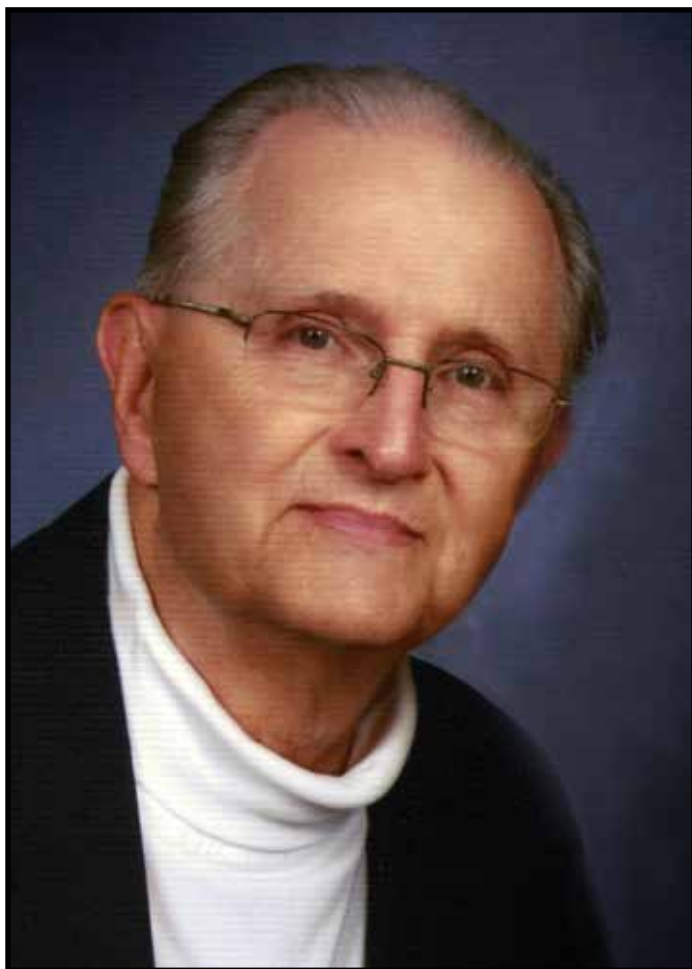


IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
ANDREW JOHNSON
SEPTEMBER 27, 1933 – JUNE 2, 2019



FUNERAL SERVICE
JUNE 7, 2019
11:00 A.M.
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
680 CALDER
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

Solemn Anthems

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth,
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;
and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God;
whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold,
and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself,
and no man dieth to himself.
For if we live, we live unto the Lord;
and if we die, we die unto the Lord.
Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord’s.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;
even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

The Celebrant says the following Collect, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Andrew, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from Lamentations (3:22-26, 31-35)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul;
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil;
My cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A Reading from Romans (8: 14-19, 34-35, 37-39)

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 556 (vs. 1-3) “Rejoice, ye pure in heart!” *Marion*

The Holy Gospel: St. John 3:1-2

Celebrant A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.”

Following the Gospel reading
Celebrant The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Prayers

Respond to every petition with Amen. The leader says

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace. ***Amen***

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. ***Amen***

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. ***Amen***

Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind. ***Amen***

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love. ***Amen***

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. ***Amen***

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. ***Amen***

Grant us grace to entrust Andrew to thy never-failing love; receive him into the arms of thy mercy, and remember him according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people. *Amen*

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. *Amen*

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with blessed Mark, and all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

Hymn 423 “Immortal, invisible, God only wise” *St. Denio*

The Commendation (*please stand*)

Celebrant Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,
People where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but
 life everlasting.

The celebrant continues

Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, “Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.” All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant and people

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant, with thy saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

The Celebrant says

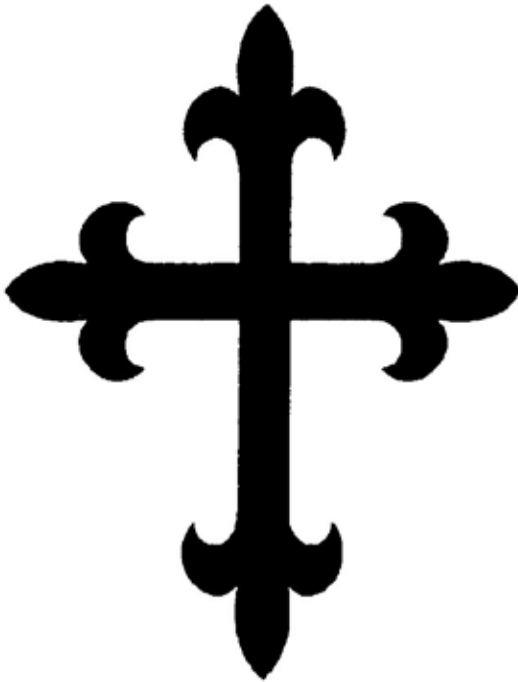
Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Andrew. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen*

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God

Hymn 680 “O God our help in ages past” *St. Anne*





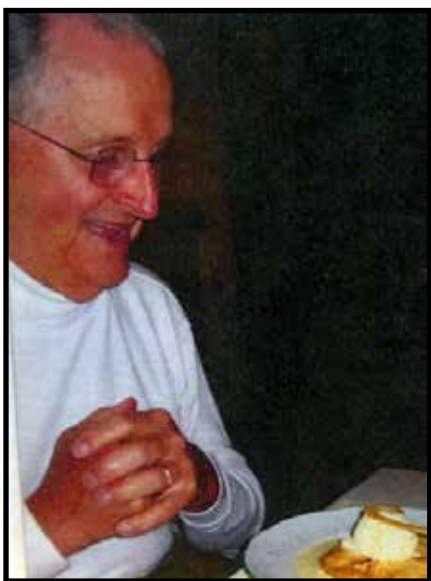
Dr. Andrew J. Johnson, a retired Professor of History and administrator of Lamar University died June 2, 2019. A native of Beaumont, he was the only son of his parents, Andrew J. Johnson Jr. and Lois Harper Johnson. He was born on September 27, 1933, attended public schools in Beaumont graduating from Beaumont High School in 1951 when he began his college studies at Lamar State College of Technology and transferred to The University of Texas graduating with High Honors in 1954 with a Bachelor of Arts in History and entered Indiana University where he received the Master of Arts degree in 1955. That year he began teaching at Schreiner Institute.

The same year Andrew and Betty Holmes, having dated from their days in high school married and moved to Bloomington Indiana where she began biological research at the university while he completed his graduate work on origins of the Contract Clause in the Federal Constitution. In the following nine years the couple continued to work together in what was resulted in the doctoral dissertation, “Life and Constitutional Thought of Nathan Dane”.

In 1987 this work was selected to be part of the American Legal and Constitutional History Series of Outstanding Dissertations.

In 1955, with an M.A, degree in History, the Johnsons were going to accept a first teaching post in Orange, Texas, but a friendly assist from U T professor Robert Cotner nominated Andrew to the faculty of Schreiner Institute in Kerrville, Texas. In their first year at Schreiner, along with a new family and both teaching and dormitory supervision, the military cadets referred to “Mad Dog” Johnson who was looking for a university in which to pursue a doctorate. Again, through the assistance of Professor Cotner he was awarded a generous grant from The Sothern Fellowship Foundation and went to Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore for the fall term of 1956 along with support from Schreiner for a full summer teaching assignment as well as a leave of absence.

