



Fred Wates Johnson

May 17, 1939 - February 1, 2016

Fred Wates Johnson, 76 of Bolivar passed away Monday, Feb 1, 2016 at Mercy Hospital.

He was born on May 17, 1939 in Bolivar to Clark and Hazel Johnson.

Fred attended Pleasant Hope Elem and graduated from Pleasant Hope High School. He joined the military in 1958, and served until 1961.

He was saved at an early age, and baptized at First Baptist Church, in Pleasant Hope, where he remained a member for several years serving as a deacon and a Sunday school teacher. He was currently a member of Springhill Baptist Church, in Springfield. Fred was very strong in his faith and an excellent Christian example, for not only his family, but also his friends.

Fred met Sharon Mosley in 1954, and they were married July 5, 1960. To this union four children were born.

Fred spent his life as a farmer working the family farm, at first with his parents, and then later continued with Sharon and his children and grandchildren. He continued to be active in the daily farming operations until recently when he had to step back due to health issues. He served for several years on the Board of Directors of Mid-America Dairyman, working for the betterment of the dairy industry.

He was preceded in death by his wife Sharon, his parents, one baby daughter, Glenda Sue, a grandson, Zachary Johnson, son in law, Shannon Lynn, and brother, Gene Johnson.

Surviving Fred is a daughter, Anita Lynn of Bolivar, son Kevin Johnson and his wife Susan of Marshfield, son Aaron Johnson and his wife Teresa of Bolivar, grandchildren, Shayna Warren and her husband DJ, Shyann Warren and her husband Jordan, Chester Blackington, Kyle Johnson, Dalton Johnson, Devin Johnson, Wyatt Lynn, great grandchildren, Clara, MaCoy, Keaton, Kale, Kaden, Aubrey, Porter, and Jaydon, sister, Betty Cribbs and her husband David of Bolivar, sister, Barbara Gilmore of Bolivar, sister in law, Karen Johnson, of Bolivar, and very special friend Marilyn Morris.

Fred enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, and received a great amount of joy from his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2016, from 6 – 8:00 PM at the Butler Funeral Home Chapel, in Bolivar.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM, on Friday, February 5, 2016 at the Butler Funeral Home Chapel, in Bolivar, with burial, including full military honors, to follow the service, at the Pleasant Hope Cemetery, in Pleasant Hope, Missouri.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of choice by the donor.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hope Cemetery

Pleasant Hope, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
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<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fred Wates Johnson*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Fred Wates Johnson*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Fred's passing. He was a great friend, coworker and mentor to Darrell and such a thoughtful, caring man. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,
Darrell and Cindy Francka*

Darrell and Cindy Francka - February 04, 2016 at 11:49 AM



“ *Fred was a wonderful friend...and an incredibly good Sunday school teacher...We miss him...Loran and Marilyn Wren*

Loran and Marilyn Wren - February 04, 2016 at 09:57 AM

LS

“ We will always have fond memories of our high school days with Fred. He always seemed to have a smile as he got on the school bus. Please remember that God loves and cares for each of you and he had a special time to take Fred on to his eternal home. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

Sincerely,
Elder Lloyd and Donna Steinshouer

Lloyd Steinshouer - February 04, 2016 at 09:45 AM

TE

So sorry for your loss

Tom car r er - February 04, 2016 at 01:17 PM

NF

Frank and I were so sorry to hear of Fred's passing. I grew up in the same church as Fred and his family. Fred and Gene and about 5 or six other teenage boys always sat on the front pew. My friends and I were about 10 years old and we thought they were dreamy. They were very handsome. In later years I always wondered if they chose to sit there or if the preacher asked them to.lol He remained a fine Christian man his whole life and I know his family will miss him greatly.

Blessings, Nancy Francka

Nancy Francka - February 04, 2016 at 01:36 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Fred Wates Johnson.



February 04, 2016 at 09:11 AM

RH

“ Raymond and Susan Harrison purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Fred Wates Johnson.



Raymond and Susan Harrison - February 03, 2016 at 12:44 PM

RH

“ Fred Johnson has to be the most polite, kind, considerate, empathetic, hardworking, example of a Christian gentleman I've ever known. He loved his family, loved his friends, respected and encouraged everyone he met. I can say he has been a most positive influence in my life and we will miss him terribly. I never heard him speak ill of anyone [he could refrain from commenting, of course :)] He is absolutely in joyous reunion with all his family and friends that have preceded us to Heaven today.



Raymond and Susan Harrison - February 03, 2016 at 12:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Fred Wates Johnson.



February 03, 2016 at 12:11 PM

JC

“ Anita, Kevin, Aaron and families-We are sending our deepest condolences to all of you. Fred was a very nice person and we know you will miss him. You have all had a lot of sadness lately. Our prayers are with you. God be with you and a comfort to you.

Jack&Linda Crawford - February 03, 2016 at 11:13 AM

AW

I'm so sorry to hear of Fred's passing. Please know you're in my thoughts and prayers.

--Angie Watson

Angie Watson - February 03, 2016 at 12:23 PM

DG

WE'VE KNOWN FRED SINCE 1945. IN THE CLASSROOM, ON THE BASKETBALL COURT & SOFTBALL DIAMOND. FIVE OF US WENT INTO THE ARMY TOGETHER. NOW THERE ARE ONLY THREE OF US LEFT. LUCKILY, HE CAME TO A REUNION LAST YEAR, AND WE HAD A CHANCE TO TALK ABOUT THE "GOOD TIMES". WE'LL CERTAINLY MISS HIM.

DON & JOANNA GLENN

DON GLENN - February 04, 2016 at 05:59 PM