



William Boyd Johnson

October 31, 1943 - January 22, 2024

William Boyd Johnson, 80, of Muskogee, OK was born October 31, 1943, to Everett and Nola (Hammonds) Johnson and peacefully passed away January 22, 2024, in Fort Gibson with his family by his bedside.

William grew up in Braggs, OK where he played and excelled at the sport of baseball. This would be where he earned his name, "Bird Legs". William eventually moved to Muskogee where he learned the trade of auto body and ran his own business for many years. He often loved to watch and coach his daughters when they played softball. But his greatest pleasure was always spending time with his family and most treasured grandchildren. Those grandchildren could absolutely do no wrong in his eyes. William will be missed by all, especially his grandbabies.

William was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Clarence Johnson, Elbert Johnson, Jr., Tom Johnson, J.D. Johnson, and infant Clifford Johnson; sisters, Pauline Johnson Goble, and Leveta Johnson McConnell.

William is lovingly survived by his daughters, Stacy Johnson and Valentina Gutierrez of Oklahoma City, OK, and Carmen Garrett and husband Cliff of Fort Gibson, OK; sisters, Carolyn Stricker of Gore, OK, and Owetta Goad of Muskogee, OK; brother, Roy Lee Johnson and wife Carol of Mesa, AZ; grandchildren, Camryn Garrett of Muskogee, OK, Carson Garrett of Fort Gibson, OK, Cooper and Emersen Anderson of Oklahoma City, OK; extended family, and many friends.

A heartfelt thank you to his sister, Carolyn, for her unwavering love and care

that she gave William in his last years.

William Boyd's visitation will be Thursday, January 25, 2024, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson with his family receiving friends 5PM-7PM.

A celebration of William Boyd's life will be 11AM, Friday, January 26, 2024, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Gibson with Brother Roger Cordray officiating.

Committal prayers and interment will follow at South Bethel Cemetery in Braggs. Camryn Garrett, Carson Garrett, Cliff Garrett, Gary Cunningham, Shawn (Jack) Robbins, and Stacy Johnson will serve as casket bearers.

Honorary casket bearer will be Dan Carter.

The family of William Boyd Johnson has entrusted his care, services, and burial to his family at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fort Gibson, 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left for the Johnson family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

South Bethel Cemetery

Braggs, OK 74423

Previous Events

Visitation with Family to Greet Friends

JAN **25**. 5:00 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

JAN **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel
1224 E Poplar
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Our deepest condolences to you all! He raised sweet daughter's!*

julie ross - January 27, 2024 at 08:15 PM

JU

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family of uncle Wm Boyd. Treasure those memories of lifelong love and kindness. I remember Wm Boyd being at Grandma & Grandpa Johnsons when we came to visit and later at reunions. He reminded me a lot of my dad as he had that work ethic that there was always work to do. I remember my mom had a soft spot for him as he was one of the "younger" kids when mom and dad got married. Judy (Johnson) Smail and family*

Judy - January 27, 2024 at 03:01 PM

BS

I am so sorry. I just now stumbled onto this obituary. Totally shocked, I would have been at the memorial had I known. We were in the same class in school and he was a great guy and good friend. My sympathies to the family,

Betty Smallwood - October 13, 2025 at 11:45 PM

DD

“ *David & Jennifer Davis
Our deepest sympathy and love to the entire Johnson family on the passing of William.*

David @ Jennifer Davis - January 26, 2024 at 11:26 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Boyd Johnson.*



January 25, 2024 at 01:25 PM



“ To Carmen, Cliff, Camryn and Carson,

I send you my most deep and heart felt condolences at this time for William Boyds passing.

I want to share with you all, if you didn't know already, that I attribute a lot of my success to Boyd, as I knew and called him, because he was the first person to reach out to me and offered me a place to practice my trade in 1987. I learned a lot about working on automobiles in that Auto Body Shop at 1215 Gibson Street. Boyd also introduced me to hamburgers from Tastee Freez on East Side Blvd and bar-b-q sandwiches from My Place Bar-B-Q and we shared many meals together in that shop.

Boyd also introduced me to so many people in Muskogee as he promoted and helped build my business. He introduced me to other business people, Many of those people today who are cherished friends. In looking back I can see how he treated me like a daughter because he had two really good girls of his own and they are successful also because of his support.

The memories I have of the decade I spent on Gibson Street, are many and I have not and will not forget all that he did for me. All that he did for a very wet behind the ears, young entrepreneur who was just trying to survive and make it in the world. He gave me both the helping hand and support when I needed and the boots in the butt when I needed those too.

My love and prayers will be with you all as you navigate the emotions that come during these times and in the coming days.

Your's Truly, Michelle Brook, aka/The Tint Lady

Michelle Clark Brook - January 25, 2024 at 09:55 AM

BI

“ *Carmen, I'm sorry to hear about your dad. We weren't close friends later in life, but he was my friend from Braggs School and my memory of him will last throughout my lifetime.* ”

Bill Isbell - January 25, 2024 at 09:02 AM

JH

“ *James Harris lit a candle in memory of William Johnson* ”



James Harris - January 24, 2024 at 10:13 PM

CW

“ To Carmen, Cliff, Camryn and Carson

It is with much love and sadness I share our heartfelt sympathies to all your family and friends. You all tirelessly and faithfully, supported and loved so many of us through our challenging times of grief and now are sadly experiencing your own loss of a beloved father, grand father , brother and friend. Wishing to surround such special “caregivers” of our community with an abundant dose of the loving peace you all so naturally and generously have given countless families, like ours, throughout the years. We deeply respect and admire your family.....where love rules, compassion resides, kindness abounds and warm smiles easily radiate from each of you. I can only imagine the kind of incredible father who raised Carmen, the father in law Cliff enjoyed, the loving grandfather who loved spoiling Carson and Camryn and the many other lives your beloved “Bird Legs” touched, the many baseballs hurled and all the automobiles he restored back to life.

You all easily gave away your smiles to us when we needed them most. We have been forever touched by your steadfast support so we are now wishing you to know there are many of us hoping you feel uplifted, encouraged and supported in this greatest time of need. We care deeply for you and will keep you closely tucked away in our hearts and thoughts. With much love always, Carolyn and Bob Watts

“One word frees us of all the weight and pain of life...that word is love.”

-Sophocles

Carolyn Watts - January 24, 2024 at 08:31 PM

BG

“ Brodie, Patty & girls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Boyd Johnson.

Brodie, Patty & girls - January 24, 2024 at 07:04 PM

BG

“ Brodie, Patty & girls purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of William Boyd Johnson.



Brodie, Patty & girls - January 24, 2024 at 07:04 PM

AL

“ My prayers are with you Carmen and the family. May GOD wrap his loving arms around each of you and give you comfort. He will be missed by many.

Annie Laminack - January 24, 2024 at 02:42 PM

KB

“ Keith and Kristen Bishop purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of William Boyd Johnson.



Keith and Kristen Bishop - January 24, 2024 at 02:18 PM

DF

“ Denton Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Boyd Johnson.

Denton Family - January 24, 2024 at 10:33 AM



“ Express Sympathy and Condolences "I Have You in My Heart" with Butterfly Wind Chime was purchased for the family of William Boyd Johnson.



January 24, 2024 at 10:33 AM



“ Keith & Anne Johnson, Mesa, AZ planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Boyd Johnson.

Keith & Anne Johnson, Mesa, AZ - January 24, 2024 at 10:15 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of William Boyd Johnson.



January 24, 2024 at 10:15 AM