



Carl Loran Johnson

January 6, 1929 - December 12, 2020

Carl Loran Johnson, son of Carl Louis and Gladys Mae Keeth Johnson was born on the family farm near Swedeborg, Missouri on January 6, 1929 and departed this life at his home in Richland on December 12, 2020.

Carl professed his faith in Christ and became a member of the First Baptist Church of Richland in 1965, where he continued to worship throughout the remainder of his life.

Carl married the love of his life, Audra Jean Thornsberry, on June 7, 1954. They enjoyed over 66 years of marriage. One of the highlights was the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary at the First Baptist Church in Richland, hosted by their family and friends.

Carl was known for his strong work ethic. In 1954, Carl and his brother, Robert, started a trucking company which became well known throughout the region as Johnson Brother's. Carl enjoyed the trucking industry and worked tirelessly hauling livestock for his friends and family. While trucking, the brothers decided to expand their business to include farming. Carl and Robert continued to run the businesses together until Robert developed health problems in 1987. Shortly thereafter, they sold the trucks and Carl turned his focus solely to farming which he absolutely loved. Carl could spend hours watching his cattle graze in the fields. In recent years, Carl has enjoyed

having his nephew, Jerry Lynn Downing, and son Noah, help him with the farming business.

Carl will always be remembered as willing to lend a helping hand to his family and friends. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. Carl was most importantly, a loving, kind, supportive husband who cherished every minute he spent with his equally supportive wife.

Carl is survived by his wife, Audra, of the home; four sisters-in-law's: Norma Jean Johnson of Richland, Missouri, Marsha Smith and her husband, Chuck, of Waynesville, Missouri; Cheri Warner of Richland, Missouri, and Bronda Thornsberry of Columbia, Missouri; one brother in-law: Dr. Jerry Thornsberry and his wife, Linda, of Kansas City, Missouri; eight nephews: Gerald Robert Johnson of Richland, Missouri; Jerry Lynn Downing and his wife, Laura, of Richland, Missouri, Brad Thornsberry and his wife, Jamie, of Columbia, Missouri; Doug Thornsberry of Springfield, Missouri; Jay Thornsberry of Omaha, Nebraska, Brad Smith of Richland, Missouri; Kevin Miller and his wife, Lisa, of Clinton, Missouri, and Randy Miller and his wife, Tammy, of Appleton City, Missouri; three nieces, Kim Stepp and her husband, Mark, of Advance, Missouri; Karen Meeks of Springfield, Missouri; Heather Woodring and her husband, Michael, of Ozark, Missouri; other relatives and a host of many friends.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents: brother, Robert; mother and father-in-law: Hue and Phyllis Thornsberry; one sister-in-law: Shirley Miller, and her husband, Roy "Byron" Miller; two brothers-in-law: Terry Thornsberry and Robert Warner.

Services were held at 12:00 Noon, Friday, December 18, 2020, in the First Baptist Church of Richland with Pastor's Matt Brady and Bob Lilly officiating. A poem called; The Reunion Heart was read by Linda Thornsberry. Pianist,

Marleen Brown played "Amazing Grace." Serving as escorts were Tom Murray, Dennis Shelton, Tracy and Jacob Davenport, Kenny Parker, and Jim Mitchell. Honorary escorts included Bob Williams, Gary Brown, Weldon Evans, Al Fitzwater, Charlie Davis, Charlie Parker, and Tim Hardesty. Burial followed in the Oaklawn Cemetery of Richland.

Services were under the care and direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Carl Johnson to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the First Baptist Church Scholarship Fund, and may be left at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Carl Loran Johnson*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - December 22, 2020 at 12:59 PM



“ *Carl Loran Johnson*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *I'm so sorry, for your loss, Audra and family. I didn't know about Carl's passing. My thoughts are with you all. 💔*

