award for the quarter (Jan-Mar 1968). Dale retired to Fair Play after serving 20 years with the US Air Force. Following this retirement he attended Agriculture School, farmed, became a carpenter and also built houses.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years Edna (Mills) Johnson; his twin brother, Darrell Johnson of Morrisville; four children: Lynn Sipes of Topeka, KS, Michael Johnson of Orcas Island, Washington, Karen Watson of Hallsville, MO and Sheila Griggs of Stockton, MO; eight grandchildren: Shelly Sipes, SSGT Ryan Sipes, Jeremiah Johnson, SSGT Kimberly Woodcock, Kristin Wolf, Michael Griggs, Megan Griggs and Melena Griggs; nine great-grandchildren, 3 step-great-grandchildren; a niece, Sharon Mullins, and many cousins in the Johnson and Clayton families.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests a donation to Citizens Memorial Hospice of Bolivar, MO and the American Lung Association. Visitation will be held Tuesday, September 21, 2010 from 5-7 pm at Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar. Funeral Services will be held at 1:00pm Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at the Butler Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain James O. Friend officiating. Burial will follow at Bethel Cemetery west of Fair Play, MO.

Friends may sign the guest book or send private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ Dale William Johnson

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ Dale William Johnson

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ OUR DEAR FRIEND WILL BE SORELY MISSED AND ALWAYS REMEMBERED AS BEING A MAN OF INTEGRITY, HONESTY, AND HAVING A DELIGHTFUL FAMILY.

GOD BLESS YOU DALE AND YOUR WONDERFUL FAMILY.
BOB AND JOYCE STANDLEY

Bob and Joyce Standley - September 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Lynn and family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all! God bless

Tony, Stefany and Eli Anno
Bruce Johnson

Tony Anno - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Karen: I was so sorry to hear about the death of your father. I know it leaves a deep hole in your heart. My prayers for you and your family. Laura (Owens) Coots*

Laura Owens Coots - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FT

“ *Edna, we send our deepest sympathy to you and all the family. We pray that God will give you comfort and His perfect peace. We pray that the void you feel in your heart today will be filled with wonderful and happy memories of Dale in the days to come. He was a great man and we are so blessed to have known him. Love to all, Betty and Frank Tow*

Frank & Betty Tow - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *To Johnson family/Karen,*

I am very sorry to hear of the loss of your father. My heart and thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family at this time.

Starla (Cargill) Turner

Starla (Cargill) Turner - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *My deepest sympathy to each of you. My Dad passed away 6 years ago and Mom two years ago, so I know the feeling of loss.*

Gaila (Cross) Beach - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Edna & families: My heart hurts for you tonite. I am glad you have each other. You don't forget really good friends, even if 45+ years have passed. We had some good times together, and Bill always appreciated your friendship to him, before we married.*

The 23rd would have been Bill's 79th BD! They are together again, and happy and pain free, and waiting for us to come to heaven too.

God bless each and every one of you. Please stay in touch!

*Love you,
Barbara Hubbard (and Bill too!)*

Barbar Hubbard - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *Thanks for the kindness and love you gave me over all the many years. You always treated me as one of your girls ... You always remembered Jeremiah even though we lived states away from Missouri. You will be greatly missed. God will comfort all of your loved ones knowing that you are no longer in pain and are able to live and breathe in a much better place. God Bless the entire family. Peace to all. Rama*

Rama Johnson - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Edna & family ,May God give you comfort and peace in this difficult time. Love John & Toni*

John & Toni Shores - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Dear Edna and Family,

*We were so sorry to learn of Dale's passing, he will be missed!
Please know our thoughts and prayers are will all of you now during
this difficult time.*

Love, Ron, Ardy and Family

Ron & Ardy Painter - September 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ A Son

A Husband

A Father

An Uncle....

A Patriot

A Friend

*Wishing we could be there, our hearts are heavy for him and you,
we love you and you're in our Prayers.....Jeff and Cynthia*

Jeff and Cindy Allen - September 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Dear Edna & Family, My thoughts & prayers are with y'all during this
time. Love, Sandy

Sandy - September 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM