



Douglas Roger Johnson, Jr.

June 11, 1921 - February 22, 2009

Johnson

Douglas R. Johnson died February 22, 2009. Mr. Johnson was born June 11, 1921 in Smithville, Texas. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in June, 1942. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the US Navy to serve his country during WW II. The Navy sent him to Midshipmen's School at Columbia University in New York City where he earned his Commission as Ensign. He was assigned to the Navy Amphibious Force which was in its infancy. His duties took him to the Meditterrean Theatre where he was an Attack Boat Group Commander. He lead landings in Anzio, Elba and Southern France. He also fought with the Free French Forces and the British Commandos. The war ended with him at Okinawa where he took supplies into Hirochima and Nagaski, Japan only weeks after the Atomic bombs were dropped. He returned home as a Commander in December, 1945. Mr. Johnson owned Johnson Department stores from 1941 to 1961. He was appointed by the Governor of Texas to serve a six year term 1955-1961 on the Board of the Lower Colorado River Authority. He held both the Vice Chairman and Chairman positions. This was a time of severe droughts in Texas and dams above Austin were very important to the entire area. From 1961 to 1981, he was employed by the Directorate of Procurement and Production at Kelly AFB, Texas. Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife of 67 years, Betty Jane Johnson of San Antonio. Two Children: Janie Belle Johnson-Sides and her husband, Colin Gardner of Austin, Texas.

Steven Douglas Johnson and his wife, Elise Stone Johnson of San Antonio.
Two grandchildren: Katherine Johnson Robinson and her husband, Bill
Robinson and Steven Douglas Johnson, Jr.

Services

Visitation will begin Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at Mission Park Funeral
Chapels North at 1:00 pm. The Funeral Service will be held Wednesday,
February 25, 2009 at 2:00 PM with interment to follow at Mission Burial Park
North with military honors.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Mrs. Johnson, Janie, and family,

My deepest sympathy to you in the loss of a wonderful husband and father. I also want to salute a man who served his great country at a pivotal point in history.

You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Angela A

Angela Austin Davis - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Dear Betty and Family:

Doug was such a great guy. I so enjoyed his all his great stories. He always had a smile and a good laugh and a way of making people feel welcome.

*Sincerely,
Carl*

Carl Carter - February 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dearest Mrs. Johnson and family, our prayers and well wishes are with you.

John & Gloria Dunn - February 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Dear Mrs. Johnson, Janie & Family,
Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you through this difficult
time. May all your memories help comfort you.
Lisa and Ashley Ellis

Lisa Cothren Ellis - February 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM