



James "Jim" Dale Johnson, 71, of Lebanon, IN, passed away April 24, 2017, at his residence.

Jim was born on Nov. 25, 1945 in Tahlequah, OK, the son of the now late Roy and Bonnie (Philpot) Johnson. He was married to Alberta Bickell. They met forty years ago at a bowling alley in Cushing, OK and six months later were married. She survives.

Jim played college basketball and baseball at Bacone College and Oklahoma Baptist University. Following graduation, he was a high school teacher in Cushing, OK where he also coached several sports and taught science. He served in the National Guard from 1967-1972 and worked as a supervisor-inspector for Shell Pipeline Corporation from 1973 until his retirement in 2015. Jim loved to play golf and enjoyed watching the St. Louis Cardinals play. During his younger years he coached summer baseball, many times with his boys participating in their sports activities. Later in life he enjoyed watching his grandkids participate in tennis, football, softball, volleyball and cheerleading. There wasn't a person who didn't like him.

Survivors include his wife, Alberta, children: Jeff Johnson of Troy, IL, Jennifer (Jeff) Stewart of Lebanon, Mike (Michelle) Beard and John (Amy) Beard, both of Lebanon; grandchildren: Jenee Johnson, Madi Johnson, Max Johnson, Justin Stewart, Cassidy Stewart, Matthew Beard, Katie Beard, Tommy Beard and Lane Beard; and a sister Sue (John) Odle of Kansas, OK. Also surviving were his much beloved dogs Copper and Sugar.

Family and friends will gather Saturday, Apr. 29, 2017 for visitation from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. and services will be held on Sunday, Apr. 30 at 2 p.m. in the Strawmyer & Drury Mortuary, 2400 N. Lebanon Street, Lebanon. Jim will be laid to rest at Salem Cemetery in Zionsville. You are invited to visit the website www.strawmyerdrury.com where you may sign his online register and leave a personal message. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.