



Melvin Phillip Johnson

March 10, 1933 - July 17, 2020

Melvin Phillip Johnson, age 87, of Huntington, died on Friday, July 17, 2020 at his home.

Mel was born on March 10, 1933 at the family farm in Clear Creek Township, Huntington Indiana. He was the son of Carl Henry and Mildred Catherine (Nix) Johnson. He graduated from Clear Creek High School in 1951 and shortly thereafter served in the US Army. After his service to his country, he owned several service stations in the area, including Johnson's Standard in Roanoke, which he eventually sold to his brother Wally. He also owned Mel's Mobil on West Park Drive and Cherry Street. It was here that he met the love of his life and best friend, Beverly Jane Rice from Fort Wayne, who had just started her dance school in Huntington. Mel and Beverly were married on June 25, 1960 at St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Mel was a proud 5th generation farmer in Clear Creek Township, where his Great Great Grandparents Henry and Sophia Johnson had settled in the early 1840's after immigrating from Germany. They were one of Clear Creek Township's original pioneer families. After selling his other stations, Mel spent decades in auto sales, and took joy in serving his loyal customers, retiring in 2004. Mel also served his community in many capacities. He was on the Parkview Huntington Hospital Board of Directors, the Huntington County Merit Board for the Sheriff's Department, the Alcoholic Beverage Board for the State of Indiana, and was a life member of VFW Post #2689 in Huntington. He was a member

of St. Mary Catholic Church in Huntington and a 3rd degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly Johnson of Huntington, sons Todd (Cindy) Johnson of Huntington, Tab (Rochelle) Johnson of Ossian, Troy (Michelle) Johnson of Fort Wayne, Tony (Juli) Johnson of Huntington, and daughters Terri (George) Eckert of Markle, Tami (Mike) Hollis of Fort Wayne, Tonia (Kyle) Dunfee of Roanoke, and Traci (Kyle) Daugherty of Huntington. Also surviving are a brother, Wally (Beverly) Johnson of Roanoke, sisters Marcy Wall of Huntington, Bonnie (Lawrence) Reed of Columbia City, Judy (Van) Bailey of North Webster, and Debbie Stoffel of Huntington, 31 grandchildren, and 19 great grandchildren. His parents preceded him in death.

Visitation will be from 2 – 7 p.m. Friday, July 24, 2020 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 25, 2020 at St. Mary Catholic Church, 903 North Jefferson Street, Huntington, Indiana, with Father Thomas Eckert, CSC, a close friend of the family, officiating. There will be one hour of visitation at the church prior to the service. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Huntington. Please follow local and state PPE requirements for visitation.

Preferred memorials are to St. Mary Catholic Church, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Cemetery

5025 N. Goshen Rd
Huntington, IN 46750

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **24.** 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
(260) 356-1710
wecare@baileylove.com
<https://www.baileylove.com>

Visitation

JUL **25.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church
903 N. Jefferson St.
Huntington, IN 46750

Service

JUL **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church
903 N. Jefferson St.
Huntington, IN 46750

Tribute Wall

TS

“ To Mel's family and friends our thoughts and prayers are with you. What a great guy! Terry and Sue



Terry E Scher - August 28, 2020 at 09:55 PM

KR

“ ON BEHALF OF THE COMRADES AND SISTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR LOVED ONE AND OUR DEPARTED COMRADE. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL. SINCERELY VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA STATE CHAPLAIN KEISTON R. HOLLOWAY

KEISTON R. HOLLOWAY - July 28, 2020 at 10:12 AM

JS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May his soul rest in peace and may God comfort you all. When I'd see him in Church he always had a wonderful smile. Jeanne, Amy and Matt Smith 🌹🙏

Jeanne Smith - July 27, 2020 at 04:53 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace, Dan & Laura Lacey

Laura Lacey - July 26, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Melvin Phillip Johnson.*



July 24, 2020 at 04:01 PM



“ *Bev and kids, we were so sad to see about Mels passing. He was such a neat guy and so loved in hgtm We pray you find strength in the promise of our Lord . God bless you all, Kathy and Blane LeCount and Taylor Harper*



Kathy Harper - July 24, 2020 at 10:25 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvin Phillip Johnson.*



July 24, 2020 at 07:28 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Mel was a great guy; always upbeat and always had a smile on his face. He will be missed by all.*

Terry and Kay Pfister

Kay Pfister - July 23, 2020 at 08:54 PM

MS

“ Don and I just wish to send Our sincere sympathies to the whole wonderful Johnson families. However, if we have any storms that really get wild, you will know that my dad, Coach Williams, and Mel are discussing HHS and Clear Creek HS!!Wish you all well.
Don and Dede Sherman

Martadee Sherman - July 23, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Melvin Phillip Johnson.