Waynita (Keeth) Suica - January 23, 2021 at 11:38 AM



“ *Robin Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Carl Loran Johnson*



Robin Hobbs - December 19, 2020 at 03:42 PM

SH

“ Shirley Henry lit a candle in memory of Carl Loran Johnson



Shirley Henry - December 18, 2020 at 04:46 PM

DH

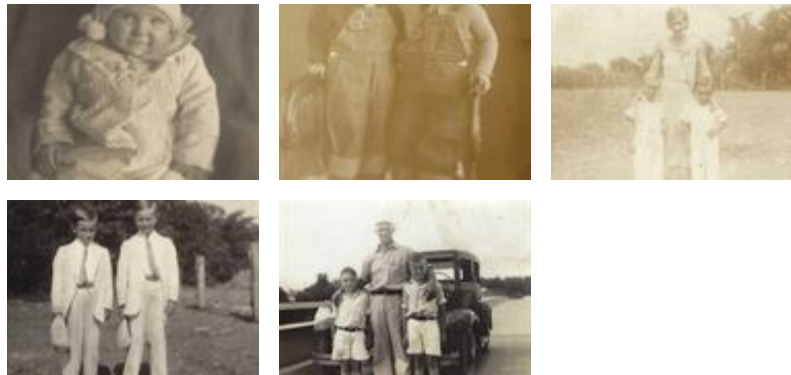
“ Della Hage lit a candle in memory of Carl Loran Johnson



Della Hage - December 18, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ 139 files added to the album LifeTributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - December 18, 2020 at 08:41 AM

FB

“ *Our sincere sympathy to Audra and the family.*
Henry E. Warren, Florence Warren Buchanan



Florence Buchanan - December 17, 2020 at 11:16 PM

VI

“ *Audra i am so sorry for your loss, he was a great man. Prayers for you and your family during this difficult time.*

Virginia Tatro

virginia - December 16, 2020 at 12:37 PM

JW

“ *Audra, we are so sorry for your loss. In deepest sympathy. James and Geneva Wallis*

James Wallis and Geneva Wallis - December 16, 2020 at 09:41 AM

SW

“ *Shirley Wright lit a candle in memory of Carl Loran Johnson*



Shirley Wright - December 15, 2020 at 10:11 PM

MH

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Peace to all of you. With love,*
Marta Halter

marta Halter - December 15, 2020 at 09:16 PM

RJ

“ Audra so sorry to hear about Carl you are in my thoughts and prayers, he was a very sweet and thoughtful man, God has gained a wonderful angel.

Roberta Jorgensen

Roberta Jorgensen - December 15, 2020 at 07:21 PM

SL

“ Years ago my grandparents, Aimee and Pete Smith, lived in a house on the Johnson brothers' land north of Richland. My grandmother would tell us about Carl and his brother coming to their house in the middle of the night with sick or frozen calves, and grandma would fix them breakfast on an old wood stove, while they doctored the calves. I felt I knew these gentlemen just from my grandparent's stories. Then one day, several years ago, I met Carl at the same mentioned farm above. He was a very kind gentleman and allowed my mother, my brother, and myself to walk over his land while we reminisced about fond memories of our grandparents. He will never know how much we appreciated his kindness by allowing us to do this. I'm very sorry for your loss, and you will be in my prayers and thoughts at this time.

Susan M Lile - December 15, 2020 at 02:07 PM

MK

“ Audra,
I am so saddened to hear this. I know you are surrounded by love from family and friends. I hope that brings you comfort and peace. Take care. With love Miriam Halter Kerns

Miriam Halter Kerns - December 15, 2020 at 01:00 PM

PG

“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons sent a virtual gift in memory of Carl Loran Johnson



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - December 15, 2020 at 12:15 PM

MB

“ Audra,

We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. I will miss making Carl's birthday cake this year--angel food with your favorite frosting, but I will be thinking of you!

Love,

Jim and Mary Lou Bentch

Mary Lou Bentch - December 15, 2020 at 11:46 AM

BW

“ *i remember when I was 6 or 7 Carl coming into the grocery store after a truck run to see his wife. Carl always had a special smile on his face when he looked at Audra that I realized years later showed how much he loved her. He still had that smile every time I saw him see Audra. How wonderful to be so loved.*

Bruce Warren

Bruce Warren - December 15, 2020 at 10:32 AM

MM

“ *Audra, I am so sorry for your loss. I've been there & lost mine at Christmastime, too.
I pray God will give you comfort and peace and that you stay well and safe.*

God bless, Mary Brewer Morgan

Mary Morgan - December 15, 2020 at 10:15 AM

WW

“ *Sorry for your loss.
Prayers for the FAMILIES 🕊
Carl & Audra have been friends, neighbors
for many years.*



Wm&Ana Willoughby - December 15, 2020 at 09:14 AM