



## Buck Johnson

December 30, 1936 - March 11, 2026

Lawrence A. "Buck" Johnson, 89, of Higginsville, Missouri, passed away on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at Meyer Care Center. He was born Wednesday, December 30, 1936, in Higginsville to August Johnson and Goldie (Whittmeyer) Johnson. As a child, Buck attended a small rural schoolhouse on Jennings Road in Higginsville. He left school early to join the United States Air Force and later earned his GED while enlisted. Buck proudly served his country from 1955 to 1959.

On January 30, 1959, he married Carol (Staton) Johnson, and together they shared 67 years of marriage filled with love, dedication, and family. Buck worked for Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing for more than 30 years building farm combines. Buck witnessed his two brothers retire and pass away shortly after due to not staying busy. After retiring from Allis-Chalmers on a Friday, Buck returned right back to work the following Monday with the Kansas City Chiefs in the maintenance department. Buck was known as a hard worker who liked to stay busy.

Buck was very involved with the local Boy Scout troops and spent many years working with and mentoring young people through scouting. Buck also gave his time delivering Meals on Wheels and participated in Relay for Life, helping raise awareness in the fight against cancer.

Buck was a member of First Baptist Church. He enjoyed traveling on mission trips to places such as Jordan and Mexico, where he was able to serve others and share his faith. Buck was a kind and generous man who will be

remembered for his strong work ethic, willingness to help others, and devotion to his community.

Surviving are his wife, Carol Johnson, of the home; two sons, Lawrence “Butch” (Barbara) Johnson II of California, Missouri and Ryan (Nikki) Johnson of Higginsville; two daughters, Teresa Loges of Higginsville and Linda (Brian) Cooper of Higginsville; one sister, Lorene Himes of Oklahoma City, OK; ten grandchildren, and a host of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, as well as extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Leonard, Ernest, Roy, and Richard Johnson; three sisters, Marion Need, Betty Bell, and Mabel Goring; as well as three baby siblings - infant twins and an infant baby girl.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home, 1600 Main St. Higginsville, MO. A funeral service with a Tribe of Mic-O-Say ceremony will be held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at First Baptist Church, 1907 Peach St. Higginsville, MO. Burial with Military Honors will follow in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery.

Casket Bearers: Drew Johnson, Lawrence Johnson III, Kevin Loges, Adam Johnson, Rick Johnson, Roy Lee Johnson, Doug Lorenz, Danny Rogge.  
Honorary Casket Bearers: Denise Loges, Lauren Oster, Bailey Cooper-Gremmel. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church or Lafayette County Cancer Coalition or Boy Scout Troop 415.

# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans Cemetery

20109 Business Highway 13  
Higginsville, MO 64037  
<http://www.mvc.dps.mo.gov>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 18.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (cst)

Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home, Inc.  
1600 Main St.  
Higginsville, MO 64037  
1-660-584-3400  
[hoeferfuneralhome@gmail.com](mailto:hoeferfuneralhome@gmail.com)  
<http://www.stewarthoeferfuneralhome.com>

## Tribe of Mic-O-Say Ceremony

**MAR 19.** 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM (cst)

First Baptist Church  
1907 N. Peach St.  
Higginville, MO 64037  
[fbchigginsville@ctcis.net](mailto:fbchigginsville@ctcis.net)  
<http://www.fbchigginsville.com>

## Funeral Service

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MAR 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

First Baptist Church  
1907 N. Peach St.  
Higginville, MO 64037  
fbchigginville@ctcis.net  
<http://www.fbchigginville.com>

## Military Honors

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MAR 19. 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM (cst)

Missouri Veterans Cemetery  
20109 Business Highway 13  
Higginville, MO 64037  
<http://www.mvc.dps.mo.gov>

# Tribute Wall

JN

“ We are deeply saddened to hear of your loss. May God comfort you and keep you safe in his hands during this time of suffering. “Earth hath no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.” May you feel the healing love of God at this time. Jonathan always enjoyed talking to Uncle Buck at Scout Camp. John, Debbie and Jonathan Need

John Need - March 19 at 07:06 PM



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

March 18 at 10:37 AM

JB

“ His legacy will live on in all the lives he has touched!



Joyce Begemann - March 15 at 02:44 PM

JW

“ Mr. Johnson was a kind, funny man. He would always make me laugh. I am surprised that he did not kill me because of all the shenanigans that I pulled as a kid. Mrs. Johnson and your family have my deepest sympathies. I will always have a warm spot in my heart for your family.

Jim Williams

Jim Williams - March 13 at 09:24 AM

MM

“ Lawrence was such a good man. I worked with Relay for life with him and Carol for years. As well as Scouts. He was always ready to lend a helping hand. He loved to razz me for any reason he could think of. The lives that he touched will live on in the scouts that he worked with, and his legacy will continue to inspire us all. Rest in peace 🕊️ Huge Hug's Carol ❤️ 🙏



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**Marie Morgan** - March 12 at 10:18 PM