



Irvin "Sonny" Sullivan Johnson

November 1, 1926 - November 27, 2015

Irvin "Sonny" Johnson, 89, of El Campo, passed away on November 27, 2015 following a sudden illness. He was born on November 1, 1926 in El Campo to the late Walter and Gracie Sullivan Johnson. He retired as Postmaster of the El Campo Post Office after 37 years of service. A loyal Ricebird football fan, he was a spotter and announcer for many years.

He is survived by his daughter Beverly Cline and husband Randy of West Columbia; grandchildren, Christopher Cline and wife Kristen, Jennifer Burgi and husband Brian; great-grandchildren, Barrett Burgi, and Caden Cline; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Lois Johnson; brothers, Earl, Glen "Buddy" and Elmer "Happy" Johnson.

Friends may pay their respects from 3 to 7 on Monday, November 30, 2015 at Triska Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held at 10 am on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at First Christian Church. Interment will follow at Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Mike Alderson, Bryan Hale, Lawrence "Buster" Mitchell, Jimmy George, Ernest Hyer, Pete Martin, Dan Kyle and Eddie Cantu. Honorary pallbearers are Norman Thaysen, Jack Birkner, Forest Newton and

Tom Kana.

Memorials in his memory may be made to First Christian Church.

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

NOV 30. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

DEC 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church
205 W. West St.
El Campo, TX 77437

Tribute Wall

SW

“ Beverly,
I was so sorry to receive your call telling me of your father's passing. Your daddy played such an important role in my memories of the Sullivan family gatherings with my Paw Paw and Granny Sullivan. Such sweet memories I will always cherish. May God bless you during this difficult time and may his tender arms of mercy be wrapped around you.

*Love always,
Susan Sullivan Warren
Ocean Springs, Mississippi*



Susan Sullivan Warren - December 02, 2015 at 10:38 AM

MC

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Johnson's passing. My parents, Ray & Hazel Cudd, & our families, were dear friends . I remember Mr. Johnson as always being in good spirits & spreading that goodwill to everyone he met. May he rest in peace and may God give comfort to his family.*

Mike Cudd

Michael Cudd - December 01, 2015 at 09:23 AM

CR

“ Beverly,
*I am so sorry to hear about your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
I've read what people posted about him and he was truly a wonderful person who will be greatly missed.*
Love,
Carolyn Kinard Reese

Carolyn Kinard Reese - November 30, 2015 at 04:45 PM

WR

“ *For several years after his retirement, Sonny drove people to the Houston airports. One morning he picked me up, and as we left town, he handed me his Bible and told me to look up a certain scripture and read it aloud. I asked him why, and he told me that everybody had one sermon in them, and he was preaching his at First Christian Church the next day.*

So, I looked it up and read it. Then Sonny preached his sermon. It took him all the way to Houston to finish it, but he was taking some thoughts out, and putting new ones in. Turned out to be a pretty good sermon....

Our sincere condolences to Beverly, and all who loved Sonny. He and Lois were blessed with many, many friends.

Wanda and Jack Rapp

Wanda Rapp - November 29, 2015 at 06:12 PM

MG

“ Mom and Dad Burgi, Becca and Shane, Grandma purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Irvin "Sonny" Sullivan Johnson.



Mom and Dad Burgi, Becca and Shane, Grandma - November 29, 2015 at 04:14 PM

DM

“ Sonny will be dearly missed at the Library. He came in on a regular basis to make us smile and brighten our days. He was truly a friend and his smiles, jokes and kind heart will be greatly missed. While we will mourn his passing may he be reunited with his Lois and all those brothers of his! May God grant him peace.

Donna Merta - November 28, 2015 at 10:47 PM

JR

“ I first met Mr. Johnson several years back through Forrest Newton. He truly lived up to his name because every time you would see him he was so pleasant & kind. I always walked away feeling good & with a smile on my face. He really was like a "ray of sunshine". El Campo has lost a true gentleman but heaven has truly gained another angel.
Judy Merta Rohan

Judy Merta - Rohan - November 28, 2015 at 02:37 PM

FK

“ *Sonny, that smile, those quips, your faith, your kindness, your selfless acts. You will be missed. I am so fortunate to have known you. You are the type of role model all need. My family was always blessed by your presence. My love and prayers to your family at this time.*

Fran Kyle

Frances A Kyle - November 28, 2015 at 08:19 AM