



Joseph Burton Johnson, Jr

May 4, 2014

Joseph Burton Johnson, Jr., 92, of Ringgold, Georgia died peacefully Sunday morning May 4, 2014. Born April 11, 1922 in Sewanee, Tennessee, he moved to Chattanooga at the age of ten, served as an altar boy at Christ Episcopal Church and attended City High School. Joe became an Eagle Scout under the leadership of Ellsworth Brown. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army where he served in the Philippines during World War II, receiving many decorations and citations including two bronze stars. Joe was an excellent homebuilder, champion chess player, restorer of MGs, winning national rally in Boston, Mass. with first MG and was an official member of the Knot-hole gang at Engle Stadium. Joe was an exemplary, larger than life individual, putting Christ above all, serving where he could. After retirement, he implemented a bike ministry for the orphans of St. Mary's Episcopal in Sewanee. Joe and Ruby had many happy years tooling around the country on their motorcycle and MG. He is preceded in death by his wife of 72 years Ruby Dotson Johnson; parents, Joseph B.(Burt) Johnson, Sr. and Alma Sutherland Johnson; sister, Erma Fisher; and granddaughter, Jennifer Johnson. He is survived by six children: Barry Hubert, Deward Burton, Joseph Wesley Johnson, Janice (Ted) Williams and Angela Brumley all of Ringgold, GA., and Linda Murphy of Chattanooga, TN, who felt extremely blessed to have a truly devoted father; 16 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren. The family will receive friends at the Christ Episcopal Church Thursday, May 8 from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 P.M. at the church. Funeral services will be held 12:30 P.M.

Thursday at the church with Father Jon Anderson Officiating. Interment will follow at the Chattanooga National Cemetery. Arrangements are by Wilson Funeral Home Wallis-Stewart Chapel Ringgold, Georgia. An online register book may be signed at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Linda and family,*

We didn't know your father, but we know you have been a wonderful daughter. You have our sincere sympathy and pray peace for you.

*With love,
John and Mary Ann
(Stewart)*

John and Mary Ann Stewart - Chattanooga, TN - Friend of Linda - May 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Linda, we are very sorry to hear of your father's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Labron, Helen Meadows - Chattanooga, TN - friend to Linda - May 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sue & I are very sorry that health issues prevent us from attending Joe,s funeral. We remember him and Ruby with many fond memories, particularly the carved wooden chalice that Joe made for my ordination to the priesthood and that they were married at the altar which is now in our home chapel, where I will offer prayers for them as they share the Presence of our Blessed Savior. May God's Peace embrace all of you. Love, Fr. Harry*

Fr. Harry & Sue Lawrence - Lookout Mtn., GA - Joe's & Ruby's former priest. - May 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My Dear Joe,*

You and your precious Ruby were such a fixture in my childhood!!! I would see your smiling faces every Sunday as I acted as thurifer from the time I was 11 years old until I went away to college, & many Sundays thereafter. I learned SO much just by observing the two of you, both in the way you treated one another as well as how you regarded those around you! Your kindness to my entire extended family (Fr. Harry & Sue) was always evident & very much appreciated. Christ Church is not the same without the two of you. I look forward to seeing both your smiling faces again in the great hereafter....

*Much love,
Carol Lawrence*

Carol Lawrence - Lookout Mtn, GA - Friend/fellow parishioner - May 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM