



Edward “Ed” Johnson

March 6, 1946 – June 26, 1966

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Young Johnson was employed by the Park Avenue Service Station here, and was a member of the Hinton High School football team that played for the class AA championship at Charleston in 1962. He played a defensive end position and was described by Coach W. L. Garten as being an outstanding performer.

Johnson had gone to the lake area with Ricky Eades and Miller Murrell, but they were not together at the time he drowned.

Witnesses said that Johnson was playing in the water with the young sons of Tod Dobbins and Tommy Clinebell when he drowned. The small boys said that they saw him go under, but thought that he was just playing when he failed to surface immediately. It was then that they told persons on the beach, and men in the area stated diving in an effort to find the body.

Meanwhile the Hinton Rescue Squad was notified and were successful in finding the body shortly before 4 p.m. about 45 minutes after arriving on the scene.

Dr. J. W. Stokes determined that when Johnson dived into the water, he struck his head against some object in the water that dazed him and caused him to drown.

Born March 6, 1946, at Sandstone, he was the son of Gwendolyn Frantz and Dolphus S. Johnson of Brooks and had lived all his life in this area. He was a member of the 3rd Howitzer 150th Armored Calvary of the West Virginia National Guard.

Surviving in addition to parents are two brothers: Jerry of Buckhannon, Curtis W. of Newton Falls, Ohio; seven sisters, Mrs. Barbara Cales of LaMarada, Calif., Mrs. Nancy Neely of Hinton, Miss Maxine Johnson of Clifton Forge, Va., Mrs. Annabelle Bennett of Huntington, Mrs. Mary Alice Tucker of Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Dorothy Tucker of Columbus, Ohio, Miss Linda Johnson at home.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors, with Mr. George Erwin, of Princeton officiating.

Burial will follow in the Fox Cemetery at Brooks.