



Earl Johnson, Jr.

July 5, 1929 - June 20, 2018

Earl Johnson, Jr., 88, of Bloomington, passed away peacefully in his sleep at home with family on Wednesday, June 20, 2018. Born in Lawrence County to Irma Cleo (Turner) Johnson Hendricks and Earl Johnson, Sr.

Earl attended elementary school at Smithville and Needmore then moved to Oolitic where he graduated from Oolitic High School in 1947. Earl served in the United States Navy from December 1947 to January 1950.

Earl worked at Sarkes Tarzian, for over 20 years then at Cook, Inc. for 40 years, finally retiring at 84 in 2013. Earl was a Master Mason at Stanford Lodge #173 and a member of Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis.

In his younger days, Earl loved working with horses, breaking and training with Jess Bennett, a dear friend in Oolitic. Earl showed horses himself then became a horse judge. He stopped judging when his sons, Brad and Brian started showing at age 5 and 3 years old. Both were very successful in horse showing. Brad is still competing and breeding horses. Brian worked at the Dixie Stampede dinner and horse show for over 20 years in Myrtle Beach and Florida. The family enjoyed many summers showing and camping with horse show friends all over Indiana and nearby states.

Earl is survived by his wife Patti of 54 years; sons, Brad Johnson, Brian

Johnson of Myrtle Beach SC, and Donald Earl Johnson Sowders (Rochelle), and his mother Donna Sowders; sister-in-law Mary Ellen Johnson; granddaughter, Jessica (Daniel) Day; grandsons, Blaine Johnson and Eric Sowders. Also niece Kathy (Joe) Tillman and nephews, Bill (Carol) Johnson and Bret (Michelle) Johnson.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, George William Johnson, infant, Bobby Johnson, and step-mother, Zelpha Johnson.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday June 25, 2018 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington. Burial will follow at Clear Creek Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Earl's family at www.allencares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Bloomington, IN 47401
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Earl Johnson, Jr..*



June 25, 2018 at 09:32 AM



“ *Patti and boys. I remember your dad. I use make you guys do your horse show stuff before you could play. He always seemed such a polite and proud man. My folks and i lived two house down on ison. I went to school with brian. Sincerely kenneth david merideth 8128244366 kdave2222@aol.com*

Kenneth david merideth - June 25, 2018 at 08:40 AM



“ *I remember brad and brians dad. When i lived downstreet on ison road.he make the boys do thier horse show stuff before we could go out and play. He always seemed friendly and polite. But when time for them to work look out. I thinking of you guys in your time of need. Tell your mom my folks also send their respects. Sincerely kenneth david merideth 8128244366 kdave2222@aol.com*

Kenneth david merideth - June 25, 2018 at 08:16 AM



“ *Thinking of you today and sending much sympathy. Pam, Widge and families (Aunt Zelma's girls)*

Rowena Tripp - June 25, 2018 at 08:02 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Earl Johnson, Jr..*



June 24, 2018 at 12:43 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Earl Johnson, Jr..*



June 24, 2018 at 11:11 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Earl Johnson, Jr..*



June 23, 2018 at 05:30 PM



“ *Patti, and boys, although I haven't seen Earl in many years, I have great memories of him from my childhood and the 4-H years. He was always so kind to my family and I. A great, knowledgeable horseman and mentor. My condolences to all of you. BJ (Hedrick) McElroy*

BJ McElroy - June 23, 2018 at 09:04 AM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Earl Johnson, Jr..*



June 22, 2018 at 09:22 PM



Shannon
Conklin

“ *To Brad... Cluck cluck cluck. Will never forget him.*

Shannon Conklin - June 21, 2018 at 03:56 PM