



## Henry Johnson

November 7, 2008

Henry Cortez Johnson Jr., age 74, of Versailles, passed away Friday afternoon, November 7, 2008 at the Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles. He was born November 24, 1933 in Benton County, Missouri, a son of the late Henry Cortez and Bonnie Bias Johnson.

He was united in marriage on May 17, 1952 in Cole Camp, MO with Joan Darline Schnirch, who preceded him in death on January 17, 2002.

Henry worked for Cramer Chair Company in Kansas City, KS for 20 years, and was a member of the United Steel Workers of America Union. He moved to Stover in 1975 where he owned and operated Central Missouri Roofing Company from 1975 until his retirement in 1998. He loved Country Music, singing, and playing his Old Rhythm Martin Guitar. He was born with a gift of musical talents, as he could not read music but could listen to a song and play it. He played almost all stringed instruments, including his rhythm guitar, electric guitar, mandolin, do brow, fiddle, banjo and steel guitar and owned all instruments at one time, and taught a wonderful legacy of love. He was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Kansas City, KS prior to transferring his membership to Faith Lutheran Church in Stover. He dedicated his life to God in the 1970's.

He is survived by two daughters, Linda Miller and husband Duane, and Jennie

Sue Ellis and husband Pat, all of Versailles, MO; one brother, Frank Johnson of Kansas City, KS; three sisters, Patsy Bishop of Eldon, MO, Judy Lutjen of Sedalia, MO, and Bonnie Sue Rickerson of Linn, MO; four grandchildren, Trent Miller and wife Sarah, Jessica Gerlt and husband Todd, Kari Loganbill and husband Brandon, and Joshua Warnke; two step grandchildren, Sam Ellis and Joseph Ellis; one great granddaughter, Ashlyn Gerlt, many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents and wife he was preceded in death by two brothers, Goodson Merriott and Elwood Johnson, and five sisters, Margaret Allen, Ellis Lee Marriott, Elizabeth Askins, Juanita Johnson, and Virginia Johnson.

Funeral services were held at 12:00 noon Monday, November 10, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles, with Pastor Dave Zapf officiating. Vocal recordings of "Go Rest High On That Mountain" by Vince Gill, and "I'll Fly Away" and "When We All Get To Heaven" by Alan Jackson were played. Interment was in the West Lawn Addition of the Versailles Cemetery. Pallbearers were Danny James, Randy James, Eddie James, Lannie Askins, Ricky Askins and Steve Hodges, with his grandchildren serving as honorary pallbearers. Sympathy condolences may be sent at [www.kidwellgarber.com](http://www.kidwellgarber.com). Memorial contributions are suggested to the Henry C. Johnson Memorial Fund for a tribute in his memory. Arrangements were under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.