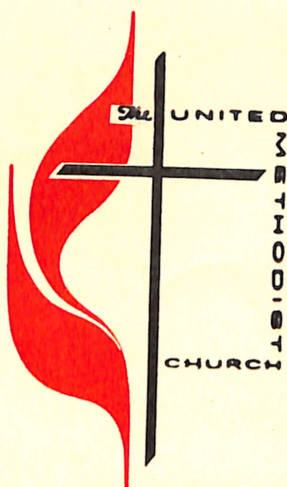


In Loving Memory

OF

**T/SGT (Retired) Eugene L.
Johnson, Jr.**



TRIBUTES

OBITUARY

MEMORIAL SERVICE

SERVICES

Saturday, September 14, 1996

2:00 p.m.

Jones Chapel United Methodist Church

360 Church Street

Fairfield, Texas

Rev. Darrell Houston, Pastor

Officiating



Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
 He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:
 He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;
 Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me
 In the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil;
 My cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy
 Shall follow me all the days of my life:
 And I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever.*

POETIC TRIBUTE

SHOULD YOU GO FIRST

*Should you go first and I remain
 To walk the road alone
 I'll live in memory's garden dear,
 With happy days we've known.
 In spring I'll wait for roses red,
 When fades the lilac blue,
 In early fall when brown leaves call
 I'll catch a glimpse of you.*

*Should you go first and I remain
 For battles to be fought
 Each thing you've touched along the way
 will be a hallowed spot.
 I'll hear your voice, I'll see your smile
 though blindly I may grope
 The memory of your helping hand
 Will buoy me on with hope.*

*Should you go first and I remain
 To finish with the scroll,
 No length'ning shadows shall creep in
 To make this life seem droll.
 We've known so much of happiness
 We've had our cup of joy,
 And memory is one gift of God
 That death cannot destroy;*

*Should you go first and I remain
 One thing I'll have to do,
 Walk slowly down that long path
 For soon I'll follow you.
 I'll want to know each step you take
 That I may walk the same,
 For someday down that lovely road,
 You'll hear me call your name.*

OBITUARY TRIBUTES

MEMORIAL SERVICE

OBITUARY

Eugene Larkin Johnson, Jr. was the fourth child born to Eugene Larkin, Sr. and Emily White Johnson on March 10, 1927 in Freestone County.

He received his public education at the Dogan High School, Fairfield, Texas.

Eugene became a member of Jones Chapel Methodist Church at an early age. However, after a 20 year stay in the United States Air Force, he became a dedicated officer and member where he served as treasurer for 25 years, a trustee, member of the United Methodist Men, chairman of the Annual Homecoming Committee and Assistant Church School Superintendent. He served the Palestine District as a District Steward for a number of years. His dedication to his church grew and grew as he continued his support even during his illness.

As a member of the Air Force, his duties included Air Police and many administrative positions. These responsibilities carried him to foreign countries but most of his tenure was at Randolph AFB, San Antonio, Texas and James Connally AFB, Waco, Texas. Upon retiring from the Air Force, he went to work for Continental Telephone Company which later became GTE and retired again after 20 years of service.

During his military career, he met and married Dorsey Frazier Johnson. To this union three children were born.

"Gene" or "Baby Gene" as he was affectionately called loved his hobby, domino playing, very much. Other hobbies included small ranching, farming and baseball. He was a member of the Soil Conservation Program of Freestone County. His membership in the NAACP was active.

He was chairperson of the United Cemetery Organization and worked diligently toward the maintenance of each. He worked tirelessly to keep family members together through family reunions until his health waned.

Eugene's life history came to an end September 9, 1996 at the V. A. Medical Center, Dallas, Texas.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Dorsey Jean Johnson; a daughter, Helene Eugenia Johnson both of Fairfield, Texas; sons, Harold Lee Johnson and wife, Charlene, Fort Worth, Texas, Harlon Francis Johnson, Hondo, Texas; three cherished grandchildren; Jay Ryan Johnson, Eric Scott Johnson and Leah Jenae' Johnson; brothers, Edward Johnson, Sr. and wife, Lee Earl, Fairfield, Edgar Johnson and wife, Latrell, San Antonio; sister, Eleasie R. Foster and husband, Lawrence, San Antonio; an uncle, Robert White; an aunt, Hortense Brackens both of Fairfield; nephews, Lawrence Foster, Jr., Kenneth Eugene Foster, Edward Johnson, Jr., Duane Johnson and Randall Lee Johnson; nieces, Brenda Essex, Janet Johnson, Barbara Johnson and Sheila Johnson; other nieces, great-nieces and nephews, devoted cousins, special friends, Walter Greene, Billy Joe Jones, Jessie Carden and Lloyd Lee Foster.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but By me.

John 14:1-6

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Prelude

Processional

Instrumental Musical Medley

Mr. Bobby Cooper and Mrs. Annette Willis, Musicians

Scriptures

Old Testament Rev. George Hancock

New Testament Rev. Estelle McIlveen

Prayer Rev. Darrell Houston

Hymn Choir
"Blessed Assurance"

Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed"

Resolutions Church, Others

Tributes Mr. Lloyd Lee Foster
San Antonio, Texas
Mr. C. B. James, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Rev. Darnell Walker, Houston, Texas
Mr. Tony Brackens, Fairfield, Texas

Remarks Limit 2 Minutes, Please

Family Acknowledgement Lawrence A. Foster, Sr.

Solo Mr. Sandras Gatson

Eulogy Rev. Clara Gilbert, Tyler, Texas

Final Tribute

Recessional

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CASKET BEARERS

Edward Johnson, Jr.
Jessie Carden
Michael Johnson
Rev. Donovan Spivey
Robert Lee Brackens

Randall Lee Johnson
Elvia White
Wayne Johnson
Lawrence Carroll

Freeman Venerable
Gerry McIlveen
Ezell Green
Clifford Moore
Rodriquez Black

CASKET BEARERS

Lincoln McIlveen
Leonard Proctor
Elawrence Gabriel
John Stewart
Theodore White, Jr.

Merford Stradford
James Sweeney
Claude Riles
Rev. S. Thomas

Milford McIlveen
Clifford Carden
James Green
Douglas Spivey
Roy Green

INTERMENT

Methodist Cemetery, Fairfield, Texas
with Full Military Honors, Military Honor Guard - Barksdale AFB, La.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

When trouble came to try our soul, we thank you friends, for standing by. For these are troubles all our own and paths we must tread alone. Your love has eased this mournful road your prayers have lightened this heavy load, just to feel we had a friend who stuck by us until the end, whose sympathy through all endured, whose warm handshake was always yours. You have emptied our chalice of heartache and pain. You have freshened our desert with flowers and rain. You have come in the darkness of winter and gloom and sang of the gladness of summer and bloom. And so in our grief, we fervently cry, God bless you friends, for just standing by.

*Will those driving in the procession
kindly turn on headlights for safety.*

"Never put a question mark where God has put a period."



JOSEPH JOHNSON

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