



Ernie L Johnson

August 17, 1945 - August 3, 2019

Dr. Ernie L. Johnson, 74, of New Castle, Virginia passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 3, 2019 at Roanoke Memorial Hospital, surrounded by those who loved him most. The 14th chapter of John was read, a hymn was sung, and prayers were spoken.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Daryl Johnson, and by his brother, Jay Johnson. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Ruth, sons, Wade (Sheila), and John "Bucky" (Melinda) and his favorite daughter, Amanda (Duane), grandchildren, Jasmin, Rachel, Virginia, Morgan, Will, and Isaiah, and two great-granddaughters, Zaylin and Abigail.

Called by God into the ministry at age sixteen and tutored by his beloved grandfather, Challie Greer, he spent his life preaching God's message in eastern Kentucky and Western Virginia. He also served as chaplain at Lewis Gale and Catawba Hospital for over 20 years. Dr. Johnson received his formal education from Kentucky Christian College, Bethany College and the University of Kentucky, receiving his PHD in counseling, which he laughingly referred to as his "Post Hole Diggers Degree).

He had a positive influence in each community he served, as well as in the lives of many. He did not prejudge, nor did he think more highly of himself than he should, always striving to follow the Lord's example.

He was an avid sports fan cheering on the Kentucky Wildcats and the Cincinnati Reds. He proudly displayed his Kentucky Colonel award bestowed upon him by Martha Layne Collins, former governor of Kentucky, in 1985.

The family would like to thank all who visited, prayed and helped with his care, especially Katrina from Kindred Home Health, whom Ernie came to love. She provided more than physical care and cheered him on during difficult days. A celebration of Ernie's life will be held at the New Castle Christian Church Saturday, August 10. Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the service conducted by Eric Burger and Eddie Hammond will begin at 11:00 a.m. Those wishing to do so may make memorial donations to the Craig County Rescue Squad, who answered many calls during Ernie's illness. Arrangements by Paitself Funeral Home. www.paitselfh.com

"Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." Revelation 14:13

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **10**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Castle Christian Church
282 Salem Ave
New Castle, VA 24127
(540) 864-5212

Funeral Service

AUG **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KD

“ *The thing that I remember about Ernie the most is his smile and kind nature. He loved the Lord and loved preaching the Word. He a heart for those who were lost. A godly man and a wonderful preacher. and friend.*

Kenneth Davis - August 09, 2019 at 03:01 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ernie L Johnson.*



August 08, 2019 at 03:30 PM

TT

“ *The Kelleys and The Trails purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ernie L Johnson.*



The Kelleys and The Trails - August 06, 2019 at 10:32 AM

JR

“ *So sorry to hear of Ernie's passing. He will certainly be missed by all. So glad to we had a chance to see him and Ruth during his brother's illness. We enjoyed the visit. Love and prayers to Ruth, his family and friends.*

Jackie and Diane Robinson

Jackie and Diane Robinson - August 06, 2019 at 09:01 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Ernie L Johnson.*



August 05, 2019 at 09:46 PM



“ *When you have PTSD we say you don't have friends, only acquaintances. But Ernie was my true friend and I loved him dearly.*

Billy Lee - August 05, 2019 at 08:45 PM



“ *Edwina Anglin lit a candle in memory of Ernie L Johnson*



Edwina Anglin - August 05, 2019 at 08:35 PM



“ *When you have PTSD ,we say we don't have friends, we just have acquaintances. But I have to say Ernie was my true friend and I loved him dearly.*

Billy Lee

Billy Lee - August 05, 2019 at 07:32 PM

JD

“ Dear Ruth and Family,
I am sitting here thinking about what I want to say to each of you about Ernie and what he meant to me and will always mean to me. I can truthfully say my life is richer for having known Ernie. He was meant to be a minister. He was truly a man of God. His wonderful, funny personality was a gift that we all benefited from. His gift of knowing just the right words to lift a persons spirit was priceless. Ernie, Ruth and I had a little private joke just between us where I called him my "Little Cornbread". I will always have wonderful memories of Ernie and feel very blessed to have had him touch my life in his special ways. God blessed all of us in this community of Craig County and at the New Castle Christian Church when he sent Ernie, Ruth and kids to us so many years ago. God bless you Ruth and each of your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren in the days to come. Be proud of the wonderful person Ernie was to all of us.
Love To All,
Jano

Janice Damewood - August 05, 2019 at 07:31 PM

JD

“ Janice Damewood lit a candle in memory of Ernie L Johnson



Janice Damewood - August 05, 2019 at 07:19 PM

CM

“ Chock And Joyce Machal lit a candle in memory of Ernie L Johnson



Chock and Joyce Machal - August 05, 2019 at 06:31 PM

GF

“ Our thoughts and prayer go out to the entire Johnson family during this difficult time.

Gary Jones and family - August 05, 2019 at 06:27 PM

BB

“ Remembering Ernie and Emory Brackman having many dinners with Wayne and I during revivals. May God bless his loving spirit!!

Betsy Burns-Scheffey - August 05, 2019 at 05:49 PM

MD

“ What an enlightening child of God. Each time we visited he was so uplifting, enjoyable, and loving. The memories will always stay. We are so thankful that he filled other souls with joy.

Madge/E.W. Duncan - August 05, 2019 at 02:25 PM