



Clifford R. Johnson

September 21, 1927 - November 9, 2004

Mr. Clifford R. Johnson died at his home in Lexington, TN on November 9, 2004. He was born September 21, 1927 in the Roby Community of Chester County, Tennessee. His parents were the late Vince Elbert Johnson and Nora Lee England Johnson. He attended school in the Roby school and later finished his high school diploma. In his late teens and early twenties, he and friends organized a country band called "Clifford Johnson and the Sagebrush Troubadours." They traveled and played in the greater Mid-south area, including a weekly radio show on WTJS in Jackson, Tennessee. The call to serve his country came in 1945 and the band broke up. Clifford served in the U. S. Army occupation forces in Wiesbaden, Germany. On returning home he courted and married Barbara Lee Landry Johnson of Sardis, Tennessee on November 16, 1952. They lived in Memphis, Tennessee where he worked for Wonder Bread and then Ford Motor Co. After a short stint in Loraine, Ohio, he returned to farm in the Roby area. He was among the first 50 hired by Century Electric Co., in Lexington, and was employed by them until his retirement. The first generator to be produced in Lexington was wound by Mr. Johnson. He returned to farming in his retirement and was an avid gardener. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Jack Hay Sunday School Class. He taught the singles class for several years. He was a 32 Mason, Constantine Lodge #64 and a member of the Scottish Rite. He, his wife, and daughter were very active in the Eastern Star, Sunset Chapter #154, where he served several years as Worthy Patron. He is preceded in death by one

brother, Terry Ray Johnson of Henderson, Tennessee. He is survived by his wife , Barbara Landry Johnson, one daughter, Pam (Dr. John Hugh) Sullivan; grandchildren, Connie Leigh Sullivan and Mason Cliff Sullivan; two step grandchildren, Johnny (Lisa) Sullivan and Kellye (Brad) Franklin; one step-great grandchild, "Trip" Sullivan all of Lexington, Tennessee, one sister, Marie Thompson Harwell of Center Point Community and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.