The experience of graduate study in Baltimore was recognized to be a mistake and the grant was surrendered in early December so the Johnsons could move back to Texas and return to Schreiner which generously took them in residence in a cottage called the “crystal palace” and Johnson was a recruitment and admissions officer. After this term working with the Registrar Fred Junkin, the Johnson family returned to Hoon Hall’s newest apartment to which was soon added a Saint Bernard puppy, named Beauregard, who soon became a favorite mascot to many of the Schreiner cadets. Then at the end of the academic year the Johnsons returned to Beaumont where Betty and Laura spent the summer visiting with grandparents, while Andrew had a summer in graduate residence back in Bloomington, Indiana, starting on a different road to the doctorate. In the fall of 1958, at the age of 24 Andrew Johnson and his family returned to Lamar and lived among other young faculty members in a duplex near the expanding campus. In the next ten years of teaching at Lamar the young instructor and his family made many friends among the Lamar faculty, completed the doctorate from Indiana University, served with Dr. Roger Yerick as faculty sponsor to the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity and arranged with President F. L. McDonald for a leave of absence in the academic year of 1965-66 to enter the Graduate Library School at The University of Chicago to earn a second M. A. Then upon the retirement of Julia Plummer, Dr. Johnson was appointed University Librarian.



As Library Director, Dr. Johnson initiated a project to reclassify the library collection under the Library of Congress System and the expanding library soon had plans for was to be the John and Mary Gray Library. Also, the Johnsons spent summers in Austin where Dr. Johnson taught in the School of Library Science at The University of Texas. It was President Frank Thomas who asked Dr. Johnson to resign the selection to be the Librarian at A & M University and stay with Lamar as Academic Vice President in the summer of 1968.

That summer Professor Lloyd Cherry invited Andrew to membership in the Rotary Club of Beaumont. For the next half century, the service of the Rotary Club and its weekly Wednesday meeting was a regular part of the community life of the Johnson family. In 2020 Dr. Johnson was recognized for fifty years of perfect attendance in addition to his club service as historian of the published history in 2013.

In over thirty years of teaching and administrative leadership at Lamar State College of Technology and then Lamar University, Dr. Johnson served under six presidents: F.L. McDonald, Richard Setzer, Frank A. Thomas, John E. Gray, Robert C. Kemble, and Bill J. Franklin. As Director of Library Services, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for Administration, Vice Administration and Planning, Executive Associate to the President, Vice President for Administration, Personnel, and Student Services, Acting President, Vice President for Student and University Affairs, and as Assistant to the Chancellor the official titles changed over the years as the University grew. Dr. Johnson completed two decadal Self Studies for the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges. directed one EEOP and one NDEA Institute. In the decade of the 1970's, working with Dean Brock Brentlinger, Dr. Johnson organized and directed the University's Summer Travel Program which conducted classes in Rome and London. Dr. Johnson was an advocate of faculty and student travel abroad as part of a university education. As recent as 2014, Dr. Johnson and members of his family completed his 17th trip to Rome. Over the years, with his wife who achieved an outstanding career in Bio-Chemical research associated for over thirty years with UTMB the Johnsons traveled extensively, she more than he, to India, Tunis, Turkey and Tibet as well as two trips to China. Mrs. Johnson, on her own, made trips to North Africa, Central Europe and the Soviet Union in the 1990's.

In August of 1995, upon retirement from his academic positions of some forty years, Dr. Johnson took up a new career as "Nanny Andy" to his two grandsons spending his week days in Pearland, Texas, Even with a year of graduate residence in "grandfathering".



During his career years at Lamar Dr. Johnson worked with numerous organizations:

Beaumont Library Commission 1966-69

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Vestry 1967-73

All Saints Episcopal School Board for thirty-five years, Chairman 1974-75

Edison Plaza Museum Board 1985-89

Southeast Texas Arts Council Chairman 1989

Jefferson County Grand Jury Foreman 1981

Jefferson County Historical Commission 1976-89

The Moody Foundation, Galveston, Texas 1973-83

United Appeals of Beaumont -Budget and Admissions Committee 1970-88,
Chairman 1974-75

Gulf Coast Historical Society Editorial Committee 1965-68,
Vice President 1976-78

