



## Kent Mauntel Johnson

December 28, 1954 - September 22, 2009

Kent Mauntel, son of Lorraine H. (Bowman) and Kent Mauntel Johnson Sr. was born on December 28, 1954 in Alva, Oklahoma. He passed away suddenly at his home in Albany, New York on the 22nd of September at the age of 54 years, 8 months and 25 days.

He attended the Alva Public School System and graduated with the class of 1973. He then attended and graduated from Oklahoma State University receiving his Business Degree.

Kent was married to Patty Griffin. Following their marriage they lived in Alva where he worked with his father and owned Kent W. Johnson & Sons.

He managed the Alva Golf & Country Club before moving to Albany, New York where he worked for Farm Family Insurance Company in Glenmont as an underwriter.

Kent was a member of the First Methodist Church, and an active member of the Rotary Club.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Karen Schmidt on June 29, 1995, his father on February 21, 2006 and an uncle, Norville Johnson on April 19, 1982.

Kent is survived by his mother Lorraine (Lorrie), a sister, Gwenell of Alva, two children, Michael and Aimee Griffin, and Tommy and Erica Griffin, three nieces, three nephews and their spouses, Pam and Rick Dilbeck, Curt and Tina Schmidt, Mark Schmidt, Jeremy and Amy Burroughs, Carly and Kevin Dodds, two cousins, Chris Johnson, David Johnson and his wife Louise and a very special friend, Elisa Dellavecchia, of West Hartford, CT., other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that Memorial contributions be made in his memory to the First Methodist Church Walk to Emmaus.

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# Previous Events

## Burial

SEP **26.** 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
626 College Ave.  
Alva, Ok

# Tribute Wall

SW

“ Kent was a special friend. We first met when he worked for Southwestern Bell in Tulsa. I was pleased when he agreed to come West and worked with me at Contel for a few years. He called me a few months before he passed away and as usual we had a wonderful conversation sprinkled with the usual Johnson humor. We shared many good times, one in particular was our attempt to climb Mt. Whitney in late fall and getting caught at 12000 feet in the seasons first snow storm.

When I had cancer twenty years ago and was not expected to live Kent was there offering his support. I always thought of him as the strong friendly bear and was very saddened by his passing. Kent you will be missed.

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**Steve Welch** - June 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I am so sorry to here of Kent's passing. He was my first cousin.

My sympathies go out to Lorraine and Gwenell.

Doug

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**Doug Bowman** - November 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Dear Gwenell, Lorrie, friends and confidantes of Kent,

*The day I learned Kent had made his transition to a higher form, I looked at the photo of his grandmother/ my great-aunt Grace and his great-uncle/my grandfather Monty as smiling children and thought how delighted they must be to welcome Kent home to their hearts! He will always live on in all our hearts-- yes, he was a lovely man, and he paid me the highest compliment when he told me that my book, BACK TO THE GARDEN, had "inspired (him) to take some bold steps (himself), to move beyond his comfort level..." just a few years ago. We know Kent was, and IS blessed.*

*Love, Cousin Patrice*

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**Patrice Dickey** - October 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Dear Gwen, Lorrie and Family,

*It has taken me a couple of weeks to gain my ability to write to you; I have been speechless. I was so hoping to get up to see Kent, since Philadelphia is only about 5 hours away. Life is precious; for a number of reasons, it didn't happen. That makes me quite sad. I am sending you my love and more... I consider myself lucky to have known Kent as our boy cousin, "Little Kentie," and to have had the privilege of knowing him through you, Monty and all of the contributors to this guest book so far. May he rest in peace and grace with Jesus - our Savior. I know he's ok, and I imagine relieved of the burdens. We will all miss him and rue the lost opportunities to have gotten to know him better. Best to all of you who loved him, SB, (daughter of cousin-once-removed, Mary Beth Mauntel & Joe Dickey)*

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**Susan (Susie Beth) Dickey-2nd cousin** - October 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ To The Family of Kent Johnson:

*I had the pleasure of working with Kent. He was a wonderful man with a great disposition. He will be missed. He means in our hearts, words and prayers.*

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**Cheryl Kowalski** - September 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Kent was a wealth of knowledge way beyond his years. Our thoughts & prayers are with you.

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**Trooper Jimmy & Julie Davison Helm** - September 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Kent was such a lovely person. We played scrabble together on-line. I found him to be very understanding; he helped me a lot when my mum died on Christmas eve 2008. He had a tremendous faith and knew he would be ok if he left us. I really, really liked him, although we had never met. From Carol in England.

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**Carol Perrin** - September 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Kent was a wonderful person. I will miss our chats at his cubicle. He was a funny, positive man who always encouraged me to live my best life.

*I hope he knows how many lives he touched.*

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**Shelby Dodd** - September 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Kent.....here it is almost a week later and I am still having trouble coming to grips with your passing.

