

James Dwight Johnson

August 21, 1934 - February 14, 2022

Funeral Services for James Dwight Johnson, 87, of Gilmer, Texas, will be held at 2:00 pm, Thursday, February 17, 2022, at McWhorter Funeral Home with Brother Mike Kessler officiating. Interment to follow at Oak Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends at 1:00 pm prior to the service.

James was born August 21, 1934, in Bettie, Texas to Aubrey D. and Reid Winn Johnson and passed from this life February 14, 2022.

James graduated from Union Hill High School and East Texas State University. He married Jeanne Elizabeth Spencer, May 30, 1952, and they would have celebrated their 70th Anniversary this year. He taught school, coached and was a principal for 20 years before going into the cattle business. James was a faithful member of First Baptist Church. He had many friends and never met a stranger. Most importantly, he was Pepaw, and he loved his family with all of his heart.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Jeanne Johnson; daughters, Marcia Fielden and her husband, Mike; Amy McWhorter and her husband, John; grandchildren, James Fielden (Sarah), Rachael Thurmond (Fritz), Colin Efurd (Brantly), Riley Coleman (Samantha), and Kaylin McWhorter; great grandchildren, Keaton Fielden, Pierce Thurmond, Tyson Fielden, Mary Thurmond, Kynna Rhoden, Nolan Fielden, Emmy Thurmond, Jaycin Fielden, Tate Efurd, and (soon to arrive) Blaine Efurd.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Cheyenne Johnson, and Forrest Johnson.

Pallbearers are James Fielden, Riley Coleman, Brantly Efurd, Tyson Fielden, Dr. Fritz Thurmond, and Pierce Thurmond.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Chambers Home Health and U T Health Pittsburg for the love and care given to Pepaw.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Dierksen Hospice, 2605 W. Ferguson Rd., Mount Pleasant, Texas 75455.

Please visit James' on-line registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

FM 2088
Gilmer, TX 75644

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home
1074 St. Hwy 300
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Service

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Tribute Wall

PM

“ I never saw James when he wasn't smiling. I considered him one of the “good ole boys”! He and Sid are probably talking about cows right now. LOL. I am truly sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for comfort.

Peggy Moughon

Peggy Moughon - February 18, 2022 at 08:06 AM



“ 1 file added to the album James Johnson Funeral Service



McWhorter Funeral Home - February 17, 2022 at 06:49 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of James Dwight Johnson.



February 17, 2022 at 10:23 AM

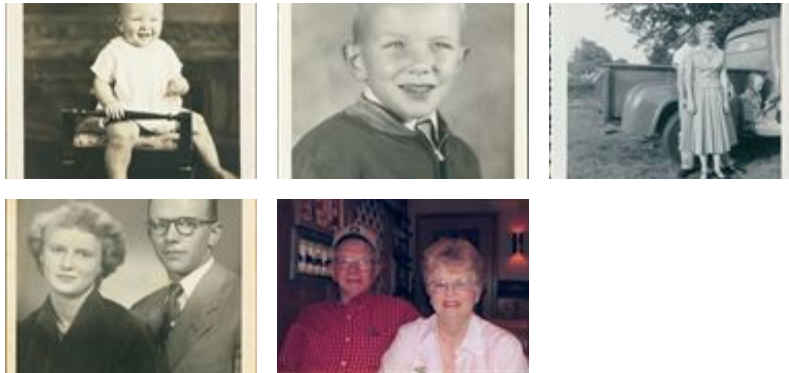
HN

“ James was such a happy person to be around and will be so missed. We love you all and wish we were able to be with you. God bless, Harold and Sondra

Harold & Sondra Nicholson - February 16, 2022 at 07:06 PM



“ 223 files added to the album LifeTributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - February 16, 2022 at 07:04 PM

CC

“ *Mr. James was a very special man. We lived in the same neighborhood when I was growing up. He was a kind, soft spoken person, very special!!*

Clifford Culberson - February 16, 2022 at 01:11 PM

LB

“ *Mr. Johnson was a very nice man and very good teacher. My prayers and thoughts are with all his family and friends. May God give you peace and comfort for the lonely days ahead.*



Linda Shaw Bond - February 16, 2022 at 12:30 PM

RJ

“ *Ive know the Johnson family since i first came to Texas in 1962. Knew James Johnson's family well and have spent many days socializing with him and his family. Sad to see him go, he was a good man.*

Ray Jackson - February 16, 2022 at 10:57 AM



“ Besides teaching Texas History and the Junior High Coach, James was a brave, kind soul who taught so many teen-agers how to drive. I'm sure I gave him a few of his gray hairs those first few lessons when I was behind the wheel. ~Blessed be, Sir.~

Gretchen Patterson - February 16, 2022 at 08:56 AM

TB

“ I was just thinking of Coach Johnson this week. He was the best teacher Gilmer Junior High ever had. He taught History and especially Texas History. He made us laugh and want to learn from him. Heaven has a very special Angel now. I will always have happy memories of Coach Johnson. He was a blessing to all who knew him. Prayers for the family. Trudy Holt Boyd

Trudy Holt Boyd - February 16, 2022 at 08:39 AM

SW

“ James has always held a special place in my heart. So kind and caring with always a story to tell. I know his family will miss him so very much as will I. Love and prayers for all. May God give you strength and guidance. Love you all.

Sandy Wilson - February 16, 2022 at 08:19 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Dwight Johnson.



February 15, 2022 at 10:05 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Dwight Johnson.*



February 15, 2022 at 08:38 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Dwight Johnson.*



February 15, 2022 at 02:53 PM



“ *I will never forget the lasting impression James left on me, having had him as a teacher and coach in Jr High years, grades 7-9. I learned well in his academic class and was motivated and encouraged by his coaching in athletics. He was one of a kind, and I was blessed to have had this man's influence in those formative years. Wonderful family,. James will be so missed. my prayers for his family*

Dwayne Studdard - February 15, 2022 at 02:18 PM



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February 15, 2022 at 02:13 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of James Dwight Johnson.* ”



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