



Earl Elwood Johnson

June 25, 1942 - December 8, 2025

Born in East Liverpool, Ohio on 06-25-1942.

Died on Monday night, 12-08-2025 in Owasso, Oklahoma, at 83 yrs of age.

Earl was born in East Liverpool, Ohio and lived his childhood in that area.

Earl attended East Liverpool public schools and graduated from Beaver Local High School's first 4 year graduating Class in 1961.

Earl entered the military service after High School and served our Nation in the United States Air Force. Earl served overseas in Japan and Korea and learned Aircraft maintenance and other mechanical skills. Earl was honorably discharged from his military service in June of 1965.

Earl returned to East Liverpool and there, he met his wife, Rosalie Wlicox. Earl and Rose were married on 06-22-1966 and established their home and life. Earl raised three children, Rhonda, Lonna, and Richard. Earl and Rose were active members of the St. Aloysius, and St. Ann's Parish Catholic Church. Earl participated in the Knights of Columbus men's group and the local Veterans of Foreign Wars organization. Earl and Rose later attended St. Henry's Catholic Church in Owasso, Oklahoma

Earl was active in his children's and grandchildren's lives. Earl participated in coaching his son in little league baseball and attended many school and sports activities throughout their lives. Earl was one of the first coaches to allow a girl to play on his team and did not care what your skin color was like.

Earl held his players to his ethical standards and would bench you for misbehavior, regardless of team status.

Earl worked relentlessly in the industrial and mechanical fields. Earl could do just about anything from auto repair, welding, electrical, plumbing, carpentry, and even masonry. Earl was known for his ornery character and would readily let you know just what he thought about any given situation. Earl often repeated a popular phrase among welders that said, "I can fix anything from a broken heart to the crack of dawn."

Earl spent most of his working career at Crucible Steel Mill in Midland, Pennsylvania. Crucible Mill was a major cornerstone and huge employer in the area. Crucible Steel was the largest producer of large blast furnaces and electric arc furnaces prior to World War II. Earl was truly proud of his employment at Crucible Steel, and that he followed his father's footsteps into the steel mill occupation.

Earl loved to play golf and loved to dance. Earl loved his music and would often sing to Rose around the house, trying to entice her into a dance with him. Earl was an avid Chevrolet loyalist and would not let you park a Ford in his driveway. Earl spent a lot of time working on cars as a side job to make financial ends meet. Earl was a man that did what he needed to do, to be a good provider and to set the example for his children and grandchildren. Earl was without question a man of the "last greatest generation." Earl was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan.

The economic collapse of the 1980s caused the Steel Mill to shut down, and he and Rose moved and settled in Oklahoma in 1982. Other family members had found employment opportunities in Owasso, Oklahoma, and that led Earl and Rose to the Owasso/Tulsa area. Earl continued to earn a living by working in the Heat Exchanger manufacturing industry for many years. Earl

worked at Fabsco, and later at Yuba Heat, and established his home in Owasso, Oklahoma. After his retirement, Earl volunteered at Bailey Medical Center in Owasso and often would help with maintenance needs around the hospital. In his later senior years, Earl took a job at Wal-Mart to make money to cover the cost of medications that Medicare did not cover. Again, just another example of a man from the “last greatest generation.”

The years following their relocation to Oklahoma resulted in significant life changes within the family. Earl became a grandfather of many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Time also took the lives of his parents and siblings. Earl was preceded in death by his parents:

Elwood Harley Johnson and Blanche E. Johnson of East Liverpool, Ohio

His siblings:

Curtis Johnson of Florida

Thomas Johnson of West Virginia

Judy Johnson-Allen of Florida

Earl is survived by one brother:

Richard Johnson of California

Also, Earl is survived by:

