

**IN MEMORIAM
RUSS M. JOHNSON
SEPTEMBER 11, 1909 - OCTOBER 25, 1996**

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church, at its meeting on December 9, 1996, formally took note of the life and work of one of its members, Russ M. Johnson, by passing the following Resolution.

WHEREAS, our fellow Ruling Elder and friend, Russ M. Johnson, has left us for "the land that is fairer than day"—where there is no grief or pain.

WHEREAS, his whole life was centered in this Church, he having served as a deacon from October 17, 1937 until April 29, 1951, when he was installed as a Ruling Elder, and having given outstanding service and leadership in those capacities until the time of his death, and having served as chairman of various committees of the Session, including the Budget Committee, and the Finance Committee; and having ably served as a Presbyter at various meetings of our denomination's Presbytery and General Assembly, and having served for many years as chairman of the Board of Annuities and Relief of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

WHEREAS, he was united in holy matrimony to Rosalind Hutton, and there was born of that union a daughter, Martha Ryburn Johnson, who had four daughters, namely Martha Rosalind Stainton; Sarah Ryburn Stainton; Mary Gwin Stainton; and Amanda Hutton Stainton; and said daughter and granddaughters were brought up and nurtured in this Church and accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord and became members of this branch of God's kingdom.

WHEREAS, his said wife's health deteriorated in the latter years of their marriage, and he faithfully and lovingly attended to her until the time of her death.

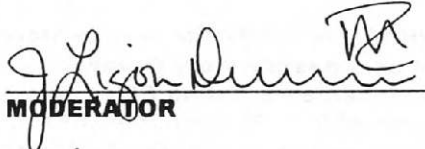
WHEREAS, though he had a busy and demanding schedule by virtue of holding very important offices with the Deposit Guaranty National Bank, including having served as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of that bank, he was never too busy to perform with distinction work in his Church, which he loved dearly, and he was recognized as a leader within the Session because of his wisdom and because of his

very evident love of the Lord, whom he sought to honor and serve in his daily family, professional and social life.

WHEREAS, his leadership, duration and dedication to his Lord and Savior has been an inspiration to the members of this Session and the example that he set is one to which we can all aspire.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this memorial set forth the above facts and sentiments as a permanent record on the minutes of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, and that it be sent to members of his family, and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Mississippi Valley Presbytery.

The above and foregoing was unanimously adopted by the Session of the First Presbyterian Church on the 9th day of December, 1996.



MODERATOR



CLERK OF THE SESSION

