



Gerald Johnson

December 24, 1939 - October 24, 2023

Gerald Johnson, better known as Papa, passed from this earthly life surrounded by his family on October 24, 2023. Gerald was born December 24, 1939, in Kenedy, Texas to Fred & Helen Johnson. He was raised on the Johnson Farm with his four brothers, where they grew up helping their father with all aspects of farming and raising livestock. He attended Kenedy High School and later Texas A&I Kingsville, where he graduated with a degree in Bachelor of Science.

He met his wife, Marlene Schmidt, at a dance, and they married in September of 1961. In their first years of marriage they lived in Corpus Christi, Texas. The couple moved to Victoria, Texas in January of 1963, and welcomed their son, Mark, shortly after. During this time, Gerald worked at the Devereux School and taught there until 1967, which was also the year they welcomed their second son, Brad. The family were active members of the First English Lutheran Church while in Victoria.

In 1970, the family made the move to El Campo, Texas, where Gerald started selling insurance for Texas Farmer's Union. He spent many years as a representative for his peers at Texas Farmer's Union events and was a lifelong member. During this time, he returned to his passion of teaching, which he did for thirty-three years for El Campo ISD. He later retired in 2001. Even in retirement, he enjoyed spending his time substitute teaching for the

district. During his years in ECISD, Gerald was known for announcing middle school football for many years and Friday night games for the high school for a few years. Nothing excited him more than cheering on the El Campo Ricebirds. Gerald was an active member of the First Lutheran Church, where he taught Sunday school and served as a member on the church council. Gerald was also dedicated to being a part of his children's activities, never missing a ball game or a tennis match. This also carried forward to his grandchildren, as Papa would always be seen spending most Saturdays at swim meets or dance competitions. Words cannot express how much they will miss his support.

Gerald was a current member of Christ Lutheran Church and enjoyed being a past member of the choir and of the church council. He enjoyed praising the Lord with his voice every single Sunday. Gerald was an avid swimmer and spent most days at the EC Aquatic Center getting in his exercise. Gerald delighted in playing dominoes at the Heritage Center, and loved Friday night football where he was still attending those home games. It was always fun being with Papa as many times, random people would stop us and say, "Mr. Johnson, you were my favorite teacher!" It always amazed us how many people's lives Gerald made an impact on.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents Fred & Helen Johnson, In-Laws Johnny & Marguerite Schmidt, Brothers James Johnson & Clarence Johnson, Sister-in-laws Barbara Johnson, Wanda Johnson, Cindy Johnson, Iverrene Johnson & Sherry Barnhart, Brother-in-laws Jay Schmidt, John Wayne Schmidt, Chuck Edgar & Carl Barnhart, nieces, and nephews.

Survived by his wife Marlene. Sons, Mark & Gayle Johnson of Richmond, Tx., Brad & Stephanie of Houston, Tx. Grandchildren, Meghan, Kristen, Bentleigh, Jacob & Ethan Johnson. Brother, Milton & Iris Johnson, Larry Johnson, sister-in-law Janice Schmidt. Numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday, October 27 at Triska Funeral Home. Funeral services begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 28 at Christ Lutheran Church. Burial will follow at Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Pallbearers Jacob Johnson, Ethan Johnson, Kevin Pyatte, Todd Schmidt, Tyson Schmidt, Lonnie Hacker, Andy Schmidt.

Family requests any memorial contributions to Christ Lutheran Church in Gerald's name.

We would like to thank all of Gerald's family and friends for their support, prayers, and love throughout the years.

