



Eldon Johnson

October 20, 1938 - October 7, 2020

Eldon Eugene Johnson, 81, Topeka, Kansas passed away at home Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

Eldon was born October 20, 1938, in Winfield, Kansas to Clarence and Laura Johnson. On June 12, 1960, Eldon and Marilyn Adamson were united in marriage, enjoying over 60 years.

He began his Army career stationed in Germany. Eldon transitioned to the Kansas Army National Guard, full-time, and retired as Colonel, serving over 36 years.

Eldon worked for the Topeka Board of Education for five years overseeing construction of the magnet schools. His final career was with FEMA helping disaster victims across Kansas.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn; daughters, Krista Harrop (Steve) and Pamela Smith; grandchildren, Kevin and Kaela; and great-grandson, Aiden.

Visitation will be from 5 until 7 p.m. Friday, October 16, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Memorial Service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Inurnment will be private. Masks and social distancing are required at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kansas Army National Guard Museum or to the Arab Shrine Transportation Fund, sent in care of the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
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Memorial Service

OCT **17**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eldon Johnson*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - October 13, 2020 at 02:41 PM



“ *Eldon Johnson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Marilyn We were so very sorry to hear that Eldon had passed away. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Beth and Jarred White

Beth White - October 19, 2020 at 02:01 PM



Thank you for your condolences.

marilyn johnson - October 22, 2020 at 06:46 PM



“ *Marilyn sorry for the passing of Eldon he will be missed in our neighborhood.*

Billie

Billie - October 17, 2020 at 03:43 PM

MJ

Thank you and thanks for being a friend and neighbor!

Marilyn Johnson - October 18, 2020 at 01:58 PM

JH

“ *Eldon’s thankful spirit, welcoming smile and handshake, and encouraging words were an ongoing blessing to me. Marilyn loved and served him so well in his last years which is a great example to me and to so many of what love and commitment should look like. Johnson Family, I am so sorry for your loss, but so thankful for how your family has and is impacting the world for good. Praying for your healing. Blessings to you all.*

Jim Hanna

Jim Hanna - October 17, 2020 at 09:05 AM

MJ

Thank you Jim and being there for us,,

Marilyn Johnson - October 18, 2020 at 02:00 PM

AG

“ *Alan and Gail purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Eldon Johnson.*



Alan and Gail - October 16, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eldon Johnson.*



October 16, 2020 at 12:15 AM



“ *Marilyn, so sad to hear of Eldon's passing. Ann and I send our thoughts and prayers to you and all the family. We intended to come to visitation tomorrow evening and see you. But we were just notified that relatives we came into contact with last weekend were tested Monday and confirmed to have COVID-19. We are being cautious and responsible by staying away from others and self quarantining ourselves. Eldon was a great friend to my father, and you both had become great friends of mine over the last 10 years. Love you and I will miss him lots!*

Brad Bartlow - October 15, 2020 at 01:41 PM



Thank you and understand about the self quarantine. Wish we could have seen you and Ann

Marilyn Johnson - October 18, 2020 at 02:03 PM



“ *Marilyn, I am so sorry to hear about this. I loved bowling with you both. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*



Paulette Mazur

Paulette Mazur - October 14, 2020 at 12:41 PM

MJ

Thank you. Bowling was a long time ago for us. Appreciate your remembrance.

Marilyn Johnson - October 18, 2020 at 02:06 PM

EL

“*Ms. Marilyn and family ... you were a very lucky lady to have Colonel Eldon as your life partner. It was a pleasure and honor to have served with Colonel Eldon in the prime of our Guard years. As you all know he was a great man and a loyal and faithful servant to his state and nation. Blessing to all. Ernie Lee (Colonel Retired).*

Ernie Lee - October 13, 2020 at 05:26 PM

MJ

Yes, I was very lucky to have Eldon for so many years and he was fortunate to have made so many friends in the Guard. Thanks for being one of them.

Marilyn Johnson - October 18, 2020 at 02:10 PM

RK

“*Marilyn, Krista, and Pam - so sorry to hear about Eldon. He was such a fun guy and always had a smile on his face. He will be missed.*

Rae Kychik and Family

Rae Kychik - October 13, 2020 at 12:50 PM

MJ

Thank you for all your support to our family.

Marilyn Johnson - October 18, 2020 at 02:13 PM

ML

“ Dear Marilyn,

We were so very sorry to hear of Eldon's passing. He was such a wonderful, loving person and the both of you made a perfect couple! A gentleman of his caliber will be missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of your family. We hope that you take comfort in knowing that you shared a long and wonderful life together.

Love,

Mike and Claudia Larkin

Mike Larkin - October 12, 2020 at 05:51 PM

MJ

Thank you for coming to the visitation. It was a pleasure to see you again.

