



Thomas Andrew Johnson

December 14, 1929 - January 20, 2011

Thomas Andrew Johnson, age 81 of Dayton, died Thursday, January 20, 2011 at Soddy Daisy Health Care Center. He was born December 14, 1929 in Benham, KY to the late Henry and Hazel (Lucy) Johnson. He was also preceded in death by his first wife Jo Marie (Robinette) Johnson.

A resident of Dayton since 1959, Andrew was a welder for Combustion Engineering and for Price Brothers. He raised and sold Black Angus cattle and was active with the Shriners, Masons and Eastern Star. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Red Bank.

Andrew is survived by his wife Arlene Johnson of Dayton, sister Hazel (Mike) Staffelbach of Rogersville, TN and special nephew Steve (Lou) Brown of Sylvania, AL.

Funeral services for Andrew will be held Saturday at 4:00 pm in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Steve Roberson and Rev. Steve James officiating. Burial will be in the Rhea Memory Gardens.

Please share your memories of Andrew on his on-line guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton where they will receive friends Saturday from 2:00 until 4:00 pm.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home
164 Maple Street
Dayton, TN

Service

JAN 22. 4:00 PM.

Chapel

Tribute Wall



“ I don't even know what to say, this made thgins so much easier!##imported-begin##Lina##imported-end##

December 12, 2011 at 03:55 AM



“ Andy touched my Life in so many ways. I will miss this wonderful friend and never forget the visits at the cabin and visits on John's Birthday. you lived a life of complete giving, you cared so much about so many people. I am sad that you are gone from this world, but happy that you are with the Master now. Thank you andy for touching mine and John's Life. we too would have been at your funeral to say our final Goodby if someone had told us. I will always remember you Andy and I hope to see you again. rest in Peace my dear friend. Blessings, Phyllis##imported-begin##Phyllis McArthur Robinette##imported-end##

January 25, 2011 at 09:39 AM



“ Many of my fondest memories from childhood involve this beautiful man who will be missed by so many. He had the biggest heart of anyone I've ever known. He made me laugh with his quick wit, he taught me how to live as I watched him work hard, farm and love his wife, Jo. He would put up a Christmas tree in July so we could celebrate together. He made the best spaghetti sauce and homemade bread and gravy and affectionately boasted that he "cooked for the boys that built the bomb..."

Andy, I hope you knew that in all my life, you were such a hero to me. You taught me so much about what it means to love with your whole heart and to be a true friend, spouse, and the best Uncle Andrew a girl could ever have. I wish I could have been at your funeral. I will make sure to visit your grave when I can. You were truly a GREAT man!##imported-begin##Leslie Olds##imported-end##

January 23, 2011 at 10:09 PM



“ My name was changed from Philip Irwin Blankinship to Ronald Lee Johnson in Newport News Munciple Court, November of 1956. I was called Butch for the two years in Richmond. I followed out the Blankinships to Selma, Tennessee. I don't know the whole truth. Please help me. I am sorry for the loss,even if it be of one I never knew. God be with you all, amen.##imported-begin##Ronald Lee Johnson##imported-end##

January 22, 2011 at 10:08 PM



“ Please contact me.##imported-begin##Ronald Lee Johnson##imported-end##

January 22, 2011 at 09:40 PM



“ I am sorry we had not met. I was orphaned into Children's Home Society in Richmond, Va, sometime about August 28th, 1954. Govt. Records were sealed off/as well as church, but they say I came from Lynchburg, Va. May 10, 1954. My Mother's name was Marie, revealed to me in 1975, after I had a son. She was supposedly 20 years of age, and the unnamed father was about 26. I may never know any truth but in God, but proof I can't ascertain. Robinette's come from Corinth, Miss. Maybe?##imported-begin##Ronald Lee Johnson##imported-end##

January 22, 2011 at 09:33 PM



“ Andy was like a father to me. I always loved him and will continue to love him deeply for the remainder of my life. We started going to ball games together since I was 5 years old, when Andy took me to the Yankees / Tigers game in Detroit, Michigan. He loved the Robinette family, and we are so lucky that he was a part of our life.

John "Bunny" Robinette##imported-begin##John "Bunny" Robinette##imported-end##

January 22, 2011 at 01:39 PM



“ Andy and I worked at Combustion together and worked in the same plant and were on the same shift. Since both of us lived in Dayton we shared a car pool for several years. Andy was always full of life and keep us all laughing from some of his familiar sayings. You could always know when Andy was around, although you couldn't always see him you could see the smoke coming from his cigar. (His trade mark).
I will miss Andy but will see him in heaven.
Ed Jordan..tube bender at C.E. and nick name (Sarge)###imported-begin###Ed Jordan (Sarge)###imported-end##

January 22, 2011 at 12:25 PM



“ Andy was like a brother to me. He and my sister practically raised me when I was very young. I stayed close to him all his and my life. I will miss him sorely.###imported-begin###dan robinette###imported-end##

January 21, 2011 at 11:44 AM