



## LeRoy Johnson

March 1, 1941 - February 12, 2024

LeRoy Leonard Johnson was born to Peter Joel Johnson and Alma Hazel Malm Johnson in Spencer, South Dakota on March 1, 1941, and peacefully passed from this life on February 12, 2024, at his home in Elmore City, Oklahoma.

The baby of twelve siblings, LeRoy grew up in the Mitchell, South Dakota area and graduated from Mitchell High School in 1960. He enlisted in the United States Navy where he served for four years, most of that time stationed in Japan.

On a blind date in California for New Year's Eve, LeRoy met Gracie Marie Tomlinson (Grace) from Maysville, Oklahoma. Fifty-one days later on February 21, 1964, LeRoy married Grace in Reno, Nevada. LeRoy and Grace then resided in California where they had their firstborn son, LeRoy Leonard Johnson, Jr. (Lee) on May 5, 1966. The family of three moved to the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska, where LeRoy began working for Homer Freight Lines. On March 26, 1969, LeRoy and Grace's daughter, Leigh Lynnette Johnson, arrived with LeRoy serving as a nurse since the doctor was shorthanded. LeRoy spent the majority of his working life on the North Slope where he moved oil rigs from land to sea, trucking across the frozen ocean. Over the years, the family of four made their home in Lodi, California, Butte and Summers, Montana, Soldotna and Sterling, Alaska, and Prague and Elmore City, Oklahoma.

In 1986, LeRoy retired, and he and Grace began to travel all over the United

States, forty-nine states together. LeRoy had been to Hawaii during his time in the Navy and enjoyed teasing Grace that she had not made it to fifty. The couple made countless friends working at various campgrounds across the country.

LeRoy was a master pancake maker, people watcher, and dog lover that more recently had turned to taming wild cats. LeRoy enjoyed halibut and salmon fishing in Alaska, motorcycle and horseback riding, winning car shows and driving in parades with his antique car, woodworking (especially making crosses), and seeing his great-grands.

LeRoy Johnson is survived by his wife, Grace Johnson of the home; his son, Lee Johnson of Elmore City; his daughter, Leigh Gillham and husband, Kerry of Maysville; his two granddaughters, Madison Russ and husband, Ryan of Purcell, and Mackenzie Deviney and husband, Zane of Purcell; his great grandchildren, Rhettson Russ, Raider Russ, Baylor Deviney, and Bexley Deviney; his sister, Marcelle Johnson Wolf of Rapid City, South Dakota; and a host of beloved cousins, nieces, and nephews.

LeRoy Johnson is preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Alma Johnson, his four brothers, Don Johnson, DeWayne Johnson, Dale Johnson and Devere Johnson and six sisters, Mae Johnson, June Zulk, Tillie Theiss, Arlene Johnson, Joyce Shuster, and Gladys Johnson.

Memorial services will be held at 1:30 pm on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at Union Hill Baptist Church in Purcell, Oklahoma with Bro. Barry McConathy and Bro. Nate McConathy officiating. You may send a condolence to the family at [www.woosterfuneralhomes.com](http://www.woosterfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 17. 1:30 PM (CT)

Union Hill Baptist Church  
20441 Bryant Ave.  
Purcell, OK 73080

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of LeRoy Johnson*



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**Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - February 15, 2024 at 04:38 PM

BS

“ *Grace and family. So sorry to hear about LeRoy. We have good memories of our time at Mountain Quail and getting to know you, LeRoy and Lee. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Bob and Opal Stafford*

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**Bob and Opal Stafford** - February 16, 2024 at 11:10 AM

LR

“ *We all became friends in Arizona and followed you to Texas and spent the winters together we all became a Texas family at Rockport Texas we did a lot of sightseeing with other RV Texas friends we will always treasure the memories we all had we will see you again you just went ahead of us love you Grace and Lee and your sister and rest of family God be with you*



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**LeeRoy and Gwen Reed** - February 15, 2024 at 07:46 PM

GH

*From George Hoffman*

*To Grace and the entire family.  
I send my condolences to you all.  
Leroy had a great journey with his life. God must have needed a  
pancake baker, and he called a good one home.  
He and Grace invited Sue and I to Rockport , TX the first year we went  
south to escape the cold winters in SD. We thank him for that and  
many more good times. Rest in peace my friend.  
GRACE,  
When your treasured one becomes a memory,  
The memory becomes your treasure.*

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**George Hoffman** - February 18, 2024 at 12:06 PM

JM

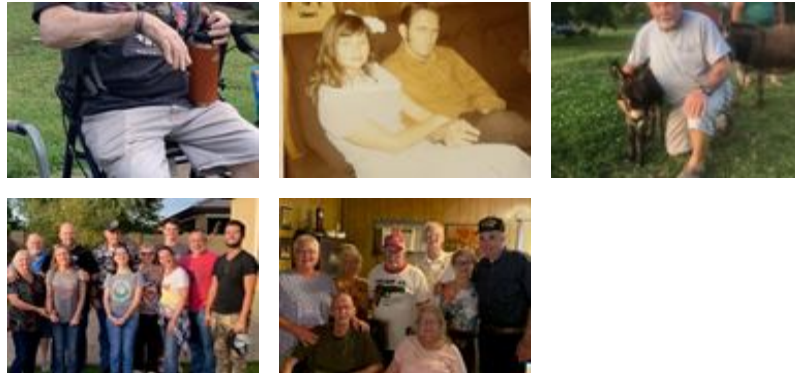
*Gracie and family, We are so sorry for your loss. We still treasure the  
time we got to spend with you and all of our friends in Texas and  
Branson. We send our prayers and love. Jack and Theresa Mustard*

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**Jack and Theresa Mustard** - February 21, 2024 at 11:06 PM



“ 10 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - February 15, 2024 at 04:35 PM



“ 37 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - February 15, 2024 at 11:50 AM

MM

“ Marilyn Mayberry lit a candle in memory of *LeRoy Johnson*



**Marilyn Mayberry** - February 15, 2024 at 11:10 AM

SF

“ Sherry Ferguson lit a candle in memory of *LeRoy Johnson*



**Sherry Ferguson** - February 14, 2024 at 04:18 PM

VI

*Leroy was the best great uncle g he will definitely be missed I would get so excited when he was coming home for fish fry and pheasant he will definitely be missed love you Leroy*

**vickyhohn** - February 15, 2024 at 09:56 AM