



## Alfred Olen Johnson

July 16, 1920 - August 15, 2018

On July 16, 1920, Andrew J. & Bessie Dobbins Johnson welcomed their baby boy who they named Alfred O. Johnson and he was ever after called Red. On August 15, 2018, with his family by his side, Red rejoined his parents after a fruitful life of 98 years on this earth.

Sharing 75 years of life with his beloved bride, Elsie D. Johnson, Red is also survived by a daughter Janice Bosman & her husband Joe of Pendleton, and a son Carey Johnson & his wife Judy of Lyman. He was blessed with four grandchildren Andy Bosman (Tracey), Eric Bosman (Carla), Brian Johnson, and Amber Byars (Jay). Red's family grew to include six great grandchildren, whom he loved dearly: McKinsey, Drew, Meghan, & Claire Bosman, Katie Jo and Georgia Byars, beloved nephew, Bruce Johnson and his wife, Marilyn of Lyman.

He was predeceased by four sisters and four brothers, baby Lillian Margaret, baby Hazel Wellene, Ella Phillips, Ruth Strange, Marshall, W.A.(Tom), Dewey, & Whit Johnson.

Red loved his Lord and his Wellford Baptist Church family where he was a faithful, lifelong member. There he served in any way he could including Director of Sunday School and Church Training for many years. He was a member of the church choir and served as a deacon receiving the honor of Deacon Emeritus. Red greeted everyone with his huge smile, making all feel at home.

During World War II, Red served his country in the Army Air Force. For 26

years, he served as Postmaster of Wellford Post Office, was active in the National Association of Postmasters, and served as president of the South Carolina Chapter for one year. He was Past Master of Jackson Lodge AFM and a charter member of the Wellford Cemetery Association. As one of the original members of the Byrnes High Football Booster Club, Red was an avid Byrnes fan. He also assisted in organizing the PTA at Byrnes High School. Red had a passion for playing golf and loved the time spent with friends on the links. He put together many church tournaments that led to fellowship among all ages of men in the church. These tournaments continue today. Red was so avid a golfer, he continued to play up to the age of 97. The family has deep appreciation of all the guys who made time to ensure Red had a ride to the golf course and how they helped him be able to play in his later years. The Johnson family extends their gratitude to the Ashlan Village staff for the kindness and care given to our Dad and Mom in recent months. Also to Maurice Hood and the entire staff of Spartanburg Regional Hospice for the guidance and support they all provided.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 18, 2018 at Wellford Baptist Church, conducted by Dr. Carl Poole, Reverend Mike Stokes and Reverend John Moore. Burial will follow the service at Wood Memorial Park, Duncan, SC. Visitation will be held 9:30 until 10:40 a.m. Saturday at Wellford Baptist.

Pallbearers will be Andy Bosman, Eric Bosman, Drew Bosman, Brian Johnson, Jay Byars, Bruce Johnson, Ken Newton and Larry Walker.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorials be made to the Wellford Baptist Children's Playground Fund, 235 Syphrit Road, Wellford, SC 29385. Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Wood Memorial Park

863 Gap Creek Road  
Duncan, SC 29334

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 18. 9:30 AM - 10:40 AM (ET)

Wellford Baptist Church  
235 Syphrit Road  
Wellford, SC

## Service

AUG 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wellford Baptist Church  
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Wellford, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ When Murphy and I married over 11 years ago, one of my favorite congratulatory cards was sent by Mr. Johnson. He extolled the joys of marriage and it was clear in his writing that he was as smitten with Miss Elsie in 2007 as he had been in the early 1940s. Our condolences to entire Johnson family. Alfred Johnson was a true Wellford institution and he will be greatly missed.

*Laurie Ballenger & Murphy Antoine  
Washington, DC*

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**Laurie Ballenger** - September 02, 2018 at 02:32 PM



“ Carolyn Johnson lit a candle in memory of  
Alfred Olen Johnson



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**Carolyn Johnson** - August 21, 2018 at 02:59 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the death of Red. Gary (Ella Johnson Phillips son) took me to visit with them and Gary always spoke fondly of Red and Elsie. I just returned late last night from an extended trip, so I will not be able to make the services today, but extend my condolences and prayers to all the family.  
Judy Cooke Phillips (wife of the late Gary Phillips

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**Judy Cooke Phillips** - August 18, 2018 at 08:24 AM

 David  
Cobb

“ *Mr. Red was a great man and a picture of a Godly Christian man. Had the joy of being his visitation partner at Wellford Baptist Church. He could get in homes no one else could. Keep Celebrating there in Heaven knowing that we are coming. David and Tommie Cobb*

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**David Cobb** - August 17, 2018 at 11:43 PM

SA

“ *Not a childhood summer passed that did not have memories of the Johnson's visits to our family's home in upstate New York, or our visit to theirs in South Carolina. Baseball games (broken windows), fireworks, millions of fireflies, homemade peach ice cream and Elsie's wonderful meals. Later in life, a round of golf with Red became such a treat! My father and mother's lives went way back with Red and Elsie during their service in the Army Air Corps. It was a friendship that was treasured. Red's kindness, smiles and laughter will always be remembered and missed. Sending my condolences and love to all of the family - Sandra Porter Madison*

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**Sandra** - August 17, 2018 at 04:16 PM

JH

“ I first met Mr. Red Johnson nearly 50 years ago when he was the Wellford Postmaster and I was a young damn Yankee trying to close a small road across a business where I worked. His mail truck used it and we butted heads!

Our paths didn't cross again until a few years ago when, as old men, we got to play golf with each other once in awhile. What a great pleasure it was, warm and joshing w each other, but Red still competing hard as he had when he competed to protect the Post Office's interests a half a life ago. Red had thick arms and paws like a Grizzly bear and used them to knock the snot out of a golf ball even at 95 years. I loved that competitive quality in him and will never forget Red Johnson even though our time together was brief.

Ken Newton has a good story involving Red and a stop sign that only happened a year or so ago. I hope that he'll tell it if he hasn't already about two hundred times.

*Jock Heckman*

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**Jock Heckman** - August 16, 2018 at 08:25 PM



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



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August 16, 2018 at 03:53 PM

DB

“ I have known Mr. Red most of my life. Although it has been a few years since I've seen him, I know I could walk up to him anytime and he would give me a great big smile and a " well looky here. It is so good to see you." Mr. Red you will be missed but I know you are rejoicing in heaven in the arms of Jesus. See you again soon friend.  
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**Denise Smith Barbare** - August 16, 2018 at 02:46 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Alfred Olen Johnson.



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August 16, 2018 at 12:28 PM