*I've known you for just over a year, but you make friends feel like they have known you forever.*

*You were a good friend, a confidant, a fellow Conservative, a mentor, and of course my own private golf instructor....*

*I am missing you very much. I know you are in God's hands*

*Your friend,*

*John*

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**John Hansen** - September 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ *Caring thoughts are for your family at this time of sorrow. May you find comfort in your loving memories. Our deepest sympathy is with all of you.*

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**Virgil and Lavon Wiersig** - September 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *In Memory of Kent Mauntel Johnson Jr.*

*(December 28, 1954 - September 22, 2009)*

*How many revolutions has Earth spun  
since you first cried and captured your first breath?  
Just barely enough times before sure death  
stole you away from friends and from the sun.*

*Word-wizard and a maestro of expression,  
unscrambling anagrams with the same joy  
as playing sports when you had been a boy,  
you hoarded words even as the progression*

*of illness took its course. I heard you'd played  
the trumpet, though I never had a chance  
to listen. I have had a fleeting glance  
at your charisma. If you were afraid,*



*I never saw it in your eyes. But I  
was hoping you'd hold out for a new heart.  
I prayed the docs would give you a new start.  
You paid attention. Gave it your best try.*

*If only I could have prevented Earth  
from orbiting. But you'd removed the fear  
with faith. You trusted God was always near,  
to end discomfort, aid you in rebirth.*

*Now, as I've written this for you, I'll write  
a thousand more. My words will be your words.  
They'll mount the air and soar like joyous birds  
and touch you in that dark of timeless night.*

*May you rest in peace.*

*Martin Elster*

*23 Sept. 2009*

**Martin Elster** - September 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Dear Family:

*What a beautiful service today in honor of Kent. It was amazing and I feel so honored to have known Kent over the last few years. I truly know that he had the heart of The Father in him as we shared our walk together via email and phone conversations. He was a true friend and I will miss him so very much. Our loss is truly God's gain in heaven.*

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**Terry L. Ross** - September 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dearest Lorrie, Gwen and Elisa,

*It is with great sadness that I share with you your loss--I was so fond of Kent, and am grateful that he and I had such a good and long conversation very recently. He was so brave, and loved the Lord so much, his faith in God was indeed priceless, and so it cheers my heart to know that he is resting in the arms of Jesus today, and reuniting with his dad and sister. He was my cousin Monty's son, and I remember calling him Little Kentie--he would get a kick out of that now!*

*I am honored to have known Little Kentie, and will so miss just knowing that he is around. God's blessings to you all in your loss.  
Love, Susan*

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**Susan Mauntel** - September 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ I am thinking of you today, as well as Gwen and Grandma Lorrie. You will be missed and I am sorry I couldn't be there for the service.

Pam Dilbeck - September 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Reading and agreeing with the nouns, adjectives Kent's friends have written warms my heart and gives a glimpse into the man he was. Rereading our past correspondence yesterday gave me laughter and tears. Kent had the ability to make everyone feel special, what a gift. I think it was Dr. Seuss who said, (Kent would know) "Don't cry because it's over, laugh because it happened." He will always be special to me and gentle on my mind.

Sheryll, S.C. - September 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I wish I had gotten a chance to spend more time with Kent and to have known him better. I liked him very much from the very first day that I met him about 4 years ago. He was a wonderful friend to Elisa and through her, I was lucky enough to spend a little time getting to know him. He was clearly a gentle, generous, kind and sensitive soul and a lover of animals too. He took great care of Wilbur. I was overwhelmed with sadness to learn of his illness. He was so brave to have faced it and to have gone on with his life as he did. He was such a caring person and most definitely a hero in his own life as well as in the lives of those he touched. He was extremely thoughtful toward me and I am grateful to have known him. Condolences to his family and Elisa.

jyll Kashmann - September 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *What a gentle and caring man. I know he is at peace now with God beside him. I will miss him.*

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**Cathy Martinek** - September 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *To the family and friends of Kent,*

*There was not a kinder and gentler man than Kent. He touched everyones heart in a special way. He will be missed always...*

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**Sheila Miller** - September 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Gwen, Laurie, Tommie and Mike, I know that Kent will be missed in all your lives. Our condolences.*

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**Doug and Brenda Brady** - September 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *Our world is saddened with the loss of Kent. His kind and gentle spirit touched those who knew him and he will be deeply missed. He brightened the day with a story to share or a question to answer...He was the one to ask if we needed to figure something out! Recently he said that he wanted to help someone every day making a difference in the world. He certainly did make a difference and was loved by many. He will never be forgotten. Rest in the peace of our Lord, Kent.*

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**Laura and Patrick Kearney** - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *I will remember Kent as a Lovely Man. He always greeted me with a smile and kind words. He will be missed by all at Farm Family who knew him. My condolences to his family.*

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**Mary Gross** - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ *Although we are no longer married we remain best of friends for all these many years. I will miss picking up the phone and calling him just to chat; but I wouldn't want him to be here still suffering.*

*I thank you, Kent, for being my boys "Daddy". You'll always own a piece of my heart.*

*Gwen and Lorie, my prayers are with you now and always.*

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**Patti Johnson Griffin** - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *All our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Kelly and Patty Pulliam** - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ *God Bless you all.*

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**Pam Lyon** - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *thinking of you and everyone who new you. I will cherish the memory I have of you. The first time I met you it was a beautiful sunny day at the beach in Connecticut. It was a fun and a relaxing weekend.*

