



Larry Don Johnson

January 20, 1945 - September 3, 2021

Larry Don Johnson of Tulsa, Oklahoma, age 76, passed away September 3, 2021, and has joined his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Larry was a beloved husband, son, brother, father and grandfather. He will be remembered for his loyalty, generous spirit and love for his family and friends.

Larry Don was born January 20, 1945, in Tulsa, Oklahoma to Floy Wilson Johnson and Lottie Violet Johnson. He graduated Tulsa McLain High School in 1963 and attended Oklahoma State University. He was a beloved member of Tulsa First Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Floy Wilson Johnson, Jr. and wife Susie Johnson. Larry Don is survived by his brother Leroy Johnson of Inola, Oklahoma, son Chad Greer, grandson Cameron Albert Greer and granddaughter Caroline Ava Greer all of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Memorial services will be 1:00 p.m., Monday, September 13, 2021, at Mowery Funeral Service, 9110 North Garnett Road, Owasso, Oklahoma. Phone 918-272-6244.

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

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

LIVE STREAM SERVICE

SEP 13.

Mowery Funeral Service Live Stream
<https://vimeo.com/moweryfs>

Tribute Wall

RS

“ I always appreciated Larry as a friend particularly after both of our wives died in 2014. We mourned together. Larry maintained a strong Christian faith in Jesus that he shared with others. I look forward to seeing him in the life to come on earth as in heaven.

Bob Stanton

Robert Stanton - September 19, 2021 at 07:07 PM

CT

“ Larry Don Johnson was an exemplary man. He lived each day that I know about being that in every way. Many of us came to recognize his strength in high school at Tulsa McLain. If there was ever any male student who typified all of us it would be Larry. He found a unique way to cross boundaries in many class groups of the early to mid 1960's in so many positive ways. What a powerful guy. Handsome, well dressed, star football player, immensely popular and talented.

I told his grandson on another message and I'll restate it here. I didn't know Larry well. I was involved in student council stuff and one day I was walking down the hallway and he came up to me, looked me squarely in the eyes and put his hand on my shoulder and asked if there was anything he could do to help me. I'm here, just let me know.! I guess I was so blown away that I hardly knew what to say in response. He gave me that warm smile and said, just to let him know. Wow, I don't think I had ever had anyone ever say that to me ever! That's the type of life he led. We all were better because of Larry Don Johnson life!

Chsrлие Tooley - September 14, 2021 at 09:49 PM

CT

“ *Chsrlie Tooley lit a candle in memory of Larry Don Johnson*



Chsrlie Tooley - September 14, 2021 at 09:33 PM

DA

“ *We have lived next door to Larry for nearly eight years when he passed. I admired the principles by when he lived his life and would often share many of his life experiences with me when we would be out working in our yards in the evenings. He inspired me to want to always do my best...often I would see Larry working in his yard past dark or feeding the neighborhood cats that would congregate in his driveway. he will be missed!*

Godspeed, Larry Don.

D. Wade

David - September 14, 2021 at 01:03 PM

JB

“ *'Tribute to Larry Don Johnson*

When I first met Larry Don Johnson I tried to dislike him. It was impossible. It was the fourth grade and we were both chosen to represent our respective elementary schools at the baseball Little League All-Star game. Only one problem - we both played catcher. He approached me and flashed me that million dollar smile. He reached out to me in that friendly sincere manner that stayed with him throughout his life. From that point on, we were best friends for life.

Larry Don was more than just my best friend. He was the brother I never had. We did all the iconic things boys from Tulsa would do. We talk to cars, girls, and football. We cruised the drive-ins on South Peoria and we played on what passed for a football teams at Monroe junior high and then McLain high school. As a player Larry was far and away the best player on the field. He inspired the rest of us to to be better. He played football the way he lived his life - full commitment to excellence and integrity.

Larry was there for anyone who needed a helping hand or a consoling heart I have not seen Larry Don for years when, at my mothers internment, I was fairly depressed and blue and then I looked up and there was Larry Don! He was one of those people who lit up a room just with his presence, just as he lifted my heart at my mom's funeral.

I sure miss you, Larry Dawn.

Rest in peace and God's loving arms.

Your best friend forever,

J. Michael Badgwell

J. Michael Badgwell - September 13, 2021 at 01:21 PM

CB

“ *Larry was the chaplain of our neighborhood. He prayed for everyone up and down our street. It was always a blessing to just be in his presence. In these last years with his health issues, he was so appreciative of anything we did for him. He shared the love of the Lord with everyone. He will be missed.*

Carrie Barnes - September 13, 2021 at 06:53 AM

“ Cheryl and I have shared numerous adventures with Larry Don. The biggest adventure was taking him on vacation to Durango a few months after Susie's passing. We have been by his side through every health crisis the past few years. I was a brother from another mother through thick and thin. I offer this poem in remembrance of Larry Don.

TOUCHING SHOULDERS

*There's a comforting thought at the end of the day,
When I'm weary and lonely and sad
That sort of grips hold of that crusty old heart
And bids it be merry and glad.
It get in my soul, and drives out the blues
And finally thrills through and through.
It is just a sweet memory that chants the refrain,
I'm glad I touched shoulders with you.*

*Did you know you were brave, did you know you were strong?
Did you know there was one leaning hard?
Did you know that I waited and listened and prayed
And was cheered by your simplest word?
Did you know that I longed for that smile on your face,
For the sound of your voice ringing true?
Did you know I grew stronger, and better - because
I had merely rubbed shoulders with you?*

*I am glad that I live, that I struggle and strive
For the place I know I must fill
I am thankful for sorrows, I meet with a grin,
What fortune may send good or ill.
I may not have wealth, I may not be great,
But I know I shall always be true
For I have in my life the courage you gave
When once I rubbed shoulders with you.*

(Author Unknown)

Clint and Cheryl Harris

Clint Harris - September 10, 2021 at 06:11 PM

CH

“ I've always been taken by the picture of Larry Don, me and team mates from 1956. I can't believe it was 65 year ago.

Clint Harris



Clint Harris - September 10, 2021 at 05:52 PM

CH

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Clint Harris - September 10, 2021 at 05:43 PM

CB

“ Larry was always a delight to visit! Dave Dallenbach and I are Care Chaplains for the Men's ministry of. FUMC Tulsa and had many visits with Larry Don including when he had his halo from his recovery from a fall.

Even then he had a positive outlook! He so appreciated me serving Communion and we frequently discussed all manner of topics. I will definitely miss him as my brother in Christ! RIP. Larry Don. Love you, Charlie Baumann

charles baumann - September 10, 2021 at 12:41 AM

TG

“ *The Breakfast Group purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Larry Don Johnson.*



The Breakfast Group - September 09, 2021 at 04:14 PM

BB

“ *Larry Don was a role model for me in high school. A couple years older, he seemed to have it all. He was one of the most popular guys at McLain High. Larry was movie star handsome, loaded with personality, dated one of the prettiest girls in school and was the star running back on the football team. In addition, he had a great singing voice. Lucky for me, I asked to be the drummer in a rock band he and a couple other guys were forming. What fun we had playing current KAKC tunes for our friends at social gatherings.*

He and I lost contact over the subsequent 40 years or so. When we reconnected, the new Larry Don was living with deteriorating health issues but always kept a smile on his face, a cheerful presence and was a friend to anyone who had the good fortune to cross his path. He had a rock-solid, inspirational Christian faith that carried him through the loss of his sweet wife Susie and other challenges including a broken neck in 2019. I am thankful for his friendship. He was loved and will be missed so.

Brent Blake

Brent L. Blake - September 09, 2021 at 03:30 PM