Dr. Lanny Johnson’s stated goal was to have a positive impact upon the practice of orthopedic surgery when he graduated from his residency at Barnes Hospital in 1964. He embarked upon a career including Hand Fellowship with Dr. Boyes, military service in the Air Force as a Captain, and then the clinical practice and teaching of orthopedic medicine from 1967 until his recent retirement, but still includes continuing research. His contributions are legendary and he remains an inspiration to us all.

Dr. Johnson has proven to be dedicated, hard working, a teacher, a healer, an innovator and pioneer. He was a pioneer in the development of arthroscopic surgical procedures at the knee, shoulder, elbow, hip and has touched the lives of many orthopedic surgeons as well as athletes, in a positive fashion. He has been a guest lecturer for numerous orthopedic conferences since 1977. In addition, Dr. Johnson has published various book, chapters and papers in a variety of peer-reviewed journals.

He holds membership in over 10 professional associations, and has served on a number of committees for AOSSM, AAOS, and AANA. Some of Dr. Johnson’s prestigious honors have been the Jack Breslin Lifetime Achievement Award in 1993 and the Community Health Care Service Award in 1990.

He has developed a reputation which spans the globe, at the same time raised a family, supported his Christian faith and changed the lives of certainly every orthopedist and quite probably most athletes in the country. There is not a more deserving individual for induction into the AOSSM Hall of Fame.

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