American Heart Association Beaumont Chapter Chairman 1971-72

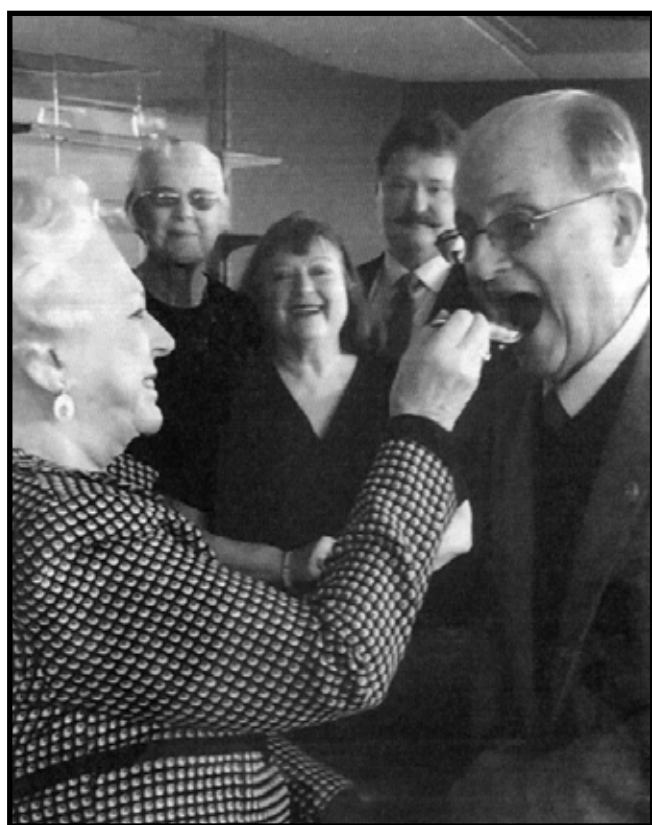
Beaumont Sesquicentennial Committee - City Chairman 1984-86

Tyrrell Historical Library Association Chairman 2003-04

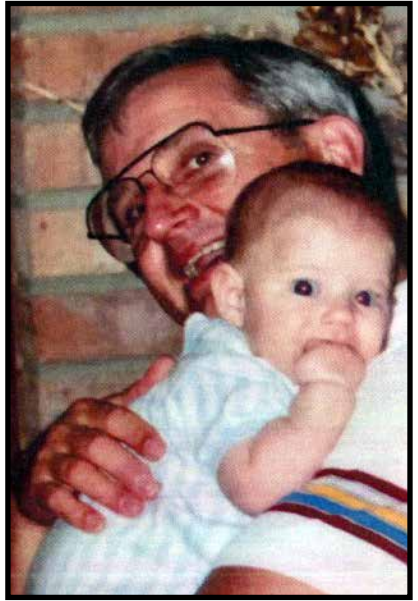
In the years since retirement from Lamar, Dr. Johnson continued community service in two areas: The board of The Edison Plaza Museum where he was a member for thirty years and also with the St. Mark's Thursday Morning Prayer Fellowship which he attended from 1998 into March of 2019.

