



## James Johnson

January 8, 1931 - January 31, 2018

James Johnson, 87, of Bluffton passed away Wednesday morning, January 31, 2018, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center in Bluffton.

He was born on January 8, 1931 in Leslie County, Kentucky to Henry & Eva (Howard) Johnson. Jim worked as a coal miner in Leslie County and retired from Sterling Casting in Bluffton in 1993, after working almost 25 years. He served his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

On August 6, 1952, Jim married Patty Lou (Miller) at the Liberty Center United Methodist Church. They shared 53 years together before she preceded him in death on November 11, 2005.

Jim was an avid NASCAR fan, enjoyed watching football, basketball, spending time outdoors, fishing, loved blue grass music and spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his 4 children; Jeff Johnson of Greenfield, Shirley Johnson of Tucson, AZ, Rhonda (Mike Richardson) Johnson of Bluffton and Kevin (Allie) Johnson of Uniondale. He was a loving grandpa to 19 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by a sister Betty Farley and a brother Billy Ray Johnson,

both of Hyden, KY, and a daughter-in-law Mary Jo Johnson of Bluffton.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Patty, a daughter Cathy Dublin, a son James P. "Jimmy" Johnson, a grandson Edward "Eddie" Dublin and a daughter-in-law Sharon Johnson along with three brothers; a twin, John Johnson, Leamon Johnson and Bobby Joe Johnson and two infant sisters; Edna Faye and Marcella Johnson.

A Service to celebrate Jim's life will be held at 5 P.M. on Saturday (February 3, 2018) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Calling hours will be held from 12 Noon to 5 P.M. on Saturday prior to the service.

A graveside service will take place at 3 P.M. on Monday (February 5, 2018) at Grassy Gap Cemetery located in the mountains of Leslie County, Kentucky.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Grassy Grove Cemetery

Hyden, KY 41749

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

## Service

FEB 3. 5:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

## Graveside Service

FEB 5. 3:00 PM (ET)

Grassy Grove Cemetery  
Hyden, KY 41749



# Tribute Wall



“ *James Johnson*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Pam Manning lit a candle in memory of James Johnson*



**Pam Manning** - February 06, 2018 at 11:32 AM



“ *Pam Grice lit a candle in memory of James Johnson*



**Pam Grice** - February 06, 2018 at 07:28 AM



“ *Connie Anderson lit a candle in memory of James Johnson*



**Connie anderson** - February 05, 2018 at 01:44 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss Shirley and family.  
God Bless And Keep You!!



---

**Donna Eckhart** - February 03, 2018 at 05:17 PM



“ Junior Copeland lit a candle in memory of  
James Johnson



---

**Junior Copeland** - February 03, 2018 at 12:42 AM



“ Jim And Kathie Purvis lit a candle in memory  
of James Johnson



---

**Jim and Kathie Purvis** - February 01, 2018 at 07:39 PM



So sorry praying for the family

---

**Christine Wells** - February 01, 2018 at 08:40 PM



“ *Sincerest Sorrow - Red and White was purchased for the family of James Johnson.*



---

February 01, 2018 at 09:03 AM



“ *Chad & Shirley Baller lit a candle in memory of James Johnson*



---

**Chad & Shirley Baller** - February 01, 2018 at 08:21 AM



“ *May you have peace in knowing he is with Aunt Pat, Jimmy, Cathy, And Eddie and Sharon..i asked him to give mom a hug from me..love u my dear cousins*❤️



---

**Lisa Satterfield Jack** - January 31, 2018 at 10:28 AM