



Funeral Service

New Gottland Covenant Church
McPherson, Kansas
Monday, December 16, 2024, at 10:00 AM

Officiant

Pastor Daniel Parry

Prelude Video Tribute Music

"I Can Only Imagine" by MercyMe
"10,000 Reasons" by Matt Redman
"Because He Lives" by Gaither Vocal Band
"I Will Rise" by Chris Tomlin
"God of All My Days" by Casting Crowns

Service Music

"Because He Lives" #213
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #435
"I'll Fly Away" #554
Marie Woodruff, pianist / Gary Abell, song leader

Casket Bearers

Nick Johnson Ransom Hawthorne Tim Willis
Austin Mackey Dillon Flood Adam Huser

Ushers

David Mauck Mark Larson

Final Resting Place

New Gottland Lutheran Cemetery

Memorial Donations

Memorial donations can be made to New Gottland Covenant Church in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

Appreciation & Luncheon

John LeRay's family wishes to express their sincere gratitude for your prayers and kindness, evidenced in thought and deed, and for your presence at this service.

Following the burial, the family invites all back to the church for refreshments and fellowship.

Stockham Family Funeral Home



In Loving Memory
John LeRay Johnson
October 29, 1936 - December 9, 2024





A Celebration of Life
John LeRay Johnson

John LeRay Johnson, 88, of McPherson, KS, peacefully passed away on Monday, December 9, 2024, surrounded by family at The Cedars, McPherson. John LeRay was born on October 29, 1936, in McPherson, KS, the son of Arthur Theodore and Ida Caroline (Nelson) Johnson.

He graduated from McPherson High School in 1954. On December 15, 1957, John LeRay was united in marriage to Patricia “Patty” A. Martinson at the New Gottland Lutheran Church. This union was blessed with three children, Jeff, Jackie, and Jerri. John LeRay and Patty were married for 65 years prior to Patty’s passing on July 6, 2023.

John LeRay was named after his Grandpa John A Johnson. His family and friends called him LeRay,

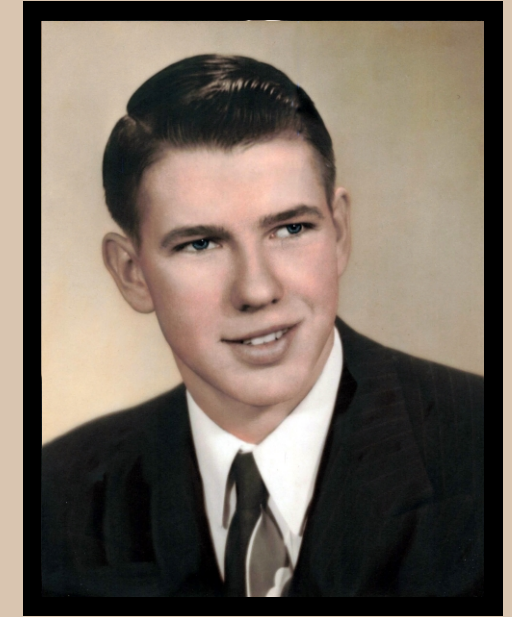
but many in the work community knew him as John. He grew up on the family farm located in the New Gottland Community north east of McPherson. He attended the North Union Grade School and then McPherson High School. He then went to Radio and TV Repair School in Wichita. He worked for a short time as a repairman. With the help of his oldest brother Earl, LeRay started working in construction. Earl encouraged him to consider becoming an electrician. LeRay joined the IBEW Union and received training. He worked for many different contractors. In 1983, he started Johnson Electric Company and worked there until his retirement. He also served in the US Army and Army National Guard.

After LeRay and Patty married and started their family, he quickly adjusted to being a Dad to which his children have many wonderful memories of time spent together and the many activities they experienced as a family.

LeRay was a very creative man and enjoyed building and restoring many things for his work, his family and friends and for his own personal enjoyment. His grandchildren and great grandchildren looked forward to driving his fun cars, playing on his merry go round and many other fun things he made.

LeRay loved his family! His care and devotion to Patty as her health declined was special. He was always looking for ways to help her have the opportunity to do things her health condition would not allow her to do on her own. He loved and served her faithfully!

LeRay committed his Life to Jesus Christ as a young man and steadily grew in his faith. He was a quiet, gentle, caring man who enjoyed serving the Lord by serving others. He cared deeply for his New Gottland Covenant Church family and enjoyed helping with maintenance and other things that



needed to be done. As his health declined, he regretted not being able to attend Church or help out.

Survivors include three children, Jeff (Karolyn) Johnson of McPherson, KS, Jackie (Charlie) Phillips of Enterprise, KS, and Jerri (Brian) Mackey of Bel Aire, KS; sister, LaDonna Mock of Lakewood, CO; eight grandchildren, Nick (Liz) Johnson, Rebekah (Ransom) Hawthorne, Sarah (Tim) Willis, Cassie (Trevor) Kolinski, Callie (T.J.) Bell, Carlie (Adam) Huser, Allison (Dillon) Flood, and Austin (Maggie) Mackey; 13 great-grandchildren; and many extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur & Ida Johnson; wife, Patty Johnson; two brothers, Earl Johnson and Don Johnson; and sister, Helen Hornberger.