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

Cemetery Details

Garden of Memories

US Business 59 and CR 358
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **27**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
(979) 543-3681
triskafh@sbcglobal.net

Funeral Service

OCT **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ Lutheran Church
1401 Ave I
El Campo, TX 77437

Tribute Wall

LK

“ *Linda Kram lit a candle in memory of Gerald Johnson*



Linda Kram - November 01, 2023 at 08:20 PM

LK

Our thoughts & prayers are sent to the family and friends ! ❤️🙏❤️
Linda & Ken

Linda Kram - November 01, 2023 at 08:22 PM

CK

“ *I'm truly sorry for your loss. Mr. Johnson made a lasting impact on so many lives, and his wisdom will be remembered by all who had the privilege of learning from him. Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time.*
Cheryl Kuretsch

Cheryl Kuretsch - November 01, 2023 at 10:03 AM

VA

“ *Please accept our sincere condolences. May you find peace and comfort during this difficult time.*

Visiting Angels - October 29, 2023 at 05:03 AM

LS

“ *Lali Saucedo lit a candle in memory of Gerald Johnson*



Lali Saucedo - October 28, 2023 at 09:04 AM

LM

“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers to the Family on Gerald's passing.... Have not seen Gerald and Marlene in awhile; but my memories are fresh... when they walked into a room they brought warmth, laughter and kindness.... God's greatest gift is Family and Friends and the memories they continue to share. 🙏 Lana and Russell Schmidt*

Lana Schmidt Morris - October 27, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Gerald Johnson.*



October 27, 2023 at 09:33 AM

VQ

“ *Vicky Quijas lit a candle in memory of Gerald Johnson*



Vicky Quijas - October 26, 2023 at 11:53 PM

VQ

“ My thoughts & prayers are with you all that God will Comfort you in your loss! 🙏🙏🙏🙏 God bless you & your loved ones! RIP Gerald! He will be dearly missed by everyone who knew & loved him! Vicky Blair Ustynik Quijas



Vicky Quijas - October 26, 2023 at 11:52 PM

JK

“ I had the honor of working with Mr. Johnson for many years at ECMS. He always had a smile on his face & the students just loved him! A big man with a big heart! Such a godly good man, an inspiration to so many. Sending my prayers and sympathy to all his family. ❤️

Janice Korenek - October 26, 2023 at 10:00 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald Johnson.



October 26, 2023 at 06:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald Johnson.

October 26, 2023 at 06:50 PM

SH

“ We are sad for your loss. May all of you feel the comfort of God's presence with you. Sylvia & Jimmy Huey

Sylvia & Jimmy Huey - October 26, 2023 at 04:40 PM

DS

“ David & Charlene Linhart Smith lit a candle in memory of Gerald Johnson



David & Charlene Linhart Smith - October 26, 2023 at 01:54 PM

RP

“ I had the privilege of knowing Mr. Johnson when I worked at ECMS. He was a gentleman through and through, and he smiled a lot! He will be missed! My sincere sympathies to the family!

Rose Pasak - October 26, 2023 at 01:14 PM

CP

“ Mark, Gayle, and all of the Johnson Family, My heart & prayers go out to you during this difficult time. What a wonderful man Mr. Johnson was. I have such wonderful memories of him during my Jr. High years. May you find comfort & strength in God's love during the upcoming days...



Cindy Pittman - October 26, 2023 at 12:42 PM

SC

“ Dear Mark and Gayle and all the Johnson family-
Please accept my deepest and most heartfelt sympathy at this difficult time. May the memories you had together be with you always. Commit dear Lord, the soul of Gerald Johnson to Your eternal embrace. May he rest in peace. Bless you.



Sandra Cranek - October 26, 2023 at 11:24 AM



“ Reflections of Glory Wreath was purchased for the family of Gerald Johnson.



October 26, 2023 at 09:12 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald Johnson.



October 26, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald Johnson.



October 25, 2023 at 10:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald Johnson.

October 25, 2023 at 10:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald Johnson.



October 25, 2023 at 10:10 PM



“ Patricia Dybala lit a candle in memory of Gerald Johnson



Patricia Dybala - October 25, 2023 at 08:22 PM



“ Sandra Stary lit a candle in memory of Gerald Johnson



sandra stary - October 25, 2023 at 08:15 PM

AM

“ *My condolences to the family at this difficult time.*



Andrea McCann - October 25, 2023 at 06:21 PM