Marilyn Johnson - October 18, 2020 at 02:16 PM

HD

“ *Hi Marilyn, you may not remember me but I met you and Eldon at Dean and Sue Keller's many moons ago. Eldon was such a gentle person and he always sent a Christmas card and thanked me for allowing him to hunt. I have not seen Eldon for a number of years but when I did he was always warm and sincere. Our deepest condolences on your great loss..*

HENRY DARIES - October 12, 2020 at 12:45 PM

MJ

Thanks for your remembering Eldon. He enjoyed his hunting trips

Marilyn Johnson - October 18, 2020 at 02:18 PM

CF

“ *Marylin I've known you, and Eldon most of my life. He worked with my Dad, and I have many fond memories spending time with you both. You and your family, are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Craig Fox

Craig Fox - October 12, 2020 at 07:14 AM

MJ

Thank you. Yes he and Jim worked together and I was Jim's secretary when he was over Operations & Training. Eldon has mentioned that he would see you when he went out for coffee with a friend. It is hard to lose someone who is so close. I will need all your thoughts and prayers. Thanks

Marilyn Johnson - October 12, 2020 at 09:19 AM



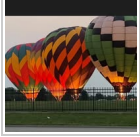
“ *We are so sorry to learn of Eldon's passing. We have truly missed seeing you at Covered Wagons Rallies these last few years. You have our sincere condolences.*

Virgil Paulson - October 11, 2020 at 09:17 PM

MJ

We missed traveling but had to sell the motor home because Eldon could not remember all the bells and whistles. His dementia was hard for him and took him quickly. Thanks for your condolences.

Marilyn Johnson - October 12, 2020 at 09:31 AM



“ Marilyn, thinking about you and your family at this time.

Sincerely,

Fred and Jan Gugelman

FredandJan Gugelman - October 11, 2020 at 12:29 PM

MJ

Thank you. Miss seeing you!

Marilyn Johnson - October 11, 2020 at 05:32 PM

RM

“ Marilyn & family
Sorry to hear about Eldons passing, I know what you are going through. Col. Eldon was a great soldier. We were neighbors for awhile and in the National Guard for many years.

Robert McAmis - October 10, 2020 at 10:37 PM

MJ

Thanks for your note. We were neighbors but for such a short time. Wish you the best.

Marilyn Johnson - October 11, 2020 at 05:35 PM

TC

“ Marilyn, I am so sorry to hear of your loss! Eldon was my supervisor at the USPFO for many years, but I thought of him more as a friend than a boss. He meant a great deal to all those he worked with and always will. When I think of you and Eldon, I will always remember the series of traffic lights, turns, etc that were provided to me by Eldon so I could join you for dinner in Surprise, AZ. I made it okay, but perhaps google maps would have been easier! I also remember the many lunches shared by many of us former guardsmen at Terry's and the laughs that were in abundance. I still see Eldon big smile and hearty laugh leading the way. Walt always reported that Eldon was one of the best golfers on the golf course. Well, maybe not :) Eldon will be truly missed and never forgotten.

Tom Coleman

Tom Coleman - October 09, 2020 at 10:08 PM

MJ

Thanks for your kind words. Yes we had a great evening together in Phoenix.

Marilyn Johnson - October 11, 2020 at 05:38 PM

SS

“ Loved Colonel Johnson, always such a calm demeanor, and a great mentor

Sandra Summers

snadra summers - October 09, 2020 at 09:59 PM

MJ

Thank you, Sandy!

Marilyn Johnson - October 11, 2020 at 05:39 PM

WN

“ So Impacted by this news. Eldon and I were in Class 9 of the Kansas OCS class and were commissioned 2LT Together. We served in the Guard for many years together. I always felt he was a great friend and brother soldier. In later times we were together in the FEMA/Ks Emergency management team.
God bless you Eldon and I am very sad at this news . I know you are in a better place and will set up a place for our comrades in heaven.

Walt Nelson

Walt Nelson - October 09, 2020 at 08:42 PM

RM

“ Oh Marilyn I am so very sorry to hear of your loss of Eldon...I have so many warm and happy memories all wrapped up in our times together with the National Guard!!! Pat went on a little bit ahead of Eldon and was there to welcome him at the Pearly Gates!!! They can get Heaven into Ship shape order quickly between the two of them!!! Please know that you will be in my thoughts and my prayers...as you begin this journey of life without him. God bless you my friend.

Ruth Mitchell - October 09, 2020 at 06:08 PM

MJ

Thank you for your note and prayers. I am sure life will be quite different from now on.

Marilyn Johnson - October 11, 2020 at 05:42 PM

DJ

Eldon was one of a kind. He was one of my very best friends and I already miss him a lot. He always had a big smile and a tremendous sense of humor. One of our big jokes was teasing each other about which one spelled our last name correctly. Your visits to see Norma in the nursing home were highlights for both of us. It meant more than you will ever know. All of us in the Kansas National Guard know how much Eldon did to make it the successful organization that it is today. May he Rest In Peace.

Dale Johnston - October 13, 2020 at 01:31 PM

DD

“ Oh Eldon, how I will miss your big hugs and boisterous laugh! You always made me feel so special! You were an officer and a gentleman and I will miss you. Rest high on that mountain and keep that twinkle in your eyes and that smile until we see each other again.

Dawn Downey - October 09, 2020 at 03:02 PM