Spouse: Rosalie Marie Wilcox-Johnson of Owasso, Oklahoma

Children: Rhonda Lynn Wain and spouse Kevan Wain of Negley, Ohio

Lavon Larae, “Lonna” Klahr, and spouse Glen “Tony” Klahr of Owasso, Oklahoma

Richard Lee Johnson, and spouse Amanda Johnson Smithville, West Virginia

Grand Children: Michael & Susan Wain of East Liverpool, Ohio

Garrett & Keumi Wain of Negley, Ohio

Steven & Josie Klahr of Nowata, Oklahoma

Jenna & Gage Wiggs of Skiatook, Oklahoma

Christopher Johnson of Tulsa, Oklahoma

Kallie Marie Johnson of Virginia

Juli-Ann Johnson of Virginia

Justin Braun & wife Brittany of Collinsville, Oklahoma

Brittany Cable of Tulsa, Oklahoma

Danielle Cable of Tulsa, Oklahoma

Jenniferlee Johnson of Owasso, Oklahoma

Richard Lee Johnson, Jr of Smithville, W. Virginia

Great-Grandchildren: Earl is survived by 29 great grandchildren from around the United States and another on the way.

9 Great Grandchildren in Ohio, Wyatt & Ashley (Wain) Argabrite, Lukas, Kara, Emily Wain, Riley Lynn, Ryan Marie, Aiden, Cullen Jack Wain

5 Great Grandchildren in Oklahoma, Lincoln, Helena Klahr in Nowata, Oklahoma. Stevie Jean, Carlos Anthony and Elwood Cash Wiggs of Skiatook, Oklahoma

15 Great Grandchildren, Evie, Owen, Jacob Johnson from Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mason, Bryson, Emerson, Carson, and Stetson Braun of Collinsville, Oklahoma. Skyla, Hensleigh, Alyssa, Lee, Josh, Jacob and Jonathan Cable of Tulsa, Oklahoma

Departing Scripture:

John 14: 2-3 KJV

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will surely come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Cemetery Details

Graceland Memorial Park Cemetery

Highway 169 and Highway 20
Owasso, OK 74055

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service Chapel
9110 North Garnett Road
Owasso, OK 74055

Funeral Service

DEC 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LC

“ Hey pap it's Lee I miss you a lot but I know your in a good place I remember when you took us out to eat and you would buy us chocolate milk shakes and you usually Come to maw maws and pawpaws and you play with us it's sad to see you go but I know you're in a really good place love you pap

Lee Cable - December 12, 2025 at 01:35 PM

RJ

“ Hey pap, hope you’re being good up there. I don’t really know what to say here because words will never ever be enough to describe the type of grandpa/man you are. I remember all the times we would go out to eat or when you would take me and Goo shopping or just whenever you would stop by at the house. While those are all great memories my favorites are when you would come to my football games and I would hear you cheering or even letting me know when I made a mistake so I could correct it. Wouldn’t trade any of those memories for anything. While some will see them as just that, a memory, I see them as more. The shopping, you were showing us kindness and love. The dinners, you were showing us the value of quality time. The random showing up at the house, showed us distance isn’t ever an issue and how much you cared. Then the games, whether correcting my mistakes or cheering you were showing support and teaching me the right ways. Every memory was also a lesson I learned from you. I’m so glad to have learned those lessons. I believe with all those lessons is why to this day I am the man I am. No discredit from my parents of course they played a part. However looking back at those memories they taught me to always show love, care, support, honesty, passion, and respect to the ones I love the most. I’m so blessed you trusted me enough to give me you’re air force hat. I’ll forever keep it safe and secure for you pap. Just like you have and will continue doing for me. Just like you taught me distance doesn’t matter. So whether heaven or earth I know you are always here for me and forever will be here with me. Hopefully someday I can be as great as a man as you are. I love you so much pap! HOW BOUT THEM COWBOYS!!

Richard Johnson Jr - December 11, 2025 at 11:00 PM

JJ

“ Oh Pappy.. there's so much I wanna say but my mind keeps going blank because I can't accept that you're really gone. But I'll do my best.. You were/are the best grandpa ever. I'll forever miss your hugs, your laugh, us going out to eat. The holidays won't be the same anymore without you buying me candy corn every Halloween or when me, you and uncle Tony would hide in the kitchen eating the chips and cheese dip! I wish I could give you one last hug.. I love you so much and I'll forever cherish our memories together. I hope you're having so much fun up there with Yoda.
Love, Goobie ❤️

