



## Galen Benjamin Johnson

October 13, 1935 - August 10, 2023

Galen Benjamin Johnson, 87, of Louisiana, MO, passed away on August 10, 2023, surrounded by his family at Caring Hearts and Hands Home of Columbia, MO. Galen was born Oct. 13, 1935, in McPherson, KS, to Clifford Johnson and Florence (Calvin) Johnson. In 1941, Galen's family moved to Haven, KS, where he graduated from Haven High School in 1953.

On June 9, 1956, Galen was united in marriage to Freida (Kindley) Johnson, the love of his life. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving active duty from June 1958 to June 1960. During that time, he and Freida were stationed in Heidelberg, Germany and had the opportunity to travel Europe. Galen's experiences in the military personified his love of country, a dedication to serve others, and a passion for travel—recurring themes throughout his long life. He also became a dedicated family man on Aug. 20, 1961, when Galen and Freida welcomed their daughter, Lori to the world.

The family remained in Haven until 1979, when Galen's work with Panhandle Eastern Pipeline took him to the company's plant in Pleasant Hill, IL. They settled into nearby Louisiana, MO, where Galen and Freida remained for 44 years, growing deep roots within the community. In 1992, Galen retired from a decorated career at PEPL. However, retirement did not mean settling down—sitting at home was simply not in his nature.

Galen embarked on a second career, working for Collier Funeral Homes, Inc. in Louisiana, MO and Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green, MO. He assisted the funeral homes in a number of ways, helping to

make difficult times for those in grief much easier. It was a calling he was meant for and brought him great joy.

Galen had many passions outside of work—cars (so many cars), fixing things, fishing, and hunting. Later in life, Galen developed an insatiable appetite for golf. Some of his most fantastic post-retirement memories were spent with the “senior golfers” at Pike County Country Club. He and Freida also loved hitting the open road and seeing everything towns big and small had to offer. They spent many winters in Alabama and Florida, making friends at every stop. While his love for activities was immense, his most notable passion was people. Galen enjoyed listening to others as much as he did telling tales. He had a natural warmth and easy manner that made anyone in his presence comfortable. No one was a stranger in Galen’s presence.

And the people he loved most felt his sunlight most deeply. For 67 years of marriage, he adored Freida and savored every moment they spent together. Galen took immense pride in Lori’s personal and professional achievements. And he would tell anyone who would listen about his grandson Kyle, who is embarking on a career as an educator. He inherited a family when Lori and Roger married in 1991 and welcomed grandson David as his own. Galen was fond of children, as evidenced by his love for his three great-grandchildren, Logan, Jackson, and Elise.

Galen is survived by his wife, Freida; daughter Lori Sprague (Roger) of Columbia, MO; grandchildren Kyle Johnson Sprague of Columbia, MO, and David Sprague (Jessica) of Columbia, MO; great-grandchildren Logan, Jackson, and Elise. He is also survived by sister, Kay (Johnson) Huston of Hutchinson, KS.

Galen is preceded in death by his father and mother, Clifford and Florence Johnson.

Friends will be received during a visitation from 12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. with the service immediately following at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023 at the Collier Funeral Home, 117 Barnard Drive, Louisiana, Missouri. Private graveside service will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Columbia, MO, on

Aug. 18th.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests expressions of sympathy be made to Caring Hearts and Hands, 1307 West Broadway, Columbia, MO 65203 or can be made online at [caringheartandhands.org](http://caringheartandhands.org)

Arrangements are under the direction of Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.,  
Louisiana, MO.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

Columbia, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 16. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.  
117 Barnard Dr  
Louisiana, MO 63353  
(573) 754-4800  
collierfuneral@att.net

## Funeral Service

AUG 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

PP

“ Our sincere sympathy to Freida , Lori and all of Galen's family. He was such a caring gentle man who will be missed by many friends in Louisiana.

Paulette n Tom Powelson - August 16, 2023 at 11:31 AM

RW

“ Ronda & Lew Westermeyer purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Galen Benjamin Johnson.



Ronda & Lew Westermeyer - August 15, 2023 at 01:04 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Galen Benjamin Johnson.



August 14, 2023 at 06:07 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Galen Benjamin Johnson.



August 14, 2023 at 12:16 PM

CR

“ Our deepest condolences be with his family.  
Prayers of comfort



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**Craig & Tammi Ries-McPike** - August 13, 2023 at 04:41 PM

JM

“ I can't even express what Uncle Galen meant to me. From the first ride in his convertible I had such a little girl crush on him. Loved to hear him sing bass in the church choir, and oh how much he loved my babies when they came along. A wonderful witness for Christ, he will be always remembered and hold a special place in my heart. Love you Aunt FREIDA and Lori.  
Jeannie

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**Jeannie McCormick** - August 13, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Galen Benjamin Johnson.



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August 13, 2023 at 10:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Galen Benjamin Johnson.

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August 13, 2023 at 10:31 AM

MB

“ *Melinda Brooks lit a candle in memory of Galen Benjamin Johnson*



Melinda Brooks - August 13, 2023 at 07:33 AM

DB

“ *Galen was a very nice man and certainly always treated me with respect. My thoughts and prayers are with his entire family.*



Diana Bowler - August 12, 2023 at 11:16 PM

KP

“ *I worked with Galen at Panhandle, he was pleasure to work with. He will be missed. He was great guy.*



Kenny and Lil Peabody - August 12, 2023 at 09:31 PM

BL

“ *Bryce And Doris Love lit a candle in memory of Galen Benjamin Johnson*



Bryce and Doris Love - August 12, 2023 at 07:59 PM

CO

“ *Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of Galen Benjamin Johnson*



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**Cindy Poyser Osborne** - August 12, 2023 at 07:11 PM

MC

“ *I very much enjoyed working with Galen at the funeral home and getting to know him and his wife Freida. He was definitely a caring individual and fit right in with helping other people. He will be missed, and sincere condolences to Freida and daughter Lori and family.*

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**Mark E. Capstick** - August 12, 2023 at 05:45 PM

KL

*We had many fun times with Galen and Freida. He was one of the nicest men I ever met. Condolences to Freida and Lori and family. He has greatly missed since Freida has not been well. I know he took excellent care of her. Karen and Alan Lynn*

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**Karen Lynn** - August 13, 2023 at 09:33 AM