



Orville Dean Johnson

September 20, 1943 - July 15, 2020

Orville Dean Johnson – OJ – 76, of Dewey, passed away early Wednesday morning at home following a long battle with cancer.

He was born on September 20, 1943 to Henry and Victoria (Hendrix) Johnson in Barnsdall, Oklahoma.

Growing up in Nelagoney, Oklahoma, he attended Nelagoney schools, and graduated top of his class in 1961.

In September 1962, he joined the United States Air Force, serving his time during the Vietnam War. He became a fire fighter supervisor and superintendent, specializing in aircraft crash rescue. He received his honorable discharge in June of 1967.

Upon returning home, he entered the workforce and had a 36+ year career with TRW/Reda Pump and Schlumberger.

On March 8, 1967, he was set up on a blind date that would lead to a 53 + year union with Olive Faye (Ford), the love of his life. They were married on October 28, 1967, made their home in Dewey and raised their family there.

OJ loved the game of softball. Any waking hour seemed to be spent at the ball field. The One Mile Sports Complex was his home away from home. Whether giving pitching lessons, batting tips, maybe a few life lessons, or tending to his perfectly manicured fields, you could always find him there humming along happily.

Orville's greatest love of all though was his love for his grandchildren. There was nothing greater in life than being their Pops.

He was a man of few words, many stories, and leaves an outstanding legacy. Survivors include his wife, Olive, of the home; two children, Shelly Cary and husband Donnie of Copan, and Wesley Johnson and wife Carrie of Enid; four grandchildren, Kayla Donn Frye and husband Cordell, Rachel Paige Cary, Hayden Mitchell Johnson, and Erin Michelle Cary; two sisters, Joyce Reames of Oklahoma City, and Henretta Beal of Bartlesville; one brother, Fred Johnson of Dewey, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Victoria; siblings, Martha, Marvin and Lloyd Johnson, Louise Cummins, Lois Notley, Bobby Johnson, Billy Johnson, Joe Johnson, and Wanda Larmore.

Visitation will be held Saturday July 18th and Sunday July 19th at Stumpff Funeral Home in Bartlesville, OK. Services will be held at the Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel, on Monday July 20th, 2020 at 11:00 am. Interment will follow at the Dewey, OK Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory
1600 SE Washington Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-4300
info@stumpff.org
<https://www.stumpff.org>

Visitation

JUL 19. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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1600 SE Washington Blvd.
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Funeral Service

JUL 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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1600 SE Washington Blvd
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Tribute Wall



“ *Orville Dean Johnson*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Orville Dean Johnson*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Orville and I joined the Air Force together, on what they called, the buddy plan. We spent all of basic training together. After that, we were sent to different duty stations. He, to Anchorage, Alaska, and I, to Dover, Delaware. About as far apart as we could get. So much for the buddy plan. I think I may know something about that blind date that he had. Orville was one of my best friends. And was well liked by all who knew him. He will be greatly missed. Prayers to his family and friends.*

Chuck Ford - July 21, 2020 at 12:29 AM



“ *Bell Angels Softball purchased the Gracious Laver Basket for the family of Orville Dean Johnson.*



Bell Angels Softball - July 19, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Orville Dean Johnson.*



July 18, 2020 at 08:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Orville Dean Johnson.*



July 17, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with the Johnson family.
Monte Stotts family*

Monte Stotts - July 17, 2020 at 06:33 PM



“ *Floyd Johnson (pete) Penney Johnson. Our thoughts and prayers are always with his family ,Olive,Wesley, Shelly.*

Floyd Johnson - July 17, 2020 at 03:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Orville Dean Johnson.*



July 17, 2020 at 10:48 AM

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“ Softball was a big part of my life during my teen years. I spent so much time at One Mile learning how to pitch with Orville. So. Much. Time. Year round from 6th-12th grade. I was far from the only one. Pitching practice. Hitting practice. Repeat. Many great memories (and life lessons) from that time in my life. I graduated in 2004 and we lost touch over the years but I've thought of him often. Praying for his family during this difficult time.

Teri Morris Baker - July 17, 2020 at 12:10 AM

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“ I spend most of my childhood into my teen years learning how to pitch with Orville. A huge part of my life was spent inside that complex trying to get better. Orville was always pushing me to be the best I could be. I'm glad he never gave up on me. He also helped coach my team for a few years too. He was such a wonderful person and always kept me laughing. My heart saddens to hear this news. Praying for each of you to have comfort and strength during this time. I will never forget all the wonderful softball memories spent with Orville.

BRITTANY ROPER MARTIN - July 16, 2020 at 09:56 PM