



Arthur J. "Shorty" Johnson

March 19, 1925 - October 13, 2015

Arthur J. "Shorty" Johnson, 90, of Hagerstown, passed away on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, at Reid Health in Richmond, with his loving family by his side.

He was born on March 19, 1925 in Junction City, KY to Arthur Johnson, Sr. and Julia M. (Benedict) Johnson. He lived most of his life in Wayne County. He was a decorated Army veteran of WW II and a member of Hagerstown First United Methodist Church.

Shorty had a long career as a car salesman. First, with Ford for Meyers & Dodd, and then with Chevrolet for 3 different owners. He was a member of the Chevrolet Hall of Fame.

He was a member of William O. Frazier Post 333, American Legion, where he served as Commander in 1955 and 1956.

On October 23, 1949 he married Jo Clair Rhodes and she survives.

In addition to his wife, survivors include a daughter, Patti Johnson King (Rick) of Richmond, 4 grandchildren, Matt Ramey (Kim) of PA, Joshua Boyd (Elizabeth), Kristina King (Chango Noaks) and Kody King, all of Richmond; 10 great-grandchildren, Brandon, Heather and Jessica Ramey of PA, Caleb,

Chylee, Christian and Kristen Boyd of Richmond, Jazmyn Noaks, Gunnar and Joscelyn Napier, all of Richmond; a sister, Jan Strong (Bob), of Longview, WA; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by siblings Eva Abel, Charles Johnson Ruby Dale and Albert Allen Johnson.

Services will be at 3:30 P.M. Saturday, October 17, at Culberson Funeral Home. Pastor Rodney Frieden will officiate. Burial will be in West Lawn Cemetery, with military services by American Legion Post 333. Visitation will be 5 to 7 P.M. Friday and after 3 PM Saturday.

Shorty's family wishes to express their gratitude to all of the staff at Rosebud Village, the nursing staff of the 5th floor at Reid, Culberson Ambulance Service, and Dr. Shaker and staff for their assistance during his illness.

Memorials may be made to Reid Foundation for Hospice or Hagerstown First United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Cemetery

400 West High St.
Hagerstown, IN 47346
(765) 489-6171

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Culberson Funeral Home - Hagerstown
51 South Washington Street
Hagerstown, IN 47346
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Culberson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Arthur J. "Shorty" Johnson*



Culberson Funeral Home - October 16, 2015 at 06:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arthur J. "Shorty" Johnson.*



October 17, 2015 at 11:34 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Shorty, he was a wonderful man and a great friend to many people as well. I share in your grief. I will never forget the kindness and counsel that he and Jo Clair gave me so many years ago. I have never heard an ill word spoken of him. He was kind, compassionate, and a true gentleman. Sadly there are few people like that in the world today. Jo ClairI hope that in the weeks and months ahead the splendid words and prayers of so many will give you comfort during this difficult time. Please extend my sympathy to the entire family.*
Tod Jarrett / Glendale , Arizona

Tod Jarrett - October 16, 2015 at 08:02 PM



“ *Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Arthur J. "Shorty" Johnson.*



October 16, 2015 at 02:08 PM



“ *74 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Culberson Funeral Home - October 16, 2015 at 06:15 AM

DM

Shorty was a very special person. He will be missed

Danny and connie mcmillan - October 16, 2015 at 11:35 AM



“ *Susie and Mark purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Arthur J. "Shorty" Johnson.*



Susie and Mark - October 16, 2015 at 02:07 AM

TW

“ I got to know Shorty as we worked together at Tedco....he was such a sweet caring man...my heart goes out to Jo in her time of sorrow.... Tammi (Davis) White



Tammi (Davis) White - October 15, 2015 at 03:52 PM

LM

“ We love Shorty. We just love him and Jo so much. Nobody on earth has had more loving neighbors than this beautiful couple. Our hearts have always been bursting with adoration for them both. They exemplify a love for each other so strong with devotion and attentiveness. Jo would faithfully leave early in the morning and wouldn't be home until late in the evening every day he was in the hospital. She never asked for a thing. But we loved to help anyway. Shorty loved our little girls as if they were his own. His genuine interest in them and his conversations with them were so sweet and meaningful to us all. Our lives have been changed for the better by the challenge to love others in such a real, honest, and sweet spirit. We love you Jo and will always be just down the road if you need anything. Love, Danny, Lindsey, Aubrey, and Cookie

Lindsey Miller - October 14, 2015 at 09:17 PM

LM

“ My Dad worked with Shorty at Kurdy's and Dale's Chevy, and we bought a few cars from him. Shorty did not fit the typical car salesman profile. He was honest to a fault, warm and friendly whether you bought a car from him or not. Such a sweet and wonderful man, husband and father. He will be missed. God bless his family at this time of need.
Robert and Lowella Murray

Lowella Gray Murray - October 14, 2015 at 08:56 PM

LG

“ Thinking of the family during your time of loss. May God give you comfort and strength. Mark and Linda (Meyer) Griffy

Linda Griffy - October 14, 2015 at 06:43 PM



“ Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern was purchased for the family of Arthur J. "Shorty" Johnson.



October 14, 2015 at 06:37 PM

VS

“ Shorty was the one my family always bought our cars from and I purchased my very first car from him. He always had a smile on his face. Whenever out, he would always come up and ask how I was doing, how family was, and even told me how proud he was of me! Heaven has gotten a special angel❤️



Vallerie Fulton Sharp - October 14, 2015 at 03:31 PM

MW

“ Really got to know "Shorty" when I returned from Viet nam in Nov. 1968. They had just placed a burnt orange and black new Camero SS 396 on display that I had to have and we negotiated for about 3 days finally coming together on a cash price. We talked about that many times over the years.

Max Woods - October 14, 2015 at 01:32 PM