



## Melvin Jack Johnson

October 2, 1936 - September 28, 2022

Melvin Jack Johnson, 85, of Tishomingo, passed away on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at Texoma Medical Center in Denison, Texas. Melvin was born on October 2, 1936 in Denison, Texas to Arthur Leon and Nora Mae (Kelly) Johnson. Growing up he attended Nida and Milburn Public Schools. He married the love of his life, Jimmie Ruth “Ann” Ballard on June 16, 1956 in Durant, Oklahoma. Melvin served in the Company H 180th Infantry National Guard from 1953 – 1955. He spent the majority of his working career at the Farmers Branch Fire Department serving from May 15, 1962 – May 31, 1995. In 1963 he was promoted to driver. He went on to be promoted from driver to Lieutenant in 1965 and from Lt. to Captain in 1968. In 1970 he became Dep. Chief and later became Dist. Commander. Melvin retired with the title of Battalion Commander (Chief). At a city council meeting, Mayor Dave Blair of Farmers Branch said, “With 32 years of service, Melvin is No.1 on the city’s active seniority list and his experience has made him a respective authority on fire department operations. His calm, commonsense approach has given successful leadership during hundreds of emergencies during his career.” He was a board member and actively served his church family at the First United Methodist Church in Tishomingo. Melvin enjoyed gardening, target shooting, hunting, fishing and camping; if it involved being outside you know he would probably enjoy it. A servant’s heart, extremely dedicated, loyal man who loved his family dearly and was an exceptional husband, father and Poppie. Melvin is preceded in death by wife, Jimmie Ruth “Ann” Johnson (November

12, 2014); daughter, Debbie Johnson (March 31, 1958); parents, Arthur Johnson (October 12, 2005) and Nora (Kelly) Johnson (April 25, 1993). Those he leaves to cherish his memories are his children, Kelly Johnson of Burleson, TX, Kristi Forbes of Tishomingo, OK, Dr. Scott Johnson and wife Dr. Ann Johnson of Edmond, OK, Joe Johnson and wife Natalie Johnson of Durant, OK; grandchildren, Lindsey Cram of Tishomingo OK, Travis Johnson of Sherman, TX, Elena Sims and husband Dustin Sims of Burleson, TX, Anna Johnson of Crowley, TX, Alexander "Alex" Johnson of Durant OK, Riley Johnson of Durant, OK; great-grandchildren, Kendyl Cram, Barret Johnson, Bryson Johnson; siblings, Arthur "Leeray" Johnson, Wanda Woolly Hutson, Genette Wheeler, Betty DaVault, Andrew "Andy" Johnson, Carolyn McCutcheon; pets, Dillon and Sam; and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at the First United Methodist Church with Reverend Ron King to officiate. Interment to follow at Condon Grove Cemetery. Those serving as pallbearers will be Travis Johnson, Alexander "Alex" Johnson, Dustin Sims, William "Billy" Light, David McCutcheon and Terry Ballard. Honorary pallbearers are Dr. Ann Johnson, Andrew "Andy" Johnson, Arthur "Leeray" Johnson, Phillip Johnson, Jimmy DaVault, Steve Woolly, Nelson Woolly, Max Woolly, Brice Woolly, Bradley Sinor, Rocky Henson, Scott Daniels, Pal Ballard Jr., Mick Hamilton and Jackie Hamilton. A visitation will be on Monday, October 3, 2022 at DeArman-Clark Funeral Home from 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

"Ramblings of an Old Man" by Melvin Johnson (to the tune of The Wayfaring Stranger)

"It won't be long 'till I'll be leaving – it won't be long 'till I'm gone. And if you ever want to see me, you know the way that I have gone. I'm going there to see my Annie, she said she'd meet me when I got home. I'm just going over Jordan, I'm just going on home. My sweet Annie has gone before me, to light the way to that great bright land – I'll call her name and she will answer, we'll walk hand-in-hand through Heaven's Door. I'm going there to see my Savior, I'm going to see my love. I'm going home to see my sweet Annie in that

mansion up above.”

# Cemetery Details

## Condon Grove Cemetery

Milburn, OK 73450

# Previous Events

## Family & Friends

OCT 3. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

DeArman - Clark Funeral Home  
305 E. Main  
Tishomingo, OK 73460  
(580) 371-2338  
dearmanclarkfh@gmail.com  
<https://www.dearmanfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

OCT 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
Tishomingo, OK 73460

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Jack Johnson*

October 05, 2023 at 07:47 PM



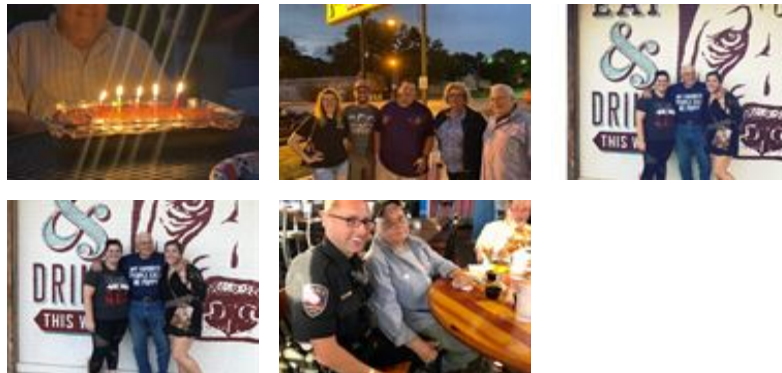
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DeArman Funeral Home - October 03, 2022 at 11:57 AM

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“ My condolences.

*I had a picture in my mind, after Mom(Betty) told me Melvin might be going home soon. This picture was a young man about to jump in the river, he was holding on to a rope and was going to run and jump off into the river, and I asked the Lord what it was and I felt like He was saying, it's ok to jump in the river, it's fun.  
I pray the peace of God upon you today.*

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**Leah Daniels** - September 29, 2022 at 10:34 PM

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*My heart is heavy for all of you. May the peace of the Holy Spirit comfort each of you. You have a lot of good memories let them help heal you. Love and continued prayers for months to come.*

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**Anita Cariker** - October 01, 2022 at 12:58 AM

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*We are deeply saddened to hear of Melvins passing and are sending are condolences to you and your family for your loss. Melvin was a wonderful person who we respected with highest regards and know that he will be dearly missed by all. May all the loving memories fill your hearts with peace and joy during this difficult time! Sending much love and many prayers.*

*Love, Jason, Carrie, Corbin and Colin*

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**Jason & Carrie Leonard** - October 03, 2022 at 11:32 AM