



Curtis Gene Johnson

October 8, 1942 - February 6, 2020

Curtis Gene Johnson, age 77, passed away peacefully in his home on February 6, 2020. Curtis was born October 8, 1942, in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, to Herbert and Juanita Johnson.

Curtis graduated from Fort Gibson High School in 1960. As a student, he participated in basketball, baseball, track, FFA, and was president of his senior class. During his senior year, football returned to Fort Gibson. Curtis played and set a record for most touchdowns scored in a game. He continued his football and education at Connors State in Warner, Oklahoma.

In 1962 Curtis joined the Air Force and achieved the rank of Staff Sargent as an inflight refueler for the Strategic Air Command. He served in the 9th Air Force Refueling Squadron at Mountain Home, Idaho, and the 11th Air Force Refueling Squadron in Altus, Oklahoma. Curtis was part of the KC135 Stratotanker Crews completing “Young Tiger” assignments in the Vietnam War area. Curtis was a member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and was awarded the “Cherokee Warrior” Medal of Patriotism.

On August 18, 1962, Curtis married Thrissa Anne Scaggs. They had three daughters: Cheri' Lynn Johnson, Rachelle Sue Johnson, and Jeanne Anne (Johnson) Lewis. With time they added Matt Lewis and Sarah Markovits to the family and grandchildren John David Lewis and Claire Rose Lewis. One of the most memorable family adventures was the restoration of Roselawn, an 1859 house on the National Historical Register. Curtis and Thrissa opened the restored home for tours in the community and for high school students.

Curtis returned to school and completed his B.S. in Education at The University of Oklahoma, a M.S. in Education at Northeastern State University, and a Certificate of Education Administration from Oklahoma State University. Curtis began his career as a coach and science teacher for both the Amarillo, Texas, and Broken Arrow, OK, Public Schools. He soon moved into administration as Assistant Principal for Central Middle School in Broken Arrow, OK; Principal for Perkins-Tryon High School in Perkins, OK; and Principal for Fort Gibson High School in Fort Gibson, OK. Curtis culminated his education career as Director of Operations for Fort Gibson Public Schools and retired in June of 2004.

Curtis is preceded in death by his father, Herbert Ray Johnson, his mother Cora Juanita (Godfrey) Johnson, his brothers Jimmy Lee Johnson and Danny Ray Johnson, and his sister Shelly Johnson. He is survived by his best friend and wife of 57 years, Thrissa Anne (Scaggs) Johnson; his daughters Cheri' Lynn Johnson, Rachelle Sue Johnson, and Jeanne Anne (Johnson) Lewis; his grandchildren John David Lewis and Claire Rose Lewis; his sister Kay Lynn (Johnson) Caldwell; and numerous in-laws, nephews, nieces, and friends. Curtis was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church and a current member of the First United Methodist in Fort Gibson, OK. Viewing for Curtis will be noon to 7:00 PM Monday, February 10, 2020 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at the Fort Gibson United Methodist Church, 302 Beauregard St, Fort Gibson, OK. Committal prayers and interment will follow at the Cherokee Citizens National Cemetery, 84 S Gladd Rd, Fort Gibson OK with Matt Lewis, John David Lewis, Scott Caldwell, Grady Perryman, Jim White, Benjamin Wylie, Evan Scaggs and Nathan Scaggs serving as casket bearers. The Rev. Dawn Richards of Fort Gibson United Methodist Church and Rev. Dr. Sandy Wylie will officiate. The family would like to express their immense gratitude for the wonderful help and care provided by Ms. Linda Lee and Hospice of the Cherokee of Tahlequah, OK. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the Fort Gibson United Methodist

Church.

The family of Curtis Gene Johnson has entrusted his care, services and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Citizens Cemetery

Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 10. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)
1224 E Poplar St
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2555

Celebration of Life

FEB 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church Fort Gibson
302 Beauregard St
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall



“ *Curtis Gene Johnson*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *I could not be more blessed to have been able to serve the Johnson family. Both Thrissa and Curtis dedicated their lives to education and help guild me with my high school education. Curtis was always a fair, honest, and understanding principal and was dearly thought of by all students. He will be dearly missed by all! All my thoughts and prayers for this seeet family -Jolene Newton RN Hospice of the Cherokee*

