



## Johnnie R. Lee Carson

November 21, 1924 - June 14, 2008

### JOHNNIE R. LEE CARSON

Johnnie R. Lee Carson passed away on June 14, 2008 at the age of 83 in his home in Bolivar after an extended illness. Johnnie was born on November 21, 1924 near Cliquot in Polk County, Missouri, the son of Philander Greene Carson and Hannah Irene (Parrott) Carson.

He was the youngest of five children and was raised on the family farm near Cliquot. Johnnie attended grade school in Cliquot and graduated from Humansville High School in 1943. He began his career as an electrical lineman with Southwest Electric Cooperative of Bolivar in 1948, retiring after 40 years of service in 1988.

Johnnie was baptized in his youth into the Salem Baptist Church of Cliquot, later becoming a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Bolivar, serving as a deacon. He was a 50 year member of the Bolivar Masonic Lodge # 195 A.F. & A.M. Johnnie was married to Shirley Elizabeth (Spurgeon) Hanan on December 22, 1951 in the Bolivar area.

Johnnie was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Opal Williams, brothers Glen Carson and Oren Carson, daughter Christie Hanan, and son

Johnnie R. Lee Carson II.

Johnnie is survived by his wife of 56 years, Shirley of the home, daughter Carla Parker and husband Rich of Desoto, Kansas, daughter Jeannie Jones of Bolivar, grandson Army Specialist Cecil Parker and wife Heather of Anchorage, Alaska, granddaughter Andrina Law and husband Navy Ensign Aaron of Pensacola, Florida, granddaughter Mary Beth Jones of Bolivar, great-grandson Andrew Law, and a sister Alcy Larkey of Harrisonville, Missouri. Also several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00am, Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri with Dr. Harlan E. Spurgeon and Reverend Billy E. Russell officiating. Musical selections will be, "Amazing Grace", " The Old Rugged Cross", and "When We All Get To Heaven" sung by Brad Wommack with Rose Roweton as the pianist. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Bolivar under the direction of the Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Carson, Jim Carson, Terry Leith, Brad Wommack, Kelly Leith, and Rich Parker. Visitation will be from 6-7pm, on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorial contributions in memory of Johnnie Carson to the First Baptist Church, 316 N. Main Avenue, Bolivar, Missouri 65613.

Friends may sign the guest book or send private condolences at [www.butlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.butlerfuneralhome.com)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Johnnie R. Lee Carson*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Johnnie R. Lee Carson*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Grandma, Mom, and Aunt Jeannie, I wish I could have been there for the funeral. Know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers, and I will miss Grandpa greatly. I will never forget the Saturdays he would take me to get the paper and get a candy bar. Something so small meant so much to me. I love you all.*

**Andrina Law** - June 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Aunt Shirley, Carla and Jeannie,*

*We are so sorry about Uncle Johnnie. He was a good man and always so kind to all of us. He reminded me of my Dad--just a good man who always saw the best in everyone.*

*We love you guys.*

*Susan, Chris, Christopher and Alex*

**Susan Myers** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ We are so sorry to hear about our Uncle Johnny that was always so nice to us. We remember so many trips to Bolivar and his loving support and gentleness to a bunch of kids. We will always miss him. Our sincerest condolences and thoughts to our aunts, uncles, and cousins.

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**Gregory Spurgeon** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Aunt Shirley, Carla, Jeanie and family: We are so saddened by the news of Uncle Johnnie's death. My brothers and sisters and Dad always loved visiting y'all and Uncle Johnnie gave us such a warm welcome even though our family's arrival must have seemed like an army showing up at your house. Please know our family respects and loves Uncle Johnnie and our prayers and thoughts are with you. Love, Kathy, Rob and Bobby

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**Kathy Spurgeon Toye** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Dear Aunt Shirley, Jeannie and Carla,

*My prayers will be with you all and with Uncle Johnnie's spirit and his passage to God's kingdom.*

*I have fond memories of seeing him when we visited Bolivar--he was always so kind to us. May God comfort you all.*

Love,

*Tammy Spurgeon and daughter, Chloe*

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**Tammy Spurgeon** - June 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ You will be in my thoughts and prayers. I will miss those moments me and grandpa spent fishing at Bennett Springs...My only wish is that I could be half the man he was.

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**Cecil Lee Parker** - June 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *Johnnie R. Lee Carson*

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**Cecil Lee Parker** - June 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Johnnie's family,  
I'm so sorry for your loss, but also praise God that he was able to be at home before going to his permanent home. It always amazes me to think of loved ones already being in the awesome presence of our Savior. Even in sorrow we can rejoice in that.  
With love,  
Toni

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**Toni Yuelkenbeck** - June 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Danielle Haus** - June 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

OR

“ I pray that God will give each of you the grace you will need during this time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Ora Reyes** - June 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM