



## Gerald Lee Johnson

November 18, 1930 - June 8, 2015

Gerald Lee “Jerry” Johnson, 84, of Topeka, passed away June 8, 2015. Jerry was born November 18, 1930, in Dallas, Texas, to Chester J. and Marion L. Johnson.

Jerry graduated from Bishop Hogan High School and attended Rockhurst College, Kansas City MO. He served in the US Army in post WWII Europe and was honorably discharged on December 24, 1952. He married Margaret A. “Peggy” Gabrini February 27, 1954, in Kansas City MO. After starting their family, they moved to Topeka KS. Jerry was a paper salesman for Birmingham and Prosser Paper Company out of Kansas City MO. During his career, Jerry received numerous awards as a salesman and was known in the business and to his clients as very service oriented and for making sacrifices to assist his customers. Jerry received the Birmingham and Prosser “Man of the Year” award on three occasions and had the greatest sales in company history in 1979. He later worked as a Job Coach for Topeka Association for Retarded Citizens (TARC) and was known for his patience, compassion and understanding in working with his TARC clients.

Jerry’s devout faith played a large roll in his community involvement and service for others. His activities and contributions in the community included serving numerous years in the Civitan Club and the Topeka Craftsman Club. Jerry was very involved at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church and School where

he served as a Eucharistic Minister and assisting in the Ministry to the Elderly and Homebound, the Most Pure Heart of Mary School Board, the Parent Teacher Organization, the Christian Formation Committee, the Knights of Columbus, and the Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish Council. Jerry was a Scout Leader in Cub Scouts Pack 46 and Boy Scouts Troup 46 and served as the Advancement Chairman in both Cub and Boy Scouts. He helped create and develop the Religious Education and Activities for the Community Handicapped Program (REACH), and was involved in various roles at Let's Help.

Jerry's dedication to the Catholic Church, his zest for life, his love for others, and his service to the community were evident in everything that he did. This was especially true in his commitment as a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, good conversation, passionately supporting his children and grandchildren's activities. "And boy could Pop's tell a good story."

Jerry was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Peggy Johnson (who passed away on February 2, 2015). Jerry is survived by his six children, Joe & Deb Johnson of Lawrence, Jim & Janice Johnson of Topeka, Jeanne & John Myers of Topeka, Jeff & Debbi Johnson of Overland Park, John Johnson of Kansas City KS, Jerome & Jennifer Johnson of Grandview MO; his 16 grandchildren (who knew him as "Pops"); his two sisters Mary Ann Boyer of Lee's Summit MO and Joyce Obermeier of Louisburg KS; along with numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife; Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers John (Jack) and Ronald Johnson; and two infant sons, Peter and Patrick.

Visitation for Jerry will be from 5:30 to 7:00pm with a Parish Rosary beginning at 7:00pm on Thursday, June 11, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 am June 12, 2015 at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 3601

SW 17th St, Topeka KS 66604. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Most Pure heart of Mary Parish,  
Hayden High School, or Midland Hospice, sent in care of the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 11. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
[info@kevinbrennanfamily.com](mailto:info@kevinbrennanfamily.com)

## Rosary

JUN 11. 7:00 PM (CT)

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2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

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JUN 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church  
3601 SW 17th Street  
Topeka, KS 66604

# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald Lee Johnson



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - June 11, 2015 at 02:06 PM



“ Gerald Lee Johnson

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ We are sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. Scott and Marianne Curtis

Marianne Curtis - June 14, 2015 at 07:36 PM



“ Mary Ann, Darlene, Marilyn, Jennifer and our Families purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gerald Lee Johnson.



Mary Ann, Darlene, Marilyn, Jennifer and our Families - June 10, 2015 at 04:36 PM

DB

“ So very sorry to hear about Jerry's passing. I worked with Jerry at TARC back in the 80's and enjoyed conversing with him. What a great man, a man extremely proud of his family.....RIP Jerry, you will be missed!

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**Debbie Baumgartner** - June 09, 2015 at 09:58 PM

PO

“ Jeff, so very sorry for your losses this year. Your father sounded like quite a guy. My husband Jim taught at Hogan and went to Rockhurst College.  
Pat and Jim O'Hagan

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**Pat O'Hagan** - June 09, 2015 at 08:30 PM

DB

“ I will always remember Uncle Jerry as a fun uncle.. He told some great stories and at a very young age he taught me how to play jacks! One summer my sister Marilyn and I got to spend a week at their house and go swimming every day in their pool. I think I was 13 years old. I remember thinking what a happy home this was. Uncle Jerry, you will be missed greatly. I love you..your neice, Darlene.

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**Darlene Blundell** - June 09, 2015 at 07:37 PM

SM

Jerome, We are so very sorry for the loss of your Dad. The Jerry we knew always had a smile on his face and a kind word on his lips. We know that he is now with your Mom. That doesn't lessen the pain you are feeling at their passing but perhaps it will comfort you to realize they are where we all strive to be. He will be sorely missed. This world has lost a true gentleman. Praying for strength and peace for all the Johnson family.  
Sandy and Dan Myrick

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**Sandy Myrick** - June 10, 2015 at 08:00 AM

RH

*Jerry loved life and always had a smile. What a wonderful life! He will be missed, but through his incredible example much of Jerry (and Peggy) will live on through his children, grandchildren, and.....*

*He always made everyone feel very welcome. As Joe's class mate from first grade on I must have asked Jerry for a ride home from various activities several hundred times. He only said no once or twice!*

*Ron Hamilton*

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**Ron Hamilton** - June 12, 2015 at 11:03 PM