



Johnny Eligah Johnson

February 23, 1935 - May 3, 2023

Johnny Eligah Johnson of Laurel passed away peacefully at home Wednesday, May 3, 2023. Born February 23, 1935 to Arthur Eligah “Lige” and Emma Simpson Johnson, Johnny was a lifelong member of the Shady Grove community. His integrity, kindness, and generosity inspire everyone who knew him. He was a founder and co-owner of Reliable Supply and served as Supervisor of Beat 1 for the Jones County Board of Supervisors from 1996-2003.

Affectionately known as J.E, Uncle Johnny, and Popsicle, this incredible man left everything better than he found it. He served his church, Trinity Baptist, with his whole heart, as an active member and deacon. He adored his wife, Peggy, for 67 years, lovingly caring for her through her 19-year battle with cancer and its effects. His incredible work ethic kept him working from the age of 16 to 84, most of that work spent in humble service to his nation through military service, to his community as a public servant, and to his family and friends through giving without reservation, yet never boasting of his acts.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 62 years, Peggy Ann Jones Johnson; three sisters, Willie Holifield, Ellen Moss, and Geneva Flynn; three brothers, Hiram Johnson, Ray Johnson, and Cecil Johnson. He is survived by his son, Tony Johnson (Nikki); his sisters- in-law, Sandra Baucom (Jay) and Patsy Stringer; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation for Johnny E. Johnson will be 5 p.m. until 8 p.m., Monday, May 8, 2023 at Trinity Baptist Church in the Shady Grove Community. A Celebration of Life service will be held at the church on Tuesday, May 9, at 3 p.m. with a graveside service to follow at Shady Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the JCJC Foundation Inc. (900 South Court Street Ellisville, Mississippi 39437) to fund a scholarship honoring his legacy, the Johnny E. Johnson Memorial Scholarship.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Shady Grove Cemetery

4514 Hy 15 N
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church
35 Trinity Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Celebration of Life

MAY 9. 3:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church
35 Trinity Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked for Johnny at the old Reliable Supply. He was a great Christian man to work for>

Michael Daughtrey - June 19, 2023 at 12:38 PM

PW

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Johnny. We will keep all of you in our prayers.

Richard and Annette Welborn, Penny Walters

Penny Walters - May 16, 2023 at 07:15 PM

JE

“ Wanted to say we loved having Mr Johnny working with us @ the Jones County Garbage Office. He was a special person & made the time we all was together, a happy experience. HE WILL BE MISSED.

FROM THE LADIES @ THE OFFICE. FAYE, ASHLEY, MEL.

JOE or FAYE ELDRIDGE - May 08, 2023 at 03:20 PM

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“ JOE FAYE ELDRIDGE lit a candle in memory of Johnny Eligah Johnson



JOE or FAYE ELDRIDGE - May 08, 2023 at 03:16 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Johnny’s death! I had the privilege of working with Johnny for several years, a fine Christian businessman, and found him to be a man of integrity and honesty, well respected and a friend! Tony and Niki, and others who loved him, you are in my thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort as you celebrate this wonderful man! He is with his Lord and Savior and well and happy with Peggy!💕🙏

Sarah Entrekin - May 06, 2023 at 11:03 AM