



## Howard Hugh Johnson

February 15, 1934 - June 14, 2024

Howard Hugh Johnson, 90, entered eternity with Jesus on Friday morning, June 14, 2024, at his home in Bartlesville, OK, surrounded by his loving wife and sons, caring family, and pastor.

Born in Martinez, CA, on February 15, 1934, Howard is the son of Reverend Melford C. Johnson and Viola (Dickens) Johnson, both deceased. One of eight children, Howard lived in multiple homes based on his father's work and ministry. However, much of his later childhood was spent in Thayer, KS, playing on the basketball team, playing trumpet in the school band, and graduating from high school in 1952. Howard attended Chanute Junior College, earning an Associate in Arts degree in 1954. He then attended Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Architectural Engineering in 1956. While in Thayer, he met and ultimately married the love of his life, Phyllis, in 1956. Howard was called into active duty in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958. He hired onto Phillips Petroleum Company in 1956 as a structural engineer, working several design projects (including an 18-month assignment for Phillips in Stavanger, Norway), until retiring in 1992.

Howard deeply loved the Lord Jesus Christ and acted out his faith in many ways. He was a diligent financial supporter of the local church and foreign missions endeavors. He was also an active participant and organizer of

missions construction and ministry trips (MAPS) to Honduras, El Salvador, Dominican Republic, Panama, Bahamas, Trinidad & Tobago, Ecuador, and Curacao. In his local church, he rarely missed a service (until late in life), contributed musically in directing the choir, singing in quartets (including the "Plywood Brothers" with his sons), ensembles or solo, served on the church board, taught Sunday School classes, led a boys Royal Ranger outpost, and filled the pulpit on a few occasions. Many hours of his personal time were spent in study of God's Word and in praying for his family and other needs. Howard was full of the Holy Spirit and a firm believer and practicer of the gifts of the Spirit. No matter where he went, if given the opportunity he would share the gospel with people he met.

Howard used his knowledge of construction by consulting and helping build or remodel different churches and family homes. He built the family home, a garage with wood shop, and barn on his 10.5 acre country estate west of Bartlesville. Spare time activities included gardening, painting, woodworking projects (especially items for grandkids and family), and journaling daily happenings. He enjoyed many treasured times visiting his children and their families as well as reunions with his siblings and extended family in southeast Kansas, Texas and other states. His travels with family and wife Phyllis took him across the U.S. as well as to Russia, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and Canada.

Howard was preceded in death by his son Layne E. Johnson, his parents, his four brothers Glenn, Richard, Marvin and Jim, and his three sisters Jean, Bonita and Lela Mae. He is survived by his wife Phyllis A. (VanMeter) Johnson of Bartlesville, OK; sons Michael H. Johnson (wife Jeannie) of Albuquerque, NM; H. Mark Johnson (wife Vickie) of Bartlesville, OK; and Leland C. Johnson (wife Cherie) of Trophy Club, TX; grandchildren Amy Hinman (husband Mike) and Dayna Cuellar (husband David) of Albuquerque, NM; Britta Brunet (husband Cody) of Rio Rancho, NM; Natalie Johnson, Garrett Johnson (wife

Gudani), Sydney Johnson, and Jarrod Johnson (wife Rachel) of Bartlesville, OK; Alarie Davis of Midwest City, OK; Felice Johnson of Nashville, TN; and Mylon Johnson of Sherman, TX; step-grandsons Benjamin (wife Kate), Jacob (wife Jessie), Aaron (wife Keyai), and David Driggs all in the Dallas-Fort Worth, TX area; ten great granddaughters (Finley, Delaney, Nora, Kadence, Jocelynn, Ella, Musidzana, Phoebe, Onaka and Sarinity); four great grandsons (Grant, Miles, Phoenix and Jakob “Kobe”), four great step-grandchildren (Savannah, Marshall, Janet and Kimber); brother in-law Dale VanMeter of Post Falls, ID; sister-in-law Ruth VanMeter of Parkville, MO; brother-in-law Roy Carson of Chandler, AZ; sister-in-law Claire Johnson of Springfield, MO; cousin Bill Johnson (wife Linda) of Augusta, KS; cousin Clara Hoover of Strasburg, CO; with droves of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and their children.

Family and friends may visit and sign the register at the Davis Family Funeral Home - Walker Brown Chapel, 4201 Nowata Rd, Bartlesville, OK, during open visitation on Thursday, June 20, from 10am-6pm and during family visitation from 6pm-8pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Howard’s honor may be made to the Revival Time Outreach Center, 101 S Virginia Ave., Bartlesville, OK 74003.

A Memorial Celebration will be held 10am on Friday, June 21, at the Davis Family Funeral Home - Walker Brown Chapel, with Reverend Bruce Ganze officiating. Graveside services will be held 1 pm at the Ross Cemetery near Neodesha, KS.

# Cemetery Details

## Ross Cemetery

3644 Meade Rd.  
Neodesha, KS 66757

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 20. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel  
4201 Nowata Rd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
(918) 333-7665  
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Family and Friends Gathering

JUN 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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JUN 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Howard Hugh Johnson*



**Davis Family Funeral Home** - June 20, 2024 at 05:45 PM

DT

“ *Daystar Engineering Team Planted a grove of 5 Memorial Trees in honor of Howard Hugh Johnson. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family.*

**Daystar Engineering Team** - June 20, 2024 at 03:54 PM

PB

“ *Phil B. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Hugh Johnson.*

**Phil B.** - June 20, 2024 at 03:46 PM

RC

“ *Roberto and Hilda Cuellar purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Howard Hugh Johnson.*



**Roberto and Hilda Cuellar** - June 20, 2024 at 02:21 PM

RC

“ Roberto and Hilda Cuellar planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Hugh Johnson.

Roberto and Hilda Cuellar - June 20, 2024 at 02:21 PM

LO

“ Howard was a great friend and mentor to me during my years in the Civil Structural Dept with Phillips. We first met when I designed a tall connecting tower between two vertical process towers. He checked my design and was happy with it and because of this when the KC refinery closed, I was transferred to B'ville where our 43+ year friendship began. He took me under his wing and from that point on, we bonded and the rest is history. Linda and I will miss him. OLur thoughts and prayers for Phyllis and the family.

Larry Oden - June 20, 2024 at 02:07 PM

CO

“ Celebrating Howards life from AZ !  
Love Tim & Cory



cory - June 19, 2024 at 08:02 PM

JT

“ John & Melissa Van Til purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Howard Hugh Johnson.



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**John & Melissa Van Til** - June 19, 2024 at 06:49 PM

YF

“ Your TCC Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Hugh Johnson.

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**Your TCC Family** - June 19, 2024 at 04:30 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Howard Hugh Johnson.



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LC

“ Uncle Howard and Aunt Phyllis have always been so loving and kind. Howard always reminded me of my grandad (his brother Richard) as both had the best smile/laugh, were great men of God, loved their wives with all their hearts, and both were engineers. Howard painted a beautiful painting of me with my horse, Music, whom is now 25 years old. I've had it hung in my house for years. Every time I see it I will cherish this sweet man and his kindness forever as it meant so much to me he gifted it to me. Both Howard and my grandad seemed to never run out of faith and love. It's an honor to be apart of the Johnson family. I am sorry I cannot attend but know my heart, thoughts and prayers are with the Johnson family. Love you all.

- Lauren Crowell (Howard's great niece in Texas)

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**Lauren Crowell** - June 19, 2024 at 08:36 AM