



Richard Doyle Johnson, Sr.

December 10, 1921 - January 15, 2008

JOHNSON - Richard Doyle Johnson, Sr., age 86 of Lawrenceville passed away Tuesday, January 15, 2008. Memorial Service will be held 2:00 PM Saturday, January 19, 2008 at First Baptist Church of Lawrenceville with Dr. Lamar Holley officiating. Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall. Mr. Johnson is predeceased by wife: Mary Alice Stone Johnson and daughter: Mary Jane Johnson. He is survived by Son: Richard Doyle Johnson, Jr.; Son & Daughter-in-law: John Stone & Susan Johnson, all of Lawrenceville; Sister: Catherine Telford, Gainesville; Grandchildren: Shannon L. & Rob Lewis, Kevin Luke & Danielle Johnson, Eric Lane Johnson; Great Grandchildren: Lexi Lewis, Taylor Lewis, Reagan Lewis, & Brannon Cale Johnson, all of Lawrenceville. In lieu of flowers, memorials to: First Baptist Church Building Fund, PO Box 228, Lawrenceville, GA 30046 or Alzheimer's Association, 1925 Century Blvd NE, Suite 10, Atlanta, GA 30345. Richard Doyle Johnson, Sr. lived an event-filled life. At age 14, he entered the first Soap Box Derby held in Georgia. He graduated from Lawrenceville High School. At age 18, his two friends bought a 1921 Model T Ford and they attended the World's Fair in New York City. He enrolled at Georgia Tech in 1940, attending for one year then hitch-hiked from Georgia to Dallas, Texas to enroll at Dallas Aviation School. While there he developed a testing instrument to check aircraft flight instruments without removing them from the plane. He was a cadet in the first Naval Training Class at the University of Georgia. During his Navy Service he was stationed at the following bases: New Orleans Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL NAS

where he received his wings and was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Naval Air Force, Lake City, FL NAS, Fort Lauderdale, FL NAS, Beaufort, SC NAS as an instructor where he was released from active service with the rank of Lieutenant JG. On June 8, 1946 Doyle Johnson and Alice Stone were married. Also in 1946 Doyle and his Dad opened Johnson & Son (A Firestone Store) and sold the first TV in Lawrenceville. A second building opened in 1952. The business remained for 47 years. In 1964, Doyle and a friend built Windy Hill Country Club Golf Course. He attended the PGA school in Pittsburgh, PA and received his PGA card. He was a Golf Pro at Windy Hill Country Club. In 1989, Doyle and Alice retired to Sun City Center, FL but kept their home in Lawrenceville. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Past President of Lions Club, member Lawrenceville Planning & Zoning Board, Charter Member Downtown Merchants Association, member Pro Golf Association, and at First Baptist Church he was a member, teacher, ordained deacon (both sons are also ordained deacons), and on the building committee for the church sanctuary. Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30045. 770 962-3100 Please sign online guest registry at www.stewartfh.com

Previous Events

Service

JAN 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Lawrenceville
165 Clayton Street, SE
Lawrenceville, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Doyle Johnson, Sr.*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Richard, John & Family you have our sincere sympathy and prayers.##imported-begin##Johnnie Sue & Grier Wallace##imported-end##*

January 21, 2008 at 06:39 PM



“ *We certainly are thinking of you all during this time. Your father and mother were both such kind, dear people who enriched the lives of anyone who knew them. We hope you can find comfort in all the wonderful family memories that you share.##imported-begin##Keith and Patsy Price##imported-end##*

January 18, 2008 at 11:32 PM



“ *Please accept our deepest condolences during this time of loss.##imported-begin##Billy & Bonnie Long##imported-end##*

January 18, 2008 at 10:11 PM



“ *May God be with your family, and may you all be comforted by the memory of your Dad.##imported-begin##Dave & Pat Joiner##imported-end##*

January 18, 2008 at 06:34 PM



“ Dear family,
My prayers go out to each of you. May God be especially close to you in this time of bereavement.
I am a 4th cousin to Mary Alice Stone Johnson through the Evans. and am a native of Hall Co., GA. I found our connection through doing genealogy. I would be glad to hear from any of the family.
Sincerely##imported-begin##Lanelle Martin Romines##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 12:37 PM