July 23, 2020 at 03:45 PM

TR

“ Praying for the whole family ❤️🙏 my memories of this family are so dear to me ! I love Tami , a sweet special bond with her ! My prayers and love to each of you . Prayers and love to Bev / my only and favorite dance teacher ! Sweet sweet memories . God loves you all
❤️❤️❤� May you each experience His peace :))

Teresa Reilly - July 23, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Melvin Phillip Johnson.



July 23, 2020 at 10:46 AM

MC

“ *Sending my sincere condolences and prayers for healings, to all of you wonderful Johnson families.*

Mr. Johnson always had a smile to share.

Loving to all people. May God blessings and the memories that you'll have forever in your hearts help you during this difficult time of your life. I seem to be speechless whenever someone I know has to endure such sadness. (I know Todd, me speechless)

Just know that I understand what you're feeling. You'll all be in my thoughts and prayers.

*Sincerely,
Mary Caley*



Mary Caley - July 22, 2020 at 08:10 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin Phillip Johnson.*



July 22, 2020 at 07:12 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Melvin Phillip Johnson.*



July 22, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvin Phillip Johnson.*



July 22, 2020 at 04:28 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Melvin Phillip Johnson.*



July 22, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Melvin Phillip Johnson.*



July 22, 2020 at 01:42 PM



“ *Ron, Margaret and Sarah Rice purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Melvin Phillip Johnson.*



Ron, Margaret and Sarah Rice - July 22, 2020 at 01:05 PM

SS

“ To Beverly and Mel’s extended family,
You have my deepest sympathy on the loss of your husband,
father, grandfather, great grandfather, and brother.
Although we are distance cousins, I only knew Beverly as my
daughter
Debbie took tap dancing lessons from her about 54 years ago.
Treasure all the good memories in your hearts forever. In reading
the obit he must have been a wonderful and caring guy!
You all are in my thoughts and prayers.
Shirley (Nix) Smith - Richmond, IN

Shirley (Nix) Smith - July 22, 2020 at 12:58 PM

JH

“ Mel was a very kind and caring man. My
sympathy to Bev and family.



June Haack - July 22, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the
family of Melvin Phillip Johnson.



July 22, 2020 at 12:19 PM

CK

“ Sincere sympathy and condolences to the family.

Jack & Connie Kindler

Connie Kindler - July 22, 2020 at 11:01 AM

KJ

“ Dear Bev and family, we extend our condolences to all of you on your loss. Mel always had a smile and kind words any time we saw him. He will surely missed by the many people whom he befriended throughout his lifetime. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.
Keith and Deb Johnson

Keith Johnson - July 22, 2020 at 10:49 AM

LD

“ Sympathy to you are yours! Mel treated my twin sister and I like family. Memories of love and friendship are treasures to carry with us always. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.



Leslie Zahm Doty - July 22, 2020 at 10:13 AM

LB

“ I am sorry for your loss. Mel was a true gentleman, I always enjoyed talking with him when he would come into the office. He was always kind and I truly enjoyed his laugh! Your family is in my prayers.

LeAnn Buzzard

LeAnn Buzzard - July 22, 2020 at 08:59 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Melvin Phillip Johnson.*



July 22, 2020 at 05:04 AM



“ *Julie MCKINZIE lit a candle in memory of Melvin Phillip Johnson*



Julie MCKINZIE - July 21, 2020 at 11:26 PM



“ *To the Johnson family:
Words cannot express appropriately how I felt about Mel. Every time I would run into him he always was so positive, thoughtful and gracious. What a wonderful, kind good man he was! He always looked out for Doug and I at the car lot! For me being around all of the salesmen was always fun! So many stories, and shenanigans. I will always remember Mel as that gentleman with a most positive attitude, kind thoughtful heart, and a wonderful smile and laugh! I am so very sorry for your loss!*

*Respectfully,
Shana Fisher Working*

Shana Working - July 21, 2020 at 05:07 PM

GF

“ Dear Bev and family: Please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of your beloved Mel. At the conclusion of a life of loving service to all of you and to others, may God grant him eternal rest, and may He give you strength, comfort, and peace.



