



## Olen Lee "Bear Hugger" Johnson

October 7, 1929 - August 29, 2014

Olen Lee "Bear Hugger" Johnson, 84, passed away on Friday, August 29, 2014, at Noxubee General Hospital in Macon, Mississippi. Visitation will be on Sunday, August 31, 2014, at Nowell-Massey Funeral Home from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 1, 2014, in the Nowell-Massey Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Hubert Yates officiating. Interment will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Johnson was born on October 7, 1929, to Alma Wylie Johnson and Joseph Lee Johnson. He was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church, and he worked in the Research and Development Department at Taylor Machine Works for approximately 40 years. He answered the call of his country by serving in the United States Army and in the Army Reserve for 11 years.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, Margaret Barnhill Johnson; and two daughters, Deborah Long and husband, Howard; and Susan Quinn and husband, Willie, all of Louisville. He is survived by four sons: Joey Johnson and wife, Debbie; and Charles Johnson and wife, Mary Lou, all of Louisville; Douglas Miles and wife, Debbie, of Daphne, Alabama; and Danny Miles of Louisville. He has one sister, Pearline Estes and husband, Tom, of Forest, Mississippi; and one brother, Doyal Johnson of Killen, Alabama. Mr. Johnson was PawPaw Bear Hugger to Ryan Long and wife, Sandy; Ramona Long; Corey Long and wife, Paulina; Jason Quinn and wife, Rebecca; Will Lee

Quinn; Mindy Walker and husband, Chris; Jacob Olen Johnson; Lindsey Richardson and husband, Will; and Lauren Butts Crawford and husband, Jeff; as well as, 13 great-grandchildren. He also has numerous nieces and nephews; and to the children they kept, he was known as "Poppa". He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Lovorn Johnson; his parents; his sister, Ruth Reed; his great-granddaughter, Haleigh Long; and son, Donald Miles.

Serving as pallbearers will be Ryan Long, Jason Quinn, Will Quinn, Jacob Johnson, Corey Long, and Ricky Shaw. Memorials may be given to Macedonia Baptist Church, 5070 Highway 397, Louisville, MS 39339 or to the Baptist Children's Village Nanih Waiya Campus, c/o Mark Mathis, 1159 Pickett Road, Louisville, MS 39339.

Services are under the direction of Nowell-Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at [www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com](http://www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Louisville Memorial Cemetery

18075 East John C. Stennis Drive  
Louisville, MS 39339

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 31. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Massey Funeral Home  
724 N. Columbus Avenue  
Louisville, MS 39339  
(662) 773-3501  
nowellfuneral@bellsouth.net  
<https://www.masseyfuneralhome.net/>

## Service

SEP 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Nowell-Massey Funeral Home Chapel  
724 N Columbus Ave  
Louisville, MS 39339  
nowellfuneral@bellsouth.net  
<http://www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ Olen Lee *"Bear Hugger"* Johnson

January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM



“ Dad has told me wonderful stories about Mr. Johnson's and his work in R&D at TMW. Praying that God will give you peace.

**Debra Kitchens-Thrasher** - June 15, 2016 at 02:55 AM



“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.



**james Kitchens & family** - August 30, 2014 at 12:28 PM



“ James Kitchens And Family lit a candle in memory of Olen Lee *"Bear Hugger"* Johnson



**James Kitchens and Family** - August 30, 2014 at 12:21 PM