



## Dr. Earl W. Johnson

March 23, 1923 - June 12, 2015

Dr. Earl Wayne Johnson, 92, of Cape Girardeau died June 12, 2015, at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

Dr. Johnson was born March 23, 1923, in Kansas City, Mo., to Laurence Arial and Ruth Sophia Lindquist Johnson. He married his beloved wife Lillian D. Statler Johnson on Aug. 8, 1948 in Jackson, Mo. She preceded him in death in 2009.

Dr. Johnson graduated from Central H.S., attended SEMO. He served in the Army Air Corps, flying the B-17 during World War II. After the war he studied at University of Missouri Medical School and completed his medical degree at Temple University. He entered the Air Force Reserve began training in radiology at the Army-Navy Hospital in Hot Springs, AR. He also spent time as a general-duty medical officer at the Air Force Base in Great Falls, MT. Discharged in 1954 with the rank of Captain, he completed residency in Detroit, at Wayne County Affiliated Hospitals. He entered private practice with Shoss Radiological Group in Cape Girardeau, MO in 1957, retiring in 1985.

After retirement he and Lillian became Elderhostel enthusiasts. They also traveled all over the world to play tennis with the American/World Medical Tennis Association. He was a talented pianist and a long-time member of the Centenary United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir. Earl was a

loving husband, father, grandfather and a respected member of the medical community. He will be dearly missed by all.

Survivors include his wonderful friend Kitty Rueseler; four sons, Laurence A. (Mary) Johnson of Norman, Oklahoma, Randall S. (Rita) Johnson of Wildwood, Missouri, E. Wayne (Rhonda) Johnson of Jackson, Missouri and Bryan D. (Vivian) Johnson of Eureka, Missouri; three daughters, Lea Ellen (Bruce) Renfro of Fairview, Texas; Beth (Daryl) Thompson, Bismarck, North Dakota; and Christine "Tina" Johnson of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; 18 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Dr. Johnson was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

Visitation will be Friday, June 19, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church. Funeral service will be Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the church with Pastor Karen Nothdurft officiating.

Burial will follow at Cape County Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be given to Centenary United Methodist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

2315 Highway 61 North  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 334-1909  
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **19**. 4:00 AM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Centenary United Methodist Church  
300 N. Ellis  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Service

JUN **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Centenary United Methodist Church  
300 N. Ellis  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall

KP

“ To the Johnson family - our sincerest condolences for your loss. He must have been an amazing man judging by his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you - with love, Kathy Renfro Pothier & Ed Marcato

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**Kathy Renfro Pothier** - June 16, 2015 at 05:58 PM

LR

*Kathy, I just found these notes - thank you for your kind words. Hugs, Lea and Bruce*

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**Lea Renfro** - July 19, 2015 at 03:14 PM

RW

“ Our sincerest condolences on the passing of Dr. Johnson. He was a great man and a very talented pianist! Prayers for peace for your family during his passing, but know that joy comes in the morning with his new eternity with Jesus Christ.

*Blessings,*

*Rev. Christopher M. Wise & Family*

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**Rev. Christopher M. Wise** - June 16, 2015 at 09:10 AM

LR

*Thank you for your kind words. He was a wonderful father.*

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**Lea Renfro** - July 19, 2015 at 03:15 PM

GR

“ *Lea, so sorry to hear about your Dad. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Know through this difficult time our Lord has not left your side He is carrying you. Love to you all.*

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**Ginny & Frank Atkinson and Addie Renfro** - June 15, 2015 at 02:19 PM

LR

*Thank you so much Ginny - give Addie a hug for us.*

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**Lea Renfro** - July 19, 2015 at 03:15 PM

 Susan  
O'Connell

“ *Dear Johnson family,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.*

*Susie O'Connell*

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**Susan O'Connell** - June 14, 2015 at 06:10 PM

LR

*Thank you Susie - your friendship has always meant so much to Tina and me.*

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**Lea Renfro** - July 19, 2015 at 03:16 PM

VC

“ *The kindest man I ever worked for. A true gentleman.  
It was a pleasure to have known him.  
Vickie Clubb*

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**vickie clubb** - June 14, 2015 at 06:56 AM

MB

*I remember most his beautiful piano music played at SE Hospital. Hugs to all the family.*

*Mary Alice Blaylock*

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**Mary Alice Blaylock** - June 15, 2015 at 10:02 AM

LR

*Thank you Vickie for your kind words; he was just such a man. And thanks also Mary Alice, we are blessed to have recordings that we can listen to and remember his wonderful piano playing.*

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**Lea Renfro** - July 19, 2015 at 03:18 PM