



## Donald Clarence Johnson

July 21, 1940 - January 20, 2024

Johnson

Donald C,

Age 83 of Maple Grove

Formerly Monument, CO

Passed away Jan. 20, 2024 in the presence of his loving wife, Shirley, after a 21 year battle with FTD (Frontal Temporal Dementia). Preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Opal; Grandparents, George and Daisy McIntosh, who raised him; brother, Robert; and a stillborn sister.

Survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Shirley (nee Aschim); son, Randal (Jessica); their children, Gavin, Ava, and Adelynn; son, Brad Lee (Allison); their children, Megan, Madeline, and Tyler; brother, James (Cheryl); niece, nephew and friends.

Don graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Physics from the UofM, where he was in the ROTC program.

After graduating, Don joined the Air Force, and married Shirley on Sept. 2 , 1962. He was assigned to the SAC, 20th Bomber Squadron. He flew on 22 missions over Vietnam, and 6 missions over the North Pole. Don received the Air Medal and numerous medal ribbons, retiring as a decorated Captain. After the Air Force, Don was employed as a project Physicist with Teledyne Engineering and retired from Boeing. Upon retiring, Don and Shirley travels

around the country in an RV, and took many trips and cruises all around the world.

An 11:00 AM Funeral Service will be held a Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 7401 County Road 101, Maple Grove, MN (visitation 1 hour before at church). Private burial At Hillside Cemetery, Minneapolis.

In Lieu of Flowers, memorials to the Church or the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration, 2700 Horizon Drive, Suite 120, King of Prussia, PA 19406.

View Funeral Service on church website at;  
<https://lordoflife.org/celebrationoflife>

[www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com)

Hillside Chapel

(612) 781-1999

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)

2600 19th Ave NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Lord of Life Lutheran Church (Maple Grove)  
7401 County Road 101  
Maple Grove, MN 55311

## Church Service

JAN 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DL

“ Shirley. We are out of town but wanted to tell you how sorry we are to hear about Don. Sending hugs and prayers. Your neighbors, Rick and Debbie Levchak

Debbie Levchak - January 31, 2024 at 03:53 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Clarence Johnson.



January 29, 2024 at 10:19 AM

TP

“ The NCI Gang In Brooklyn Park purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Donald Clarence Johnson.



The NCI Gang In Brooklyn Park - January 26, 2024 at 12:12 PM

NT

“ Nci T. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Clarence Johnson.

Nci T. - January 26, 2024 at 11:50 AM

JV

“ Jamie V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Clarence Johnson.

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Jamie V. - January 25, 2024 at 06:13 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Clarence Johnson.



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January 25, 2024 at 05:35 PM

EW

“ Eric and Lucy Wuebbels planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Clarence Johnson.

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Eric and Lucy Wuebbels - January 25, 2024 at 05:35 PM

LE

“ Such a sweet man! I'm so sorry for your loss.



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Leanne Edberg - January 24, 2024 at 03:53 PM

LE

So cute together. This was the summer party at Four Seasons July 23, 2022

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Leanne Edberg - January 24, 2024 at 03:55 PM

OK

*Oh Shirley, I know he absolutely adored you.*

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**O'Keefe Karon** - January 24, 2024 at 04:41 PM

PD

*I am so sorry for your loss, Shirley. I remember when you & Don took walks past our house right after we moved in. Always loved when he said , "my name is Don Johnson, just like the movie star." A very kind man & wonderful couple.*

*Peggy & Jim Doran*

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**Peggy Doran** - January 24, 2024 at 09:41 PM

VM

*Shirley, I just read Don's obituary and am so sorry. Our (Bob and I) hearts are saddened, but understand the circumstances. I just tried to call you, but perhaps your number has been changed. Every time a doe comes through our yard, we give it a little hand "wave" as Don use to do. Love to you. I pray that you're doing well.*

*Vickey and Bob Meeker*

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**Vickey Meeker** - September 06, 2025 at 11:57 AM

AN

“ So sorry for your loss

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**Anonymous** - January 23, 2024 at 10:48 PM