



Lewis "Buddy" Johnson

March 5, 1938 - November 16, 2024

During the early morning hours of Saturday, November 16, 2024, a shining light was extinguished as Lewis P. "Buddy" Johnson passed away after effectively serving his community of friends and family for many years.

He was born March 5, 1938 in Lewisville AR to his parents, Lewis P. and Mabel Johnson Sr. As he began his Earthly journey, Buddy soon realized that life is what you make it so he busied himself to make his life meaningful and memorable.

In his formative years Buddy worked hard in the family business, Johnson Floral Company, which was established in 1907. Buddy jokingly said he was born in a flower pot.

His education was critical to his future success as he formed lasting bonds with his classmates at Hot Springs High School. He was active in band and enjoyed equestrian jumping.

After graduating, Buddy began to use his personal skills and experience to accomplish success in finding fulfillment by serving others. He was a loyal member of the Elks Lodge, serving as treasure for many years. He was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and a lifelong member of the Arkansas Floral Association, serving as President in 1973. For many years,

Buddy was involved with the Miss Arkansas Pageant, offering his creative expertise to make it a great success. He was also proud to support St Jude's Research Hospital and local youth programs by participating in fundraising activities and providing financial support.

His most rewarding work, however, was realized as he followed his passion to serve as a licensed funeral director at Hot Springs Funeral Home where he fulfilled his role of providing comfort care to families for over 40 years. He will forever be remembered for his wit, humor and laughter as well as his commitment to excellence.

Waiting for him behind the veil are his parents and his sister and brother-in-law, Mabel and Arval Sanders.

He is survived by 2 nephews and their families, his extended family, the staff of Hot Springs Funeral Home who cared & loved him dearly.

Buddy's influence will continue to shine through the life of those he loved and his life will serve as a testament of God's amazing grace.

Buddy always said when he passed away he was going to "HOLLYWOOD" He was laid to rest at Hollywood Cemetery.

You may honor his memory by donating to St Jude's Hospital or the Elks Lodge.

Tribute Wall

DG

“ *Very sorry to hear of Buddy’s passing. He served families with dignity and distinction in the funeral profession.*

Dennis Gamble - August 11, 2025 at 02:00 AM

CY

“ *Buddy, your warmth and friendship will be truly missed by all of us who had the pleasure to know you all these years. Prayers for comfort sending to the family. Rest In Jesus, Sir.*

Candace & Trent Young - November 22, 2024 at 02:43 PM

CL

“ *Buddy was a good man and friend. He was a very caring person and a great friend to many. He was always a very caring and compassionate person to people he served. Buddy was very caring and compassionate to me and my family when we lost a family member..*



Carl Lacey - November 22, 2024 at 12:44 PM

KE

“ *Mr Johnson would have his car serviced at the place where I worked and one day he came to pay his bill and while we did the transaction the manager came up to speak. I told the boss this was a great man and he would be the last man to ever let you down. Boss said “ Wow he does sound like a good man “ and shook his hand as I said he was an undertaker. Mr Johnson just chuckled with his eyes twinkling.*

Keith - November 22, 2024 at 10:37 AM

QH

“ *Buddy was a fine man and was particularly adept at helping grieving families in very difficult times.*

Q. Byrum Hurst

Q Byrum Hurst - November 22, 2024 at 09:53 AM

HF

“ *Mr. Buddy was a great man! Always there when needed and very comforting to the families. Thanks for all of your years of service to this community. Especially to my family!*

Hope Anderson and Family - November 21, 2024 at 10:44 AM

AP

“ *He will be greatly missed wonderful man always was there when needed the Patterson family*



Angela Patterson - November 21, 2024 at 06:59 AM

LB

“ *So sorry to see that Buddy passed away. He was a sweet man!*

Lisa Biggers - November 20, 2024 at 12:45 PM

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I sure enjoyed working with Buddy during my short time at Hot Springs Funeral Home. His dry humor and quick wit always put a smile on my face. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. ☐

Cindy Redden - November 20, 2024 at 10:41 PM

DC

Jim buddy and danny we went to sports men barbershop buddy and I eat at windy early morning on the way to work I will miss time super friend hi wase like Jim buddy wase funeral director NY condolences rest in peace buddy

Danny Dančuo tv repair men and tape cas - November 20, 2024 at 11:27 PM

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A very kind and gracious man who served our community well for many years. Buddy has been welcomed with open arms at Heaven's gate with a greeting by all and a hug of congratulations from our dear Lord. My sympathy to his many friends, family and the staff at Hot Springs Funeral Home who loved him dearly. ED TALLACH

ED TALLACH - November 22, 2024 at 11:08 AM