



## Rev. Gerald D. Johnson

December 24, 1938 - September 26, 2023

Rev. Gerald Dean Johnson, 84, passed away September 26, 2023.

A native of Fries, Virginia, son of the late William Henry and Bertha Lugena Fortner Johnson, he was a retired minister and employee for Cline Hose and Hydraulics. Gerald was a 1958 graduate of Fries High School and a graduate of Holmes Theological Seminary in Greenville, South Carolina. He was also a member of Harmony Fellowship Church.

Surviving are his wife, JoAnn B. Johnson of the home; two sons, Steve Johnson (Karen) of Jacksonville, Arkansas and Jerry Johnson of Anderson, South Carolina; four daughters, Kathy Shoffner (Mike) of Taylors, South Carolina, Becky Spence (Tyler) of Taylors, South Carolina, Andrea Fortson (Brent) of Zebulon, Georgia, and Charlene Wheeler (Timothy) of Stanley, North Carolina; one brother, Billy Johnson (Nancy) of Galax, Virginia; sister-in-law, Carol Johnson of Galax, Virginia; daughter-in-law, Doris Hampton of Galax, Virginia; fifteen grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Rev. Johnson was predeceased by his first wife, Faye Hamm Johnson; and one brother, Scotty Johnson.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m. Sunday, October 1, 2023, at Harmony Fellowship Church conducted by Rev. Terry Wilkerson.

Visitation will be held 1:30-2:45 p.m. Sunday, October 1, 2023, at the church.

Burial will be held 2:00 p.m. Monday, October 2, 2023, in Fries Pentecostal Holiness Church Cemetery, Fries, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Harmony Fellowship Church,

468 South Suber Road, Greer, South Carolina 29650.

Online condolences may be made to [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fries Pentecostal Holiness Church Cemetery

1215 Hilltown Rd  
Fries, VA 24330

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 1. 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Harmony Fellowship Church  
468 S. Suber Rd.  
Greer, SC

## Service

OCT 1. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BK

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Gerald's passing. One of my first jobs right out of college was at the Volvo Truck Plant in Dublin, Virginia thanks to him for hiring me. I worked under him for 4 plus years and will be forever grateful for his leadership and christian influence. He was an early mentor to me. My God be with the family during this difficult time of loss.

Barry Kirby - October 01, 2023 at 08:40 PM

WB

“ As fine a man as I have ever known. Met him in 1975. Wish I could have spent more time with him. By

Wayne Douglas Buchanan - September 29, 2023 at 10:14 AM

DB

“ Brother Gerald Johnson was such a special man in our lives. Ray and I went to church with Gerald and Faye at Barton Memorial. He loved unconditionally and encouraged the younger men and women of the church. We loved to hear him play the guitar and sing, "I Can't Even Walk Without You Holding My Hand." RIP Brother Gerald!

Dale Bruce - September 28, 2023 at 04:23 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Rev. Gerald D. Johnson.



September 28, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rev. Gerald D. Johnson.

September 28, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ I have known Gerald for only 20 years. He was my neighbor and great friend from day one. I had purchased my house a couple of years before I moved down here and whenever I came down to visit, Gerald would walk across the street just to say HI. Ever since then his friendship and music always brightened my day on several occasions. When my first wife passed away, Gerald and Joann invited me to accompany them on a trip to Virginia to help me pass the time during my grieving process. At that time, Gerald was still working for Cline so I rode with him as he made a few stops at his clients along the way. I always felt like I was part of Gerald's family as I was invited to many of their functions included the big eclipse back in 2017. I will miss Gerald like a brother because that is what he was to me. I have since re-married and Gerald and Joann has received her with open arms. See you later, Gerald!



Bruce Bartlett - September 28, 2023 at 09:52 AM



“ *Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Gerald D. Johnson.*



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September 27, 2023 at 06:59 PM