



William "Bill" Johnson

July 16, 1926 - September 4, 2019

William "Bill" Johnson, 93, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, September 4, 2019, at his residence in Louisville, Mississippi. Visitation will be Friday, September 6, 2019, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Nowell Massey Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Saturday, September 7, 2019, at 11 a.m. in the Nowell Massey Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Ed Casteel officiating. Interment will immediately follow the service in Memorial Park Cemetery.

William was born July 16, 1926, to Henry and Willie Mae Smyth Johnson. He was a member of the Louisville Church of Christ where he served as treasurer. Later, he became a member of the Ackerman Church of Christ. William was strongly involved in any church activities regardless of what needed to be done. He spent 14 months at a trade school studying welding and mechanics. William answered the call of his country by serving in the United States Army during World War II. He received a bronze star medal for capturing German soldiers during his tour of duty in Germany. Before the war, he worked at International Paper Mill in Moss Point, Mississippi. Following the war, he worked for a logging operation in Honduras and in automotive plants in Detroit, Michigan. Later after returning to Louisville, he worked for more than 40 years at Taylor Machine Works retiring as a supervisor. William enjoyed hunting, fishing, and was a general handyman around the house but his first love was gardening.

William is survived by his daughter Glenda Johnson of Louisville. He is also survived by his sister Margaret Terry; and two brothers Walter "Dub" Johnson and wife Lou; and Elbert Johnson all of Louisville. He also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife Sarah Ila Johnson; his parents; and three siblings Helen Clytee Rush, Christine "Bitsy" Cannizaro, and Hubert Johnson.

Serving as pallbearers will be Gary Cannizaro, Pete Johnson, Stan Johnson, Pat Rush, Clark Sullivan, and Jeff Terry. Honorary pallbearers are Paul Miller and Johnny Woodward. Memorials in honor of William may be given to Ackerman Church of Christ, 470 Stewaed Street, Ackerman, MS 39735.

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.

Cemetery Details

Louisville Memorial Cemetery

18075 East John C. Stennis Drive
Louisville, MS 39339

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Johnson*

January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*

Jewell Hill - September 12, 2019 at 08:56 AM



“ *Glenda, I'm so sorry for your loss. It was always good to see you and your Dad out eating when we would come to eat. My prayers are with you that God will give you peace and comfort. Love you my friend*

Helen Arlene Holdiness - September 07, 2019 at 12:10 PM



“ *Glenda, Hubert and I are out of town at Hubert's VQ1 Naval reunion. We both enjoyed your dad's friendship for many years. Know that we are keeping you in our prayers. God Bless.*

Janice Hunter - September 05, 2019 at 06:51 PM



“ *Glenda, what fond memories of your sweet father and you, especially so many casual visits when y'all were in my neighborhood and many times when we were both eating out when my Mom was here. May the closeness you two have shared support you always.*

Cindy Ward - September 05, 2019 at 03:31 PM



Glenda, I never had the pleasure of meeting your dad but I feel like I got to know him through your posts on Facebook. Thank you for letting us get aquanted with him. I'm sure you will miss him but you can write a bestseller!!! You took really good care of him. He knew he was loved I'm sure.

Jimmy Thompson - September 05, 2019 at 03:54 PM