



## Julian Carson "J.C." Johnson

April 8, 1920 - January 1, 2017

Saluda, SC

Julian Carson (J.C.) Johnson, 96, passed away in Saluda on January 1, 2017. He followed his beloved wife of 67 years, Joye Grigsby Johnson, 91, who predeceased him on December 30, 2016. He was one of 6 children of Willie Piper Johnson and Elizabeth Bowers Johnson.

During WWII J.C. served aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ranger, which participated in the Battle of the Atlantic and the North African Invasion. After the war and until his death, he was a proud member of the American Legion Post 65. Following the war he met and married his love, Joye Grigsby. Together they built their lives in Saluda, raising 3 children.

From the late 1940s, he and his brother were owners of the Shell Oil distributorship in Saluda. In the late 1970s, he retired and then spent many years farming. In 2007 he was selected as the Forest Landowner of the Year by the Saluda County Forestry Association. He enjoyed gardening as well as being an avid outdoorsman and skillful craftsman.

His service to the community was reflected in his 57 years of involvement in the Saluda Lions Club, an organization very important to him. He was also an active and dedicated charter member of the Saluda Historical Society. He had

a deep love for St. Paul United Methodist Church where he was a member for over 60 years. In addition, his quiet, anonymous acts of kindness touched many lives.

J.C. is survived by his children Julia (Joe) Taylor, Carson (Andrea) Johnson, and Gena (Bob) Ramos as well as their grandchildren Torri Taylor (Scot) O'Bryan, Andrea Taylor (Tommy) Parnell, Jeff Taylor, Jake Johnson, Harrison Johnson, Samantha Ramos, and Michael Ramos. Great-grandchildren are Holden, Kempson, and Grigsby Parnell and Nora Hollingsworth. He is survived by one sister, Avis McCallum, and many nieces and nephews.

A combined service for J.C. and his wife Joye was held Monday, January 2, 2017, at 11 A.M. at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Saluda. The family received friends prior to the service. The Rev. Bart Sistare officiated with special remarks by The Rev. John Hipp. Interment followed in Travis Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church, 102 E. Church Street, Saluda, SC 29138 or to the Saluda County Historical Society, 105 Law Range St., Saluda, SC 29138.

The family offers special thanks to the staff of the Saluda Nursing Center and caregivers Frances Robinson and Betty Thomas.

Memories and condolences may be shared online at [www.rameyfuneralhome.com](http://www.rameyfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Travis Park Cemetery

Travis Avenue  
Saluda, SC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul United Methodist Church  
102 East Butler Avenue  
Saluda, SC 29138

## Funeral

JAN 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul United Methodist Church  
102 East Butler Avenue  
Saluda, SC 29138

# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Julie and Joe,  
Jim and I are keeping you and your family in  
our prayers. "Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful servants." Psalm  
116:15.



Jim and Deb Joy - January 05, 2017 at 02:59 PM

JT

Deb and Jim, thank you both so much!!

ju;ia taylor - January 06, 2017 at 08:05 PM

GS

“ I am sorry that you all have had to endure such losses so close  
together. Mr. JC and Miss Joye were truly a treasure for everyone  
who met and got to know them. I too recall riding by to see how Mr.  
JC's garden was doing this year. I think he and a neighbor or two  
must've been in some competition.  
I don't know that I ever saw Mr. JC when he was smiling or making  
someone laugh. He was a true gentleman and we need more like  
him today. God bless you all and may He grant you peace.

In sympathy,  
Grig Sawyer

Grig Sawyer - January 03, 2017 at 10:21 PM

JT

Oh, Grig Thank you so much for your kind words!! Mama and Daddy  
had special places in their hearts for you.

ju;ia taylor - January 06, 2017 at 08:00 PM

TH

“ I am so sorry to hear of the death of your father. My prayers are with all of you. Every spring and summer my husband would make sure he rode by their home to see your dad's garden.

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**Trilby Higbee** - January 02, 2017 at 09:54 AM

JT

*Thank you, Trilby. He did love that garden!*

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**ju;ia taylor** - January 06, 2017 at 08:05 PM

JK

“ Carson, Gena, Julia ...we are so sorry for your loss of your parents. When we first met then at your wedding Carson, they were smiling, kind, and loving; and were exactly the same when we met them again many years latter at your lake house. Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with you. Jalaina and Carl

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**Jalaina Kraeff** - January 02, 2017 at 09:32 AM

JT

*Thank you both so much. They were both loving people.*

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**ju;ia taylor** - January 06, 2017 at 08:06 PM

DM

“ Julia, We send our sincere sympathy to you and your family. I know there is comfort in knowing they are together. Your parents were the sweetest. Our son, Kenneth, and I sat with you and Joe at the September Forestry Supper in and enjoyed meeting you and I saw you since then in your parents' room. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you in the days to come. Love, Dot Metts

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**Dot Metts** - January 02, 2017 at 08:17 AM

JT

Dot, thank you so much! Daddy did appreciate your visiting with him at the nursing home. Your kind thoughts and prayers mean more than you can know!!! Yes, the fact that they are together is what is keeping us steady now.

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**ju;ia taylor** - January 06, 2017 at 08:06 PM