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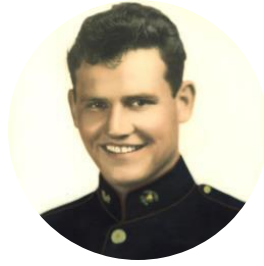


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Hardy O'Neal Johnson, age 94, passed peacefully in his sleep on December 30, 2019 in Longview, TX.

Friends are welcome to join the family for a Memorial Service in honor of Hardy Tuesday, January 7, 2020, starting at 2pm at Longview First United Methodist Church with visitation starting 1 hour prior to service.

Hardy was born on September 30, 1925, to his parents Dr. David C. Johnson and his wife Janie in Atlanta, TX. Upon finishing high school, Hardy proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps during World War 2 and was honorably discharged at the rank of Corporal. Hardy moved back to East Texas and attended Kilgore College where he was a member of the 1946 Little Rose Bowl team. He completed his education earning his bachelor's degree at Southern Methodist University, where he was very active in their sports program playing both football and baseball.

After graduating, Hardy took a job teaching and coaching football at Marshall ISD where he met and married another young teacher named Eva Jonette Johnson. The couple would eventually settle and start a family in Longview, where Jonette taught middle school and Hardy continued coaching and ran a sporting goods business. Hardy was a long-time member of Longview First United Methodist Church. He was a selfless and devoted man of faith, who's love for his family and the Lord resonated in everything he did. He had a passion for helping young people achieve success and confidence through athletics. He also had a unique fondness for helping those in need. He leaves behind a legacy of kindness and compassion that was a gift to everyone that met him.

Hardy is survived by his daughters Janie Johnson and Lea Cooper and her husband Nathan; his grandchildren, Hardy Elkins, Will Elkins and Carrie Foster; and his great-



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granddaughter Kinlee Clark. Hardy was preceded in death by his wife Eva Jonette Johnson.





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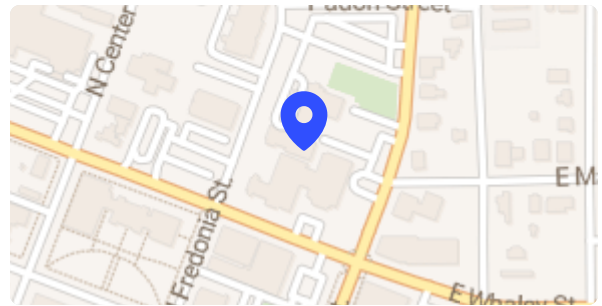
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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, January 7, 2020

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT


 **First United Methodist Church**
400 N Fredonia St, Longview TX 75601

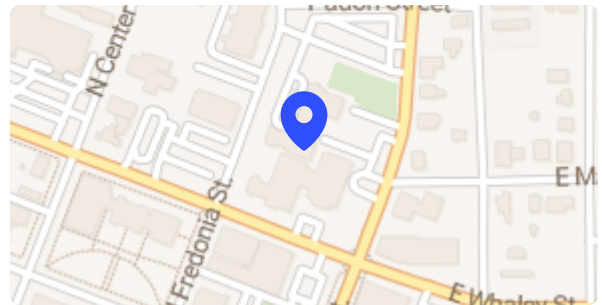


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Rader Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



January 2 at 10:57 AM



Eric Allan posted:

Hardy was an amazing mentor to me. He helped me while I was homeless by giving me a job at his Athletic Store. I grew very close to him during those years, and he directed me with godly values. Once I got out of college/married we lost touch. My regret is not staying in touch. I miss this man, but will remember him always...and what he did for me. Love you Hardy, and plan on joining you in heaven one day.

September 6 at 11:17 AM



Anonymous sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Johnson family.



January 6 at 12:33 PM



Susan Cox posted:

Hardy was such a dear friend. Such a true gentleman and helped me understand how best to deal with my ailing mother in law. He spoke so much of his lovely wife and family. My deepest condolences in his passing for his family. Susan Cox

January 5 at 4:34 PM



Karen Darden January 9 at 9:38 AM

My sincere condolences to the families of Hardy Johnson. You are in my thoughts and prayers. ❤️



Robert Adams posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Mr Johnson was a great man. He taught me a lot and was a big influence on my life during my teen years! He has always had a special place in my heart.

🙏🙏🙏 Robert Adams

January 4 at 4:18 PM



Tribute Wall

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Jan Johnson posted:

Mr. Johnson was a special and beautiful man. Always so kind and thoughtful, so gentlemanly. He so loved his family 💙 Our world will miss him greatly! 🙏💙 Don and Jan Johnson

January 4 at 3:20 PM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Hardy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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