Jenniferlee Johnson - December 11, 2025 at 10:08 PM

AC

“ hello pappy it's me jojo again I just want to say I'm so grateful to have you as my pappy I remember when you would take me out to eat and you would buy me milkshakes and on Christmas you would get us candy and many more things I wish I was able to give you one last hug not just for me but for all of our family I'm happy your not hurting anymore and I know you will always look down on me and I'm so hurt your not here with us but I know you want me to be strong for you I just want you to know that I love you so much and you will forever be be in my heart. FLY HIGH PAPPY ❤️❤️

Alyssa Cable - December 11, 2025 at 04:41 PM

RJ

“ Hello dad, it's me Rick AGAIN. I forgot to mention how you loved me playing Sports & Never missing a football Game & I grew up being a STEELERS Fan & well it seems as though you Really didn't learn much about football as a Cowboy Fan 😬😬 Till I See You Again...Dancing In The Sky...I Will Never Not Remember You...My Loving ❤️ Dad, love ❤️ Rick 💋🙏👉



Richard Johnson - December 11, 2025 at 03:41 PM

RJ

“ My dad, I will never forget how you taught me the game of baseball, you coached me throughout my ENTIRE time playing & you would take the team to the Dairy Queen for ice cream...win or loose. The championship & all of the All Stars. You NEVER missed a football game & you instilled: Finish What You Start & you & mom taught us: Family First. I remember telling you that I joined the Army & you were actually surprised. You were the BEST provider & Supporter that any kid could ask for. I know that I gave you trouble growing up as a kid but you were Alllll-ways there for me. You were an Angel on earth as you are in Heaven. I would love it when you would stop by our house every day & all of your stories...this is something that NOBODY can take from me / us. You were Alllll-ways loving & kind to the kids brining them candy & hugs (Pappy). You were Soooooo kind & loving to Amanda...you will / are Soooooo dearly missed, oh dad, oh. I'm sorry my allergies are tearing up my eyes. I'm sooooo glad that you are in a better place. There is & will be so many things left unsaid Except that I ❤️ & miss you Tremendously. I Thank GOD & Mom for the time that I / we were Blessed with your Presence, Kindness, Caring, Gentle, Bubbly & ❤️ing Soul. With a Sad & Heavy ❤️: Till I See You Again Love your Favorite Kid: Rick 🙏😇😭☐

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Richard Johnson - December 11, 2025 at 03:20 PM

TK

“Earl is/was my father in law and I quickly came to respect him, and I believe it worked the other way around as well. Earl believed in working and earning what you got throughout life. He also shared and taught all of us that when life got tough, you get tougher and do what you need to do to provide for family. Earl was highly skilled in various trades, skills, and crafts. He generously shared his knowledge with his children, including me. Often when things needed repair, just like my own father, Earl would readily offer his knowledge and assistance. Earl taught me how to wire electrical circuits, and work on my cars. Earl even painted the upper levels of our house, inside and out. Years of climbing ladders and overhead cranes insulated him from any fear of heights. Times spent out in the garage served to cultivate a broad spectrum of colorful vocabulary, which, as you can imagine, passed down to his grandchildren and only to be fluently utilized at some most inappropriate times. Its funny now, but, "Momma" wasn't so happy about it at the time. Men like Earl, and those of his generation, what I refer to as the "last greatest generation," were truly the strength, the backbone, and foundation of our Nation. We just don't make men like Earl anymore. Earl is an inspiration, and the definitive model of what men should be. Thank you "Pappy Earl" for all of your guidance, your humor, your patience, your love, and your loyalty to family. For over 40 years, you were truly a blessing and a lesson to me, and all of us. Reap, and rejoice in, all of that which is promised by our Savior.

Tony Klahr - December 11, 2025 at 12:18 PM

RJ



Richard Johnson - December 11, 2025 at 03:44 PM

LK

“ It is with a heavy heart I have to say goodbye to the man that loved me regardless of any flaws. My Daddy blessed me in many ways with his love and guidance. He was kind but firm in his discipline. I was the kind of child that never wanted to disappoint him and he made me feel secure. He provided for us throughout his presence here. He helped me build my confidence when I had to wear glasses as a child and face bullying. He calmed my nerves when I had big milestones to reach. Dad supported me in my education and career, and he was the most loving grandfather to my children. I will miss his love, advise and ornery smile.

Lavon Klahr - December 11, 2025 at 12:15 PM