



Phillip E. Johnson

February 10, 1933 - September 8, 2025

Phillip E. Johnson, 92 of rural Keystone passed away Monday morning, September 8, 2025, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Phil was born on February 10, 1933, in Wells County, Indiana to Paul W. & Virgie Irene (Wilson) Johnson, Sr. A 1950 graduate of Petroleum High School, Phil enjoyed playing basketball and played on the All-County team. He honorably served his country in the United States Army from 1955 to 1957, stationed in Germany.

Phil helped open Corning Glass Works in 1964, stayed after the plant closed, and continued working in the warehouse, until the Bluffton operation was completely closed. A lifelong farmer, Phil had a love for his Registered Tennessee Walkers and Registered Spotted Saddle Bred horses and enjoyed traveling to horse shows and riding.

He was a member of the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton, a former member of the Bluffton Elks Lodge #796, Petroleum Lions Club, Salamonie Riders Association and a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Bluffton. He also served as a board member for the Wells County Foundation.

On March 1, 1952, in Lebanon, IN., Phil and Barbara J. (Huffman) were married.

Survivors include his wife of 73 years, Barbara J. Johnson of Bluffton and children; Scott (Elaine) Johnson of rural Geneva and Julie (Steve) Harvey of Bluffton. He was a loving grandpa to 3 grandchildren; Corrine (Sean Bengé) Harvey of Leesburg, VA., Meg (Rob) Kramig of Las Angeles, CA., and Eric

(Lindsay) Johnson of rural Keystone, along with 5 great-grandchildren; Sadie Johnson, Ruby Johnson, Finn Benge, Llewyn Kramig and Conrad Kramig. He is also survived by a sister, Connie Williams of Florida.

Phil is preceded in death by his parents, stepmother, Jeanette (McCune) Johnson, and a brother, Paul W. Johnson, Jr.

Visitation will be held from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. on Saturday, (Sept. 13, 2025) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Funeral services will take place at 2 P.M. on Saturday, (Sept. 13, 2025) at the funeral home, following visitation.

Burial will take place at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton with Military Honors by the American Legion Post #111 Honor Guard and the United States Army Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made in Phil's memory to Calvary Lutheran Church or Southern Wells F.F.A. Program and can be directed to the funeral home.

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

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Funeral Service

SEP 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Phillip E. Johnson*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - September 13, 2025 at 10:37 AM

KA

“ *This is Cathy (Dykes) i always will remember the wownderful times my cousins and i spent at the farm with Barb and Phil. It was always so special. Also remember going to Phil's basketball games and watching him play. So sad to hear of his passing. Sending love to all.*

Kate Anderson - September 13, 2025 at 11:37 AM

DS

“ Julie, I am so saddened that your Dad has passed . Hes crossed the bridge to Heaven walking with Jesus now. He's in no pain. I know your heart us breaking right now and I'm praying for healing. I regret i could come to pay tribute to honor Phil. Im just out of quarantine from covid all week and still feel unwell. I didn't want to chance being contagious. I will hold both your parents in my heart forever. I didnt know they were your parents but I used to sit in front of them at church back in 2018.....I was always happy to see them, such a cute couple. Your mom, always impeccably dressed and so pretty. (I know now where you get the beauty). Your Dad always attentive of her. My prayers go out for comfort and peace at this time. Debi

Debra Smith - September 13, 2025 at 11:34 AM



“ Remembering Corning days and good times. Maybe Phil and Don Gardner will be revisiting those days.

Kathy Gardner - September 12, 2025 at 01:21 PM

CL

“ So sorry to hear of Phil's passing. Prayers to all the Family

Cindy (Powell) Ledyard - September 12, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phillip E. Johnson.



September 12, 2025 at 10:14 AM



“ 148 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - September 11, 2025 at 04:20 PM

LK

“ *Linda K. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Phillip E. Johnson.*



Linda K. - September 11, 2025 at 10:27 AM

NR

“ *Scott and Julie and aunt Barbara, so saddened by the news of your dad and husband passing. Hugs to you all. I have so many fond memories of uncle Phil!*

Nancy Reed-White - September 11, 2025 at 06:43 AM

CM

“ Julie and Family, So sorry to hear of your Father's passing.



Cindy Monticue - September 10, 2025 at 01:51 AM

TP

“ Tom and Connie Pace purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Phillip E. Johnson.



Tom and Connie Pace - September 09, 2025 at 03:02 PM

TP

“ Tom and Connie Pace planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phillip E. Johnson.

Tom and Connie Pace - September 09, 2025 at 03:02 PM