



Julius Adams Johnson

December 8, 2010

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Julius Adams Johnson, 88, died Wednesday, December 08, 2010, peacefully in his sleep at the State Veterans Home in Oxford, MS.

Mr. Johnson was born March 16, 1922, in Washington, D.C. to Clara Ferguson Johnson and Major Julius Adams Johnson, surgeon in the U.S. Army. He grew up mostly in Memphis, TN, graduating from central High School. He attended Mississippi State University where he was drum major in the band. He received a bachelor's degree from Southwestern at Memphis (now Rhodes College), where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, and received a master's degree in industrial psychology from Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN.

Serving in the Sixth Marine Division of the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and attaining the rank of captain, Mr. Johnson fought in the South Pacific, most notably in the Battle of Okinawa. He later served as a district manager for Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors for 30 years in Pine Bluff, AR, Greenwood, MS and El Dorado, AR.

Mr. Johnson is preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Virginia Johnson Gwinn of Memphis, TN.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Jo Alice Page Johnson of Greenwood, MS, whom he married on June 1, 1948 at Calvary Episcopal Church in Memphis, TN; a sister, Clara Johnson Shelton of Lexington, KY; two daughters, Jo Alice Johnson Darden of Cruger, MS and her husband, Robert Morgan Darden, and Mary Johnson Hawkins of Greenwood, MS; one son, Julius Adams (Jay) Johnson, Jr. of El Dorado, AR and his wife, Susan Johnson; two granddaughters, Cary Hawkins New of Collierville, TN and her husband, Noah New, and Keely Hawkins Harrison of Greenwood, MS and her husband, Trent Harrison; two step-granddaughters, Sarah Hughes Daly of Dallas, TX and her husband, Chris Daly, and Elisabeth Hughes Hyleck of Baltimore, MD and her husband, Matt Hyleck; two great-grandsons, Easton Harrison and Parker Harrison; three step-great-grandsons, Duncan Daly, Xavier Daly and Theo Hyleck; and one step-great-granddaughter, Lillian Hyleck; three nephews and two nieces.

A memorial service, following cremation, is planned for Saturday, December 18, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in El Dorado, Ark, where Mr. Johnson and his wife were active members for 34 years. His ashes will be interred in the columbarium at the church. A reception will follow in the Cloister. Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford, MS was in charge of local arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the State Veterans Home in Oxford, MS, the Alzheimer's Association or St. Mary's Episcopal Church in El Dorado, AR.