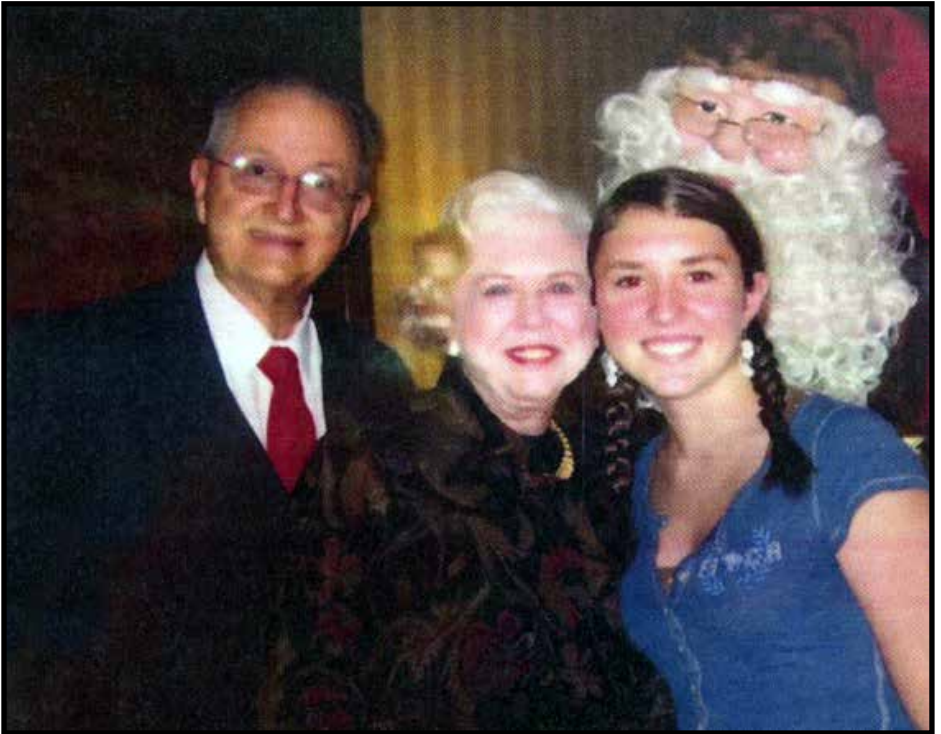
Survivors include his wife, Betty Holmes Johnson; daughter, Dr. Laura Johnson Stafford, her husband Dr. Ben Stafford, and granddaughter, Dr. Lauren Stafford Richardson and her husband, Alex Richardson; daughter, Letitia Johnson Farnie and her husband, Dr. Mark Farnie and grandson, Robert Andrew Farnie and his partner, Patricia Thornton and great-granddaughter Micaela Farnie and great-grandson Theodore Richard Farnie and grandson, Jay Michael Farnie.



