



Hartsell Alton Johnson

June 28, 1928 - September 29, 2020

Funeral services for Hartsell Alton Johnson will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 2, 2020, at the Marshall Funeral Home Chapel with Lanny Jobe officiating. Interment will be in the Alva Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Hartsell Alton Johnson, son of the late Ruben Ira and Ethel Mae (Boggs) Johnson, was born June 28, 1928, in Haskell, Texas, and passed away September 29, 2020, in Alva, Oklahoma, at the age of 92 years, 3 months, and 1 day.

After Hartsell graduated from Haskell High School, he attended Abilene Christian University where he obtained his Bachelor's Degree. While attending Abilene Christian, he met and married Lois Helen Hood from Kiowa, Kansas, on August 31, 1948. They lived most of their 72 years in Oklahoma, except for four years in Hutchinson, Kansas. He received his Master's Degree from Central State University.

He served as a full time pulpit minister in Kansas and Oklahoma for 18 years. He then taught school in Woodward for 4 years. He was called to Alva and became the first preacher at the new College Hill Church of Christ building, later serving as elder. He also filled in preaching in various area congregations, and teaching Bible classes at NWOSU. He served as the Bible

Chair Director for 28 years. He made numerous trips to Israel and was able to share Bible information with others. All of his working time was related to various services of the Church of Christ.

Hartsell is survived by his wife, Lois, of Alva; one son, Kyle Johnson of Ft. Worth, Texas; one daughter, Christy Crawford and husband, Dennis, of Moore; one brother, Loraine Johnson of Haskell, Texas; one sister, Jo Iva Long and husband, Gene, of Haskell, Texas; 4 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; other relatives and a multitude of friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Bible Chair or to the Alva EMTs.

Cemetery Details

Alva Municipal Cemetery

Flynn Street
Alva, OK 73717

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home of Alva
230 Flynn Street. P.O. Box 804
Alva, OK 73717
(580) 327-2311
<https://www.marshallfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home Chapel
230 Flynn
Alva, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Hartsell Alton Johnson*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Dear Lois and family, So sorry to hear of your loss of Hartsell. Mom and Dad (Deloris and John Young) thought so much of all of you. Mom always told the story of how when Kyle was on the way, you brought Christy to their house and pretty much threw her in the door and took off for the hospital! They valued your Christian example and friendship so very much. Just think of the reunion that awaits all of you, and all of our Christian family in Heaven! God bless and comfort you, and give you His peace.
In Him, Debbi Wilkins*

Deb Wilkins - December 07, 2020 at 11:21 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Funeral Service*



Marshall Funeral Homes - October 19, 2020 at 06:14 PM

IW

“ We extend our sympathy in the death of Hartsell to his family, the church family, and all who knew Hartsell. We three Mitchell girls (Ida Fay, Irma Kay, and Bonnie) from Burlington attended Northwestern from 1970-1980 and grew to love and appreciate our Bible Chair Director Hartsell and his wife Lois.

The Bible Chair was our "home away from home". We were glad to not only have education for our careers, but our spiritual education and service was continued and strengthened, thanks to Hartsell and Lois, the Bible Chair program, and the College Hill Church of Christ. Then in October 1990, Hartsell officiate the funeral service for our father George Mitchell. He used the acrostic technique of using each letter of his first name to represent a characteristic of his life, which meant so much to us.

I, as well as so many former college students, appreciated Hartsell's genuine love for God and his desire to help so many to trust and obey in the Lord.

Ida Fay (Mitchell) and husband Gary Winters

Ida Fay and Gary Winters - October 06, 2020 at 12:43 AM



“ Always enjoyed his kindness and smile.

Bill and Linda Beeler



Billy Beeler - October 03, 2020 at 01:57 PM

PH

“ Will always love Hartsell . What an inspiration to all he came in contact with. A very gentle man , and loving. Will miss his wisdom. Rest In Peace Hartsell. Lois , Christy , Kyle and Family we know where he is going without a doubt.

