



## Elzie Lee Johnson, Jr.

May 21, 1935 - December 4, 2014

Funeral services for Elzie L. Johnson, Jr., 79, of Tyler, will be held Monday, December 8, 2014 at 2:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Bro. Sam Fisher and Bro. James Walker officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Park in Nacogdoches, Texas on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 11:00 AM. Mr. Johnson passed away on Thursday, December 4, 2014 at his home in Tyler, surrounded by family and friends.

Elzie was born on May 21, 1935 in Dallas, Texas to Elzie L. Johnson, Sr. and Vivian Roberts Johnson. He attended schools in the Central Texas area and finished his high school education in Austin at Travis High School. He entered the U.S. Army and was a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, KY. He was a graduate of Lon Morris College in Jacksonville, TX and Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, TX.

In 1962 Elzie married Rona Beseler of Nacogdoches, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bieto Beseler. They celebrated 52 years of marriage in January of 2014. He was licensed for the ministry in 1960 and celebrated 50 years of service in 2010. He pastored churches in the East Texas and South Texas areas and was an Associate Pastor in Tyler when he retired. He also spent 7 years as a chaplain with Heart to Heart Hospice.

Elzie was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Rona, of Tyler; daughter, Jennifer Stephenson and husband Todd of Nacogdoches and their three girls, Lindsey, Ashley and Anna; son, Robert Johnson of Tyler and his children, Brennen, Hannah, Abby and Raechal. He is also survived by

his sister, Carolyn Parks of Austin and her husband, Walter; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, December 7, 2014 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home at 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX, 75703.

Memorials may be made to Heart to Heart Hospice, 1402 Rice Rd, Tyler TX, 75703; New Covenant Church Building fund, 714 Shelley Dr, Tyler, TX, 75701; or a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Park

305 W. Harrison Street  
Gilmer, TX 75644

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Service

DEC 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ We are heart broken on hearing of Elzie's passing. Bert and I have lots of happy memories of being with you and Elzie. We traveled together in Tennessee and had so much fun. We especially enjoyed your visits to our home in Mobile, and going to church with us. When Elzie came into a room, he filled it with sunshine. We loved him and respected him very much.

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**Mary Lou McDaniel** - December 07, 2014 at 03:59 PM

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“ Rona, we are so sad to learn of Elzie's passing. We have good memories of the times we visited together . We will be praying for you and your family in the days ahead, knowing that God will provide your every need.  
Charles & Joyce Sullivan

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**Charles & Joyce Sullivan** - December 06, 2014 at 08:29 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss, Rona. I know Elzie will be greatly missed. I have sweet memories of my friendship with you both during our days working at WallBuilders. You both were such wonderful Godly role models. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. ~ Scarlett McClendon Shepherd

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**Scarlett Shepherd** - December 05, 2014 at 11:58 PM

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We have so many good memories of ministry together. We are looking forward to meeting Elzie again in our eternal home that God has prepared for us. Bless you Rona and family.  
His for Life  
Bob and Polly

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**Bob Isinghood** - December 06, 2014 at 07:03 PM

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“ *With Love, Carolyn, Randy, Sherill, Kelly and families. purchased the Reflections of Glory Wreath for the family of Elzie Lee Johnson, Jr..*



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**With Love, Carolyn, Randy, Sherill, Kelly and families. -**  
December 05, 2014 at 05:28 PM