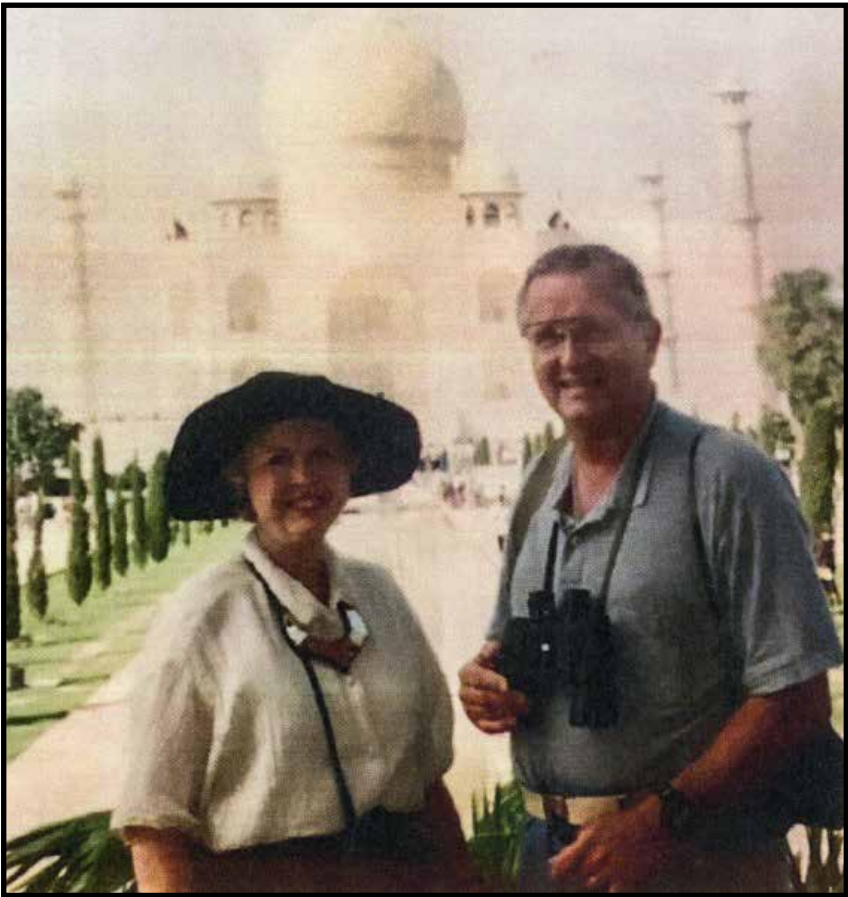


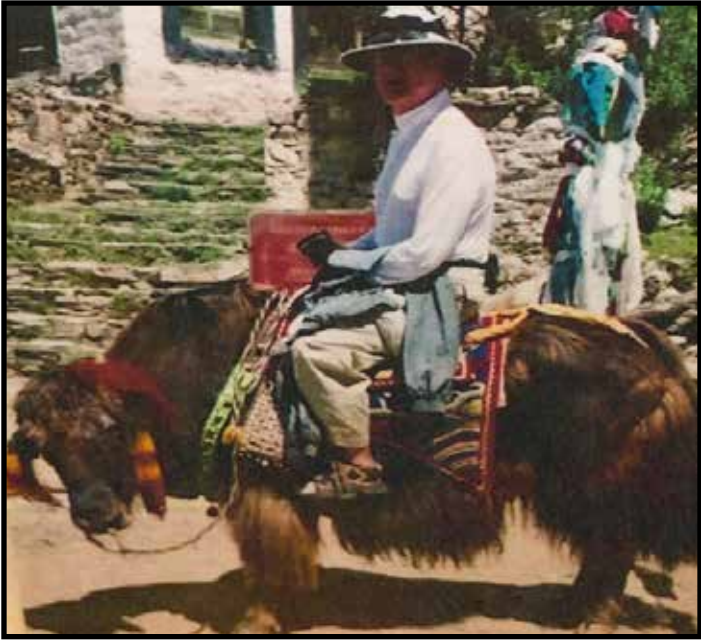




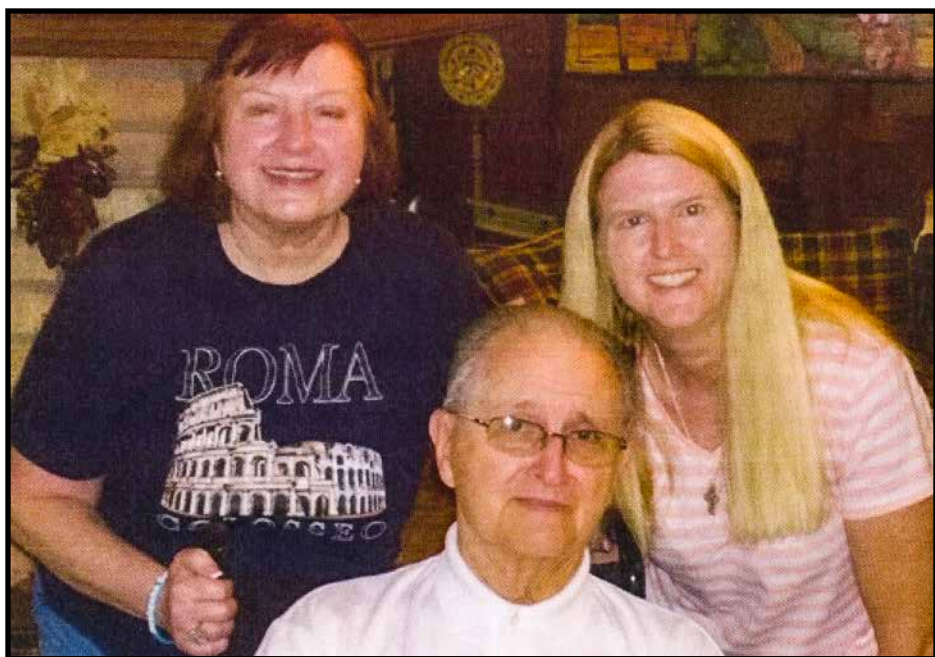
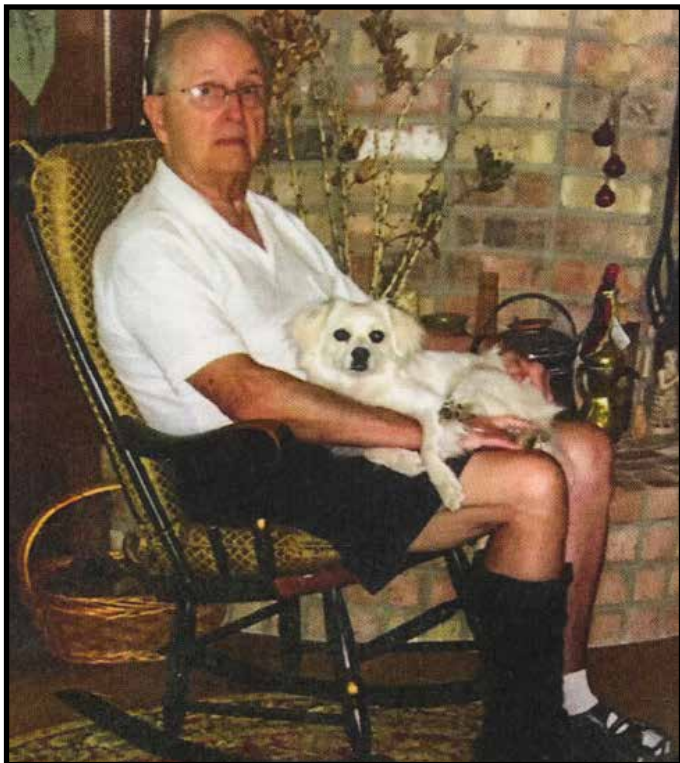


