



Dee Ray Johnson

November 22, 1930 - May 23, 2014

Dee Ray Johnson, age 83 years, a resident of Anna, Illinois, passed away Friday morning, May 23, 2014, at the home of his daughter, Kelly Needler, in Bluford, Illinois.

Dee Ray was born November 22, 1930 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He was the son of Isaac Johnson and Maude (Annable) Johnson.

Dee Ray was united in marriage to Devonna (Brown) in 1949 in Arkansas. She preceded him in death on October 19, 1993.

Survivors include: his children – Kelly (William) Needler of Bluford, IL, Larry (Marie) Johnson of Elgin, IL, Jason (Jackie) Johnson of Anna, IL, and Greg (Janice) Johnson of Elgin, IL; 10 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; a sister – Alice (Jack) Martin of Tulsa, OK; and a dear friend – Anna Diordi of Karnak, IL.

In addition to his parents and wife, Dee Ray was preceded in death by: a daughter – Tracy Gwen Johnson; 3 sisters & brothers-in-law – Leota (Jake) Mathis, Dorothy (Bill) Wolfe, and Ruth (Jack) Searight; an infant brother and an infant sister.

Dee Ray was employed as a mental health technician at the Anna State

Hospital and later at the Elgin State Hospital. He also worked as the government shipping supervisor at Simpson Electric Co. in Elgin.

Dee Ray enjoyed spending time with family & friends.

Funeral services will be held Monday, May 26, 2014, at 12 Noon at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Larry Moreau will officiate. Burial will be in the Cypress Masonic Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 11 AM – 12 Noon Monday at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 4503 West DeYoung St., Suite 200C, Marion, IL 62959 or to the Paralyzed Veterans of America, 321 W. Main St., Suite 390, Louisville, KY 40202.

Cemetery Details

Cypress Masonic Cemetery

Route 37
Cypress, IL 62923

Previous Events

Service

MAY 26. 12:00 AM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
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Tribute Wall



“ *Dee Ray Johnson*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Uncle Dee Ray never gave up on his family. He always told me that God made perfect heads and put hair on the rest. He always tried to find the good in all things. Rest in peace and give mom, dad and grandma a bug and kiss. We will meet again some day and sing and rejoice were there is no pain or suffering for ever. Amen*

David Wolfe - May 26, 2014 at 01:24 AM



“ *Ed And Diane Annable lit a candle in memory of Dee Ray Johnson*



Ed and Diane Annable - May 25, 2014 at 09:25 AM



“ *Mary Jo King lit a candle in memory of Dee Ray Johnson*



mary Jo King - May 24, 2014 at 08:11 PM

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“ Uncle DeeRay, you were such a bright, shining star! Always ready with a smile, a laugh, a funny story. You were such a gentle man, as well as a gentleman. My mother Ruth loved you so- you were her " favorite brother". Thank you for being so uniquely YOU. Sending love to my cousins in Illinois, from Utah, I'm sorry I can't be there, but I will be with you in spirit.

Donna Olsen - May 24, 2014 at 06:20 PM

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“ The man I thought would live forever is gone now. I will miss you forever, Uncle Dee.
Our thoughts and prayers are with his wonderful family and friends.

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One of my favorite pictures of Uncle Dee making us laugh =)

Carma - May 24, 2014 at 05:40 PM

JS

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Dee Johnson. Dee worked with my father George Shroyer at Simpson Electric and was a wonderful family friend. Memories of my father playing Santa for Larry and Maries children and also close with daughter Kelly. The memories will last a lifetime and may you rest in peace.

Julie Shroyer-Lilienthal - June 04, 2014 at 09:48 AM