George and Jody Foster - July 21, 2020 at 01:05 PM

SG

“ Dear Todd, Cindy and all family,
We were sorry to hear of Mel's journey to heaven. He will be so missed by so many. You are in our thoughts and prayers for comfort.
Leoda and Sandy

Sandy Gast - July 20, 2020 at 04:13 PM

MD

“ Wanted to send our sincere condolences to Mel's family. He was a very nice man, and always so happy and fun to talk to. All of us at Dennis Grain Co.

Marilyn S Dennis - July 20, 2020 at 09:56 AM

MW

“ Dear Bev and kids,
What a loss for each of you and all of us who knew Mel and had the good fortune to deal with him. When I was a freshman at good ole Clear Creek he was the one I looked up to for direction on our teams, baseball and basketball. He was such a hard worker. And then later he was the I found when I wanted to buy a car. Such a wonderful man!! You each have our sympathy.
Max and Jackie Warner

Max Warner - July 20, 2020 at 08:30 AM

LT

“ *In the early 60's Mel worked at Rice Oldsmobile as a salesman. I worked in the body shop. Mel was very well liked and always had a smile. RIP old friend*
Lou Mowan

Lou Mowan, Texas - July 20, 2020 at 08:21 AM

SK

“ *Shirley Kiefer lit a candle in memory of Melvin Phillip Johnson*



Shirley Kiefer - July 19, 2020 at 06:26 PM

TK

“ *Bev and family,*
Our Deepest Sympathy to all of you on passing of Mel. He will be missed by many.
You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Terry and Pat Kelsey

Terry & Pat Kelsey - July 19, 2020 at 04:23 PM

DW

“ *Dear Bev and Family,*
We were so sorry to hear of Mel's passing, he was a great guy and you all can be so proud of him for the man he was. Our prayers are with you all.
Dick and Sue Widelski

Dick & Sue Widelski - July 19, 2020 at 02:37 PM

RM

“ My sympathy to all of your family, siblings and you Bev on your loss of a very special person. Ruth Nix Malcolm and family

ruth nix malcolm - July 19, 2020 at 12:29 PM

MW

“ MEL: WHAT A GREAT MAN. YOUR SMILE COULD LIGHT UP THE DARKEST ROOM. FROM THE MANY PARTIES AT YOUR HOUSE AS A YOUNG GIRL TO YOU SELLING ME MY FIRST CAR. NEVER A MORE KIND AND CARING MAN. BUT THEN IN THE LAST FEW YEARS OUR PATHS MET AGAIN AS YOUR NURSE, I REMEMBER ONE VERY BUSY AND OVERWELMING DAY I FOUND MYSELF SITTING AT YOUR BEDSIDE TO REMINISCENCE AND THE SMILE YOU BROUGHT TO MY FACE MADE MY DAY SO MUCH EASIER TO FACE. 😊 MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU BEV AND ALL YOUR WONDERFUL FAMILY ❤️🙏

Mary Wilson - July 19, 2020 at 09:46 AM

RD

“ Dear Bev and Children,
Your loss is everyone's loss! I am so sorry to read this. Mel helped me buy almost every car I have purchased. His expertise was the best. I have never trusted anyone selling cars since I have dealt with Mel. He was such a pro at getting it all done so I could drive away with my new car. Seeing him at daily mass when I was teaching was such an inspiration to me. He loved you all and was so into making your lives so much better with whatever he could do for you. I will pray for you as you make this journey. I am sure he is bending God's ear telling him how He can help all of you. I imagine he has high status in heaven today. Prayers to you all. You had such a wonderful husband and father in my eyes.
Rita Disler

Rita Disler - July 19, 2020 at 09:37 AM