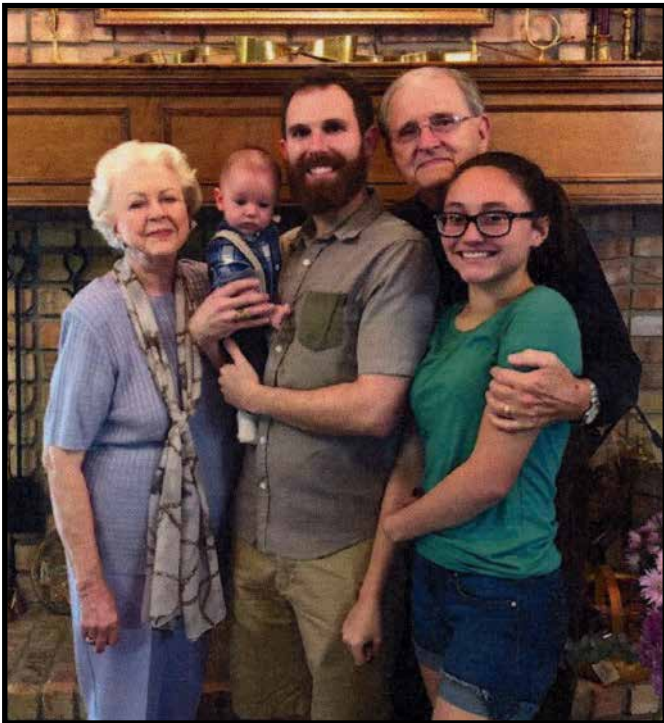
















Pallbearers

Dr. Ben Stafford
Dr. Mark Farnie
Dr. Lauren Richardson
Alex Richardson
Robert Farnie
Jay Farnie

Interment

Forest Lawn Memorial Park
Beaumont, Texas

Memorial Contributions

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
680 Calder
Beaumont, Texas 77701

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Lamar University's Mary and John Gray Library
www.lamar.edu/library



Please sign Dr. Johnson's guest book and share your memories at
www.broussards1889.com