*Thank you for all your love and support.*

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**joy wasz from CT.** - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *Elisa, My sincere sympathy in the lost of our dear friend. Kent was a very private person but we knew he cared deeply for your friendship. You are in my prayers. Dot*

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**Dorothy LaQuire** - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *Gwen and family, my sincere sympathy. We met when you came to Albany NY to see your brother and care for him. Kent is in a wonderful place now preceding all of us. We will see him again when it is our time to go home as he just did. Kent worked in the office space next to mine. He was always a gentleman. He was a gracious ear to talk to and friendly smile to see each day at work. Know others will miss your brother and I am glad I knew him the three years he worked at Farm Family Insurance Company with us. "Dot"*

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**Dorothy LaQuire** - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I was so sad to hear of Kent's passing. He always remembered when my sister and I were younger and we played with his boys.

*Mike and Tommy - Darcie and I are so sorry for your loss. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Diane (Lancaster) McAlpin*

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**Diane Lancaster McAlpin** - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ My condolences to the family and friends of Kent Johnson.

*Kent was one of a kind. I will miss him. His kindness, wit and knowledge were talents I'll never forget. He was wise beyond his 54 years and always had a story to tell.*

*My life has been enriched by our friendship. I thank God for him. We loved him but God loved him more.*

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**Joanie Darby-Hinson** - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ We will miss Kent's humour, knowledge and wisdom around and outside the office.

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**Dale Hassett** - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Kent wa a very special person and will be missed. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

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**Rita Burkes** - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ You will all be in my prayers. God bless you and keep you.

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**Tobi Hayes** - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ So deeply saddened by the loss of Kent...his life taken far too soon. He made a lasting, positive impact on those lives he touched. May you rest in peace Kent.

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**Jennifer Chafee** - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Kent was a kind and special man. He was always there to lend a helping hand. I will truly miss all the wonderful moments we spent together. May you share with Christ the joy of eternal life. With Love Mrs. B.

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**Phyllis Bagnaschi** - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ I will always remember Kent for his kindness, thoughtfulness and his wit. I will miss his friendship, chats, and our daily scrabble games. He will be always present in my heart.

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**John Netherton** - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM



MN

“ Kent was one of the kindest, gentlest people I have ever known and my life was definately enriched having known him and been his friend. My condolences to his family and friends. He will be missed at the Farm.

Maryann Naylor - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

IE

“ Kent was my mentor, in so many ways. The world will not be the same without his sage advice and outlandish sense of humor.

Ida Evans - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ My condolences go out to the family, especially his boys.

ELDA JONES - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Kent was such a kind, sweet person. It was always a pleasure to work with him. He had a wonderful charm and wit about him and had the ability to brighten the day of those around him. He will be missed by myself and many others here at Farm Family. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Ellie Williams - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Kent was a welcome and frequent guest at 929 Locust. He & my brother, Bob, had a friendship that spanned years and miles but remained true. The Reynoldses will miss him.

Katherine Reynolds - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Gwenell, so sorry to hear of the loss of your brother. I know this is a hard time for you and your mother. Prayers to all of you. Janette*

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**janette** - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DQ

“ *To Friends and Family of Kent:*

*I am so sorry for your loss. Kent was the kindest and the most soft-spoken man I have ever met. He had such a great outlook on life. Kent always kept a positive attitude considering what he was going through. We will miss Kent immensely here at Farm Family.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Debbie Quackenbush** - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *To the Family of Kent Johnson:*

*I had the extreme pleasure of working with Kent @ Farm Family Insurance. Kent was one of the nicest and most engaging people I have met. I could always count on Kent to bring a smile to my face on bad day. You and your family are in our prayers.*

*The Dubay Family.*

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**Jeremy Dubay** - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Kent will always be remembered here at Farm Family, he was a kind and positive man. I will always admire his strong will and determination. I will truly miss him. My heart goes out to his friends and family.

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**Trina Avalos with Farm Family** - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ We were so sad to hear of your loss. Kent was a wonderful kind man. He will be truly missed. We enjoyed having him at holiday gatherings.

*Our prayers are with you all at this time.*

*Ed & Bernice*

*Elisa's brother & sister-in-law*

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**Ed & Bernice Bagnaschi** - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Kent's Family...So very sorry to hear of the sudden loss of Kent..kind to everyone an always had a smile for you...a gentle giant..my prayers are with the family as they deal with this very difficult time...

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**Charlotte Holt Edwards** - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ *“Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,  
love leaves a memory no  
one can steal”*

*Elisa,*

*So sorry for your lose. We know what a great friend you had in  
Kent. Here for you--whatever you need.*

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**Heather J. Hyjek** - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ *my world feels so empty without you...you were my best friend....we  
shared so many wonderful moments together...you are without pain  
now...soar with the angels kent....until we meet again....with all the  
love a heart could possibly hold~i give to you*

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**elisa dellavecchia** - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Family and Friends: May you know we are thing of you. Always  
enjoyed having Kent at the Alva Golf & Country Club*

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**Bill and Linda Beeler** - September 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM