



Gene Francis Johnson

March 7, 1927 - June 11, 2019

Gene Francis Johnson, 92, entered into rest with his Lord and Savior at 4:20 a.m. on June 11, 2019 in Chanute, Kansas. He was born on March 7, 1927, in Belleville, KS, the youngest child of Charles Floyd Johnson, Sr., and Donna Pearl (Howell) Johnson. On June 28, 1953, Gene married Donna Jean Smith, in Topeka, KS, to this union, four children were born.

On April 10, 1945, Gene enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps and had duty postings in The Philippines, Japan, and Adak, Alaska. After the war, he also participated in the Berlin Air Lift. A glazier by trade, Gene worked for Harding Glass in Topeka, KS and Jayhawk Glass in Chanute.

For 25 years, Gene was the main announcer for Parks and Recreation Softball, first at the old Highland Park Diamond doing Industrial League and Church League Fast-Pitch softball, and then moving to the Santa Fe Diamond complex where he announced Slo-Pitch softball for 20 years, teaching all four sons announcing, statistics, and record keeping.

Gene was initiated into the Masonic Order in June of 1950, and in his 69 years of service to the Masons he held every station in Masonry numerous times, including Master of Cedar Lodge #103 A.F. & A.M., in Chanute, twice.

Gene is survived by wife, Donna, of the home; sons, Michael of Owasso, OK, Gary (Clarice) of Gardner, KS, Randall of Leavenworth, KS, and Robert, of the

home; two grandchildren; three great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his parents, all his siblings, and one granddaughter.

Funeral service will be on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Chanute, KS. The Legion Riders and Chanute Honor Guard will be in charge of military honors. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com. The family suggests memorials to be made to the First Baptist Church Deacon Scholarship Fund or to the FireEscape Coffeehouse and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home, 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.

Previous Events

Service

JUN **15**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church Chanute
118 N. Forest
Chanute, KS 66720

Tribute Wall

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“ So very sorry to hear of Genes passing. My late husband, John Stowell, worked with Gene for many years at Jayhawk Glass. While I only had the opportunity to meet Gene a couple of times, my husband enjoyed his years working with Gene but most of all, he had a lot of respect and admiration for Genes skills as a glazier. He often told me that Gene had been his mentor and had taught him everything he knew about glasswork. Gene is the reason why my husband opened his own glass business which we later closed because of Johns own health issues. If John we're still living, I know that he would have wanted me to express his deepest sympathies to the family and to let the family know that Gene was directly responsible for nurturing his own career as a glazier. With heartfelt sympathy. Sincerely, Carol Stowell

Carol Stowell - June 12, 2019 at 07:09 PM