Jolene Newton - February 12, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ *June and I are so sorry to read in the Stillwater News Press about Curtis. Your family has often been in our thoughts over the years. We remember him as being dedicated to the school and to the church. We remember his kindness when the both of you took us to dinner when we moved to Henrietta. Give our love to the Girls. We would love to hear from you.*

Bill & June Stacy

Bill & June Stacy - February 12, 2020 at 10:36 AM

FA

“ So sorry for your loss, Mana! Will be praying for you and the family. Much love, the Kembles



Fabiela - February 11, 2020 at 08:48 PM

BD

“ Thrissa, I've always thought you and Curtis were such wonderful down to earth people. Your devotion and love for Curtis throughout your 57 years together has always been an inspiration to me. I'm reminded of the hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." As the final refrain says, may you find:

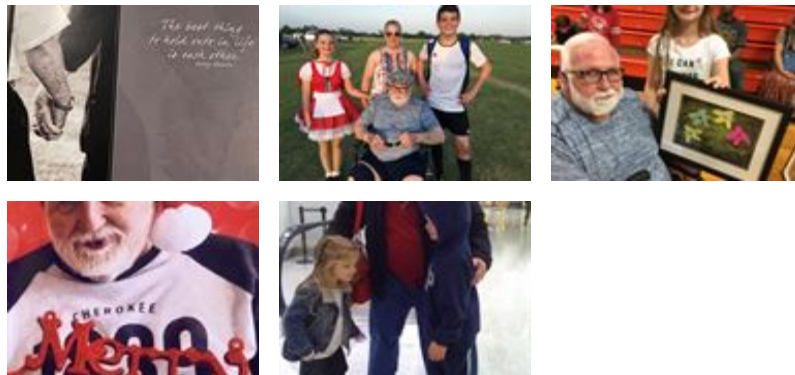
*Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside*

*Barbara (Wylie) Delaney
Dallas*

Barbara (Wylie) Delaney - February 10, 2020 at 12:02 AM



“ 81 files added to the album Life Tributes



Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home - February 09, 2020 at 05:51 PM

RU

“ I remember you as an honorable man while principle of our school at Perkins-Tryon. Condolences to your family and friends.

Russell - February 09, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Curtis Gene Johnson.



February 08, 2020 at 06:57 PM

GP

“ Thank you for being in our lives all these years. You and Auntie Ann always provided a family gathering place in Fort Gibson all enjoyed. Remembering sporting events with you playing and then just watching with me. Coming to our family wedding in Cold Spring New York and bring my mother along. Hauling hay at Henderson's as a storm approached on July 4th. And, those grilled cheese sandwiches after winning several medals at the Muskogee Indian Bowl---sorry about that. Again, thank you for being there. We all send our love. Gary Perryman

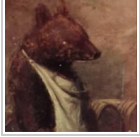
Gary M Perryman - February 07, 2020 at 08:04 PM

BH

“ Mr Johnson you will be missed, a very good man . Our condolences to the family.



Berry Harris - February 07, 2020 at 05:46 PM



“ Love you Uncle Curt. ❤️

Grady Perryman - February 06, 2020 at 09:30 PM

GW

My sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Johnson. He was one of the nicest and most understanding leaders at FGHS. May he Rest In Peace.

Gail Waltman - February 08, 2020 at 11:57 AM

RJ

*He was a great man & did so much for the Perkins-Tryon School's. Glad he was a part of my life!
With many prayers for the whole Johnson family,
Rhonda (Burden) Jolliff
P-T Class 1982*

Rhonda Jolliff - February 08, 2020 at 08:59 PM

IM

I just learned of Curtis' death on Tues. Since I can't be there to hug all his girls, know that you are in my thoughts & prayers. He was a wonderful person. He taught me so much in my first years of teaching at PTHS. He was always there for me, always listening & full of much wisdom. May the memories you have of him bring you much comfort & peace. God bless all of you.

'Miss Edin" Irene McKelvey

Irene McKelvey - February 11, 2020 at 11:09 AM

MB

I have many memories of Mr Curtis Johnson, he was my principle at Perkins, he and Thrissa were wonderful people that touched the lives of so many children. He said things to me that stuck with me my entire life. Thank you Mr Johnson! and Thrissa, thank you for making me tuck in my shirt every day before class.

Mike Buck

mike buck - June 25, 2024 at 11:53 AM