



Richard A. "Dick" Johnson

May 26, 1932 - April 26, 2014

Richard Arnold Johnson left this life peacefully on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Hospice of East Texas Homeplace. He was born on May 26, 1932 in Marion, Ohio to Henry F. Johnson and Lucy Cafarelli. His mother died when he was 4 years old and he was placed in a children's home along with older sister Dorothy where they lived until 1944 when he moved to Tennessee to live with his father. His father died when he was 14 years old and he was moved around from place to place until eventually moving in with older sister, Helen and husband Bill in Cutchogue, New York. He graduated from Southold High School in New York in 1950. Upon graduation he enlisted in the US Navy where he served for 4 years during the Korean War as a Radar Operator on a Seaplane in the Pacific.

He attended college at the University of Southern California prior to his employment at Lockheed Aircraft where he worked on aircraft electronics. Later he worked for the Martin Company as a start up engineer on the Titan Missile project in Denver, Colorado. His last employment in aerospace was for Douglas Aircraft at Vandenburg Airforce Base. In 1965 he moved to Louisiana and got a job with Bechtel where he began work as an electrical engineer on construction of Electrical Power Plants in the United States and also in Venezuela for 2 years and in Jamaica for 1 year. Returning to the states he began work as a start up engineer on nuclear power plants in Mississippi, Maryland, and Texas. He retired from Bechtel Construction in September 1993 from the Savannah River Nuclear Power Plant in Aiken, South Carolina.

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Nancy Johnson, New Harmony; Sisters: Dorothy Allan, Brewton, Alabama and Mary Lou Faggella and husband, Bob, Carmichael, California. Daughter, Susan Johnson, Santa Maria, California; Sons: Mark Johnson, Santa Maria, California, Rodney Meeks Spring, Texas, Steve Bynum, New Harmony and Son-In-Law, Larry Malone, New Harmony. Grandchildren: Jamie Delozier and husband, Todd, St. Petersburg, Florida, Misty Kerr and husband, Marc, Bullard, Chris Bynum and wife, Gail, Flint, Kayla Malone, New Harmony, and Kim Mullins and husband, Tommy, Lindale. He also had 9 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by Daughter, Karen Johnson, Daughter, Donna Malone, Son, Randy Meeks, grandson, Justin Bynum, and sister, Helen Wickham.

Of the many accomplishments in his life, he was proudest of the opportunity to serve his Lord and Savior at the New Harmony Baptist Church. He faithfully worked on the maintenance Committee for over 18 years and was still serving on that committee at the time of his death. Brother Dick taught an adult Sunday School Class for 15 years and upon resigning as teacher served as an assistant teacher. He was a godly man who loved his church family and cherished each and every one of them. He had a special relationship with his church family but his priority relationship was with Jesus Christ. He faithfully read his Bible twice every day and spent time in prayer with his heavenly Father. He was also a member of the Gideon organization.

Pallbearers will be Steve Bynum, Chris Bynum, Larry Malone, Marc Kerr, Tommy Mullins, and David McClung. Honorary Pallbearers will be Bud Gibbs and Deacons of New Harmony Baptist Church. Brother Robbie Caldwell will officiate at the funeral service at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at New Harmony Baptist Church with interment to follow in the New Harmony Cemetery under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Directors in Lindale. Family will receive friends from 6PM to 8PM on Monday evening at the Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701

Cemetery Details

New Harmony Cemetery

9920 FM 724
Tyler, TX 75704

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
206 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771
(903) 882-3141
jeff@crdfh.com

Church Service

APR **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Harmony Baptist Church
10251 FM 724
Tyler, TX 75704
nhbc@newharmonybaptistchurch.org

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard A. "Dick" Johnson*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Richard A. "Dick" Johnson*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *DEBBIE & JERRY BARNETT lit a candle in memory of Richard A. "Dick" Johnson*



DEBBIE & JERRY BARNETT - April 28, 2014 at 10:41 PM



“ *Charles would always say that Dick was a man of God and that his example to others was an inspiration to him! I will always remember how Dick consistently over the years referred to Nancy as "His lovely bride" in any conversation we had. He will be missed by many, many friends and loved ones.*

Suanne Rouse

suanne Rouse - April 28, 2014 at 11:30 AM

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“ *Richard was such a nice person and loved by all.. Prayers for family.*
from:
Stephen and Connie Giles members of New Harmony.

Connie Giles - April 28, 2014 at 08:14 AM

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“ *prayers for all of y'all there in New Harmony, I sure wish I was able to come attend and offer my love and support for your family*

Dave Reeves - April 27, 2014 at 06:46 PM

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“ *Didn't always get to see Bro. Dick at church but when he ran into Gary at Lowes he would always tell Gary to give that Bride of his a hug for him. He was an awesome man and will be missed.*

Debbie McDaniel - April 27, 2014 at 10:49 AM