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Memorial services for Mr. Kenneth Travis Johnson, Sr. will be held at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at New Life Community Church with Dr. Gary Baldwin officiating, under the direction of Hixson Brothers, Alexandria.

Mr. Johnson was born June 16, 1933 in West Palm Beach, Florida and passed away Saturday, November 21, 2015 at his home in Pineville, Louisiana.

Ken played baseball all his school years and upon graduation from High School, was drafted into the Army for 2 years at Fort Jackson in Columbia South Carolina. That is where he met his wife of 60 years, Lynn who at the time was attending the University of South Carolina. Joanna Lynn Ergle was studying education when they married March 11, 1955. After his stent in the Army, he started AAA baseball and played for 4 years until he was drafted into the "Big League" with the Kansas City Athletics. He played for the Cincinnati Reds in the World Series against the Yankees. He played four years with the Houston Colt 45's/Astros, where he pitched a no-hitter and lost the game. He played four years with the Atlanta Brave with Hank Aaron. He retired from baseball in 1970, and worked for Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida and then came to Pineville to work at Louisiana College as an assistant baseball coach. He was a deacon at his churches and at New Life Community Church, he had a very active nursing home visitation for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Lynn, two sons, and one daughter, Ken, Jr, Rusty and Janet; grandchildren, Dr. Jason Johnson from Memphis, Tennessee, Kelly Bentley from Pineville, Beth Maurey from Pineville, Jennifer Phillip from Lake Charles, Jillian and Jalayne Johnson from Lake Charles; great grandchildren, Kassidy Bentley from Pineville, Collin Maurey from Pineville, Carter and Evan Phillip from Lake Charles and Eden Johnson of Memphis; brother, Ernest Henry Johnson, Jr.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest H. and Marjorie Lois Travis Johnson; sister, Shirley Zorzi.

In Lieu of flowers donations may be made to New Life Community Church, 4210 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria, LA 71303.

To extend online condolences to the Johnson family, please visit us at www.hixsonbrothers.com.

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