



## EULES DONALD JOHNSON

November 18, 1938 - October 28, 2015

EULES DONALD JOHNSON, age 76, passed away at his home in Hueytown, AL on October 28, 2015. Known as "Eules" by family and childhood friends, and by "Don" in later years. He was born in Marion County, Alabama to G.W. and Martha Adew (Williams) Johnson and moved as a child to Bessemer. He is preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife of 51 years, Mary Clyde McDaniel Johnson, and brothers, Euford Johnson and David Johnson. He is survived by his sons, Scott Johnson and Michael Johnson (Wendy); daughter Beth Johnson Rhea (Sam); grandchildren Kristopher Johnson (Ski), Nicholas Johnson (Ashley), Daniel Rhea, Ellie Rhea, Kate Rhea, Maribel Johnson and Celia Johnson; and great-grandchildren Klyde Johnson and Riley Johnson; brothers Jimmy Johnson (Sarah) and Jerry Johnson (Ann) and sister Sue Bishop (Don); brother-in-law Billy McDaniel (Pat) and many nieces and nephews.

He embraced an ethos of hard work, perseverance and effort, holding two jobs in high school while playing on the football team and excelling academically. A 1958 graduate of Bessemer High School, he earned his B.S. in Commerce & Business Administration from the University of Alabama in 1963. He earned his Master of Science in Hospital and Health Administration from University of Alabama in Birmingham in 1980.

He spent his lifetime working in hospital financial administration, starting at University Hospital in the late 1960's, as Controller, Children's Hospital in Birmingham, AL from 1972-1983; CFO of Children's Hospital of the Kings

Daughters, Norfolk, VA, 1984-1987 and CFO of the Jefferson Health System at Cooper Green Hospital from 1987 until retirement in 2002. He enjoyed travel and visited the U.S., Brazil, Canada and Europe.

He tirelessly served his family, friends and community, always ready to lend a hand to those in need. He was an Elder and Trustee of the Disciples of Christ (First Christian) Church in Bessemer and at Disciples of Christ (First Christian) Church of Virginia Beach, VA. A lifelong tinkerer, innovator and creative thinker, he was an avid boater and enjoying fishing, sailing and powerboating. While living close to the Chesapeake Bay, he spent countless hours on the water, as well as a lifetime of boating with family and friends on AL's rivers, lakes, large portions of the Tenn-Tom waterway and along the Gulf Coast. He held his family dear, and delighted in participating in his children's' and grandchildren's activities. His siblings were his lifelong close friends and companions. Although quietly affable and reserved, he had a keen wit and loved telling stories. He embodied the qualities of a gentleman and scholar, but never put himself above others regardless of their station in life.

Visitation will begin at 10:00 am, followed by a memorial service at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2015, at Peoples Chapel in Hueytown. Interment to follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to the National Parkinson Foundation for research to cure Parkinson's Disease. See <http://www.parkinson.org/>

The family wishes to thank Danielle Brown for her endless support and assistance.

We love you, Pop, and know that you are now back at Mom's side for eternity.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Eules Johnson was a kind and gentle man. He and Mary Clyde were my friends from early school days and you would never meet more wonderful people. My condolences to the family.*

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**Gerald Hicks** - October 30, 2015 at 10:43 AM

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“ *Uncle Eules was a joy to be around and will be missed greatly. Our Christmas and Easter gatherings will not be the same without him. Love to all of you.*

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**Allyson Blue** - October 30, 2015 at 09:17 AM