Pam Phillips Henderson - October 03, 2020 at 03:21 AM



Well said, Pam. Amen.

Sandie Olson - October 10, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Hartsell Alton Johnson.*



October 02, 2020 at 10:16 PM



“ *Another one of the saints called home. I will miss his wonderful singing voice and beautiful auburn hair. Such a great man who spread the love of Jesus everywhere he went. My heart goes out to Lois, their children and all the family.*

Brenda Danielson - October 02, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers to your families at the loss of Reverend Johnson. What a blessing he has left through his ministry.*

AK, Shirley Armstrong - October 02, 2020 at 10:31 AM



Dedicated, cheerful, friendly... a man after God's own heart.

Sandie Olson - October 10, 2020 at 11:50 AM

CS

“Hartsell was so very special! I was blessed to have been taught so much by him. I watched him study the Bible for hours preparing for the classes he taught at NWOSU, devotionals for our Bible Chair group, and sermons. I was amazed at his knowledge and how he applied it. I remember one time he told me that no matter how much he studied that he always learned something new. I got to be a part time “secretary “ for him. My typing skills have greatly improved since then. It was a challenge reading his writing:) Anyone who knew him very well knows what I’m talking about. So many memories of him and Lois. Hartsell and Lois drove all the way down to Pleasanton, Texas just to see me. They came to worship with me. This was 27 years ago. They sat with me and prayed for a husband for me. Ron and I have been married for 26 years now . We met not long after that prayer. Hartsell also performed our wedding ceremony. He loved acrostics. He did one of the name Stewart for our ceremony. I was hoping to get back up to Oklahoma in the next few months and was hoping to get to see Hartsell and Lois. I wish I could be there. Hugs to Lois! There’s no doubt he’s with our Lord.
Carol Stewart

Carol Stewart - October 01, 2020 at 09:33 PM



Thank you for sharing, Carol- what a beautiful heartfelt post. Hartsell was so very important in the establishment of the Bible Chair at NWOSU, wise and knowledgeable. He will be greatly missed by many. I didn't know your story - thank you so much for sharing.

Sandie Olson - October 10, 2020 at 11:53 AM

TH

“Met hartsell in the 60 when he preached for 14and adams in hutchinson ks he was a very good and godley man he baptised me and i always loved he and lois and their children may GOD bless you all till we meet again.

tom higdon - October 01, 2020 at 08:40 PM

PM

“ My deepest sympathy to Lois and Hartsell family! My Mother and Daddy (Bert and Leora Dryden) and Tony and I thought the world of Hartsell. He was a terrific minister, devoted servant and wonderful friend who is now at home with his Lord! My prayers of comfort to the family. Love, Pat Monsees

Patricia Monsees - October 01, 2020 at 07:07 PM

JB

“ Hartsell was our Bible Chair Director from 1971 to 1977 and beyond! He stayed interesting in how our family was doing all of these years! We will always treasure Hartsell and Lois and their precious impact on us! We will always love you, Hartsell and Lois!

Johnny and Jan Barker - October 01, 2020 at 06:54 PM

VW

“ Our sympathy and prayers to Lois and family. Hartsell was a true servant of the Lord and his faith and love for Jesus was shown in many ways. He will be missed in Alva. May his many loving memories bring peace and comfort to all his family. God bless all of you.



Virgil and Lavon Wiersig - October 01, 2020 at 11:11 AM

PA

“ Dearest Lois and family, I begin by extending my apologies for procrastinating a visit to Alva. Additionally, please accept our heartfelt sympathies and condolences for each of you at this “very difficult hour.” It’s our prayer that the grieving process will be eased by the assurance of the promised hereafter.

Your in Him,

Pat & Penny Andrews

Patrick Andrews - September 30, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Hartsell Alton Johnson.



September 30, 2020 at 04:57 PM