



James "Jerry" Johnson

August 23, 1941 - June 5, 2026

James "Jerry" Johnson, age 84, of Mt. Carmel, Illinois, formerly of Henderson, KY, went to be with his Lord and savior, Jesus Christ, on Friday, June 5, 2026, at his home surrounded by his family.

Jerry worked for many years at Accuride as a machine set up technician before transitioning into work he felt was truly rewarding at the Henderson County Detention Center. On one occasion, Jerry chased down and subdued a fugitive. He was a hardworking man and put 120% into everything that he did. Jerry was handy at everything, it seemed. He was a huge Nascar fan, enjoyed deer hunting, and was a talented woodworker and artist. Family was what Jerry valued more than anything. Taking care of them and spending time together was everything to him. Whether he was fixing their cars, or driving hours just to dog sit, he was always there for them. Jerry loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and they adored him right back. He was lucky to share the past 63 years with the love of his life, Donna. She nicknamed him early on "Johnson Boy" and he called her "Johnson Girl" right back.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents J.D. and Sue Johnson and brother Charles E. "Eddie" Johnson.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 63 years Donna Johnson; daughter Rhonda

Kuehne (Matt) of Mt. Carmel, IL; son Rodney Johnson (Tracy) of Henderson, KY; sister Vicki Chinn (Ronnie) of Henderson, KY; grandchildren: Troy Kuehne (Hailey) of Mt. Carmel, IL, Seth Kuehne (Shawna) of Mt. Carmel, IL, Jacob Johnson of Lexington, KY, and Jordyn Johnson (Spencer Bartow) of Louisville, KY; great-grandchildren: Bentley, Adeline, and Everly Kuehne; and nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to Jerry's life celebration from 12:00 p.m. until service time Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held Wednesday at the funeral home at 1:00 p.m. with Reverend Brad Hadra officiating. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson, Kentucky.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to: New Hope Animal Rescue, 526 Atkinson St, Henderson, KY 42420 and Wabash County Animal Shelter Buddies, 11336 N 1550 Blvd, Mt. Carmel, Illinois 62863. Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home, A Life Celebration® Home. Please visit www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com to share words of comfort with Jerry's family.

Previous Events

Life Celebration

JUN 10. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



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

June 09 at 10:14 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jerry" Johnson.



June 09 at 09:35 PM



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

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“ Jacob & Jordyn purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James "Jerry" Johnson.



Jacob & Jordyn - June 09 at 07:21 PM



“ 99 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Benton-Glunt Funeral Home - June 09 at 03:04 PM

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“ *I'm sorry to hear of Jerry's passing, I hope that his family can find peace in knowing that he is in Heaven.*

Clifford Schoenbaum - June 09 at 05:41 AM

BS

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. May the Holy Spirit comfort you.
Bill & Wanda Schoenbaum praying for your family*

Bill & Wanda Schoenbaum - June 08 at 06:16 PM

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So sorry for the family's loss praying for your family.

Beckie R Robbins - June 09 at 09:59 AM