

## **Noble Doc Johnson's obituary that was inside the card at the funeral**

Noble Doc Johnson was born on Oct. 13, 1913 in Brown, Oklahoma. His nationality was Swedish, Cherokee Indian and Blackfoot Indian. His mother was Easter Levine(Lavinia) Christopher and father was James Thomas Johnson. Noble was the 11th child of 16 children. His youngest sister, Zula Walkup, is the only surviving sibling and currently lives in California.

Noble's family were share croppers and he worked as a child picking cotton. He was very skilled at picking cotton, he could pick up to 600 pounds a day. Their family traveled by covered wagon back and forth from Texas to Arkansas, but lived most of the time in Texas.

At one time his family lived on a houseboat and 2 weeks after they moved, it sank. The children had been picking off the tar, holding the boat together, using it for chewing gum.

Noble came to know the Lord, as a young man during a brush arbor meeting in Meza, Arizona. Brush arbor meetings are revival meetings where trees and brush were used to build a temporary outdoor shelter for people who came to hear the word of God. He became an evangelist and a pastor in his early 20s. His first church was in Earlimart, California. He was a self-taught carpenter and built numerous houses and churches in California, Arkansas and Missouri. He also owned a 320 acre dairy farm in Missouri with 35 milk cows. His grandchildren loved being with him at that dairy farm and have many fond memories of that time.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife, Sibyl Louise Johnson. They were married on Dec 23, 1935 and celebrated their 59th anniversary prior to her death in 1995. Barbara and infant son Edward both preceded him in death. He has 18 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren, 6 great great grandchildren and 2 great great great grandchildren.

Noble has spent the last several years living with his daughters, Louise, Charlene and Darlene, enjoying time his family. Recently he had 2 dreams that Sybil came to him and told him she was waiting for him, she couldn't stay, but he would come to see her soon. He also told of his heavenly mansion. Being a modest man and carpenter, he used common materials to build his houses, but his mansion was 8 stories high up on a hill built with multiple angles. The path that leads to it was made of gold stones inlaid with precious gems and the same gold stones lead down to the river. His mansion had marble floors as well as floors made of a material that were indescribable for him, brass gates and railings, a huge room with 28 windows, flowers so beautiful he could not even describe them. He could see Jesus in the distance.

A story he told to his family was that he had a visit from an angel telling him he would live another 12 years; at that time he was 83. Noble left his family and moved on to his heavenly home at the age of 95 years. His family and friends will miss him but know that he is having his reunion with his beloved wife and other family members in Heaven. One day we will all be reunited and walk that path with him.

*Additionally from Cheryl Zeimer, a descendant: My grandpa was a very special man. I always looked up to him and thought he was very handsome, even when he passed away. I was very fortunate to be able to with him when he passed away. He was a very spiritual man and even when he was sick and dying, once in a while he would just say, "Praise God". He went into the hospital because he broke his hip and had to have hip surgery, he came through the surgery just fine, but declined soon after that. But while he was in the hospital one evening, he opened his eyes and started singing a worship song. He had been looking forward to seeing my grandma, his sweetheart, in heaven for a long time. Every time I hear the song, "Beloved Wife", I think of my grandparents. I believe they had one of the greatest loves I have ever known.*