



## Donald William Johnson

January 22, 2015

Donald William Johnson

Born May 6 1930 to Henry and Marcella (Reiter) Johnson in Chicago, Illinois. He was particularly fond of the beagles they raised while living there. At age 12 the family moved back to Minnesota, and lived in St Paul. He served in the United States Army, from 1951-1953 and transferred to the Army Reserves in 1953. He was honorably discharged in 1957. He moved back to St. Paul, met, and later married MaryAnn Bernstetter (sweet little farmer girl- chuckle, chuckle - from Bluegrass, Mn) in June of 1956.

He started a "temporary" job at Jensen's Printing Co/McGill-Jensen's in 1954 and retired in 1991. He made many lifelong friends there, some of which he kept in touch with after they moved out of state.

He loved fishing, hunting and spending time "up north" in the country, sharing this love with his wife, all 5 children, grandkids, in-laws, nieces, nephews and family friends. And oh those stories he used to tell!

He and Mom liked to dance and loved to listen to Johnny Cash, Elvis, Merle Haggard and Marty Robbins, among others. Many stories can be told, with laughter, when those two things were combined with some "adult" beverages. A good time was had by all!

He was a very good man, provider, husband, dad, grandfather, uncle, friend. His friendly face and sense of humor will be dearly missed.

Preceded in death by:

Wife Maryann (Bernstetter) Johnson

Sister Diane Aguilar

Many Brother and Sisters in law

Survived by:

children- Gary (Dale) Johnson, Linda (Dave) Jablonski, Cheryl (Paul) Abrahamson, Kathy

(Tom) Arvidson, Barb (Steve) Braith;

Grandchildren- Kelly (Scott), Bob (Holly), Jake, Adam (Bri), Justine, Nate, Chris, Kaitlyn, Aaron;

Step Grandchildren-Amy, Chris, Steve;

Great Grandchildren - Keith, Ayden, Mary, Sullivan;

Many nieces, nephews and friends.

Traditional service Wednesday 1/28/15 at 1pm with visitation one hour prior at Washburn McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel 1827 Coon rapids Blvd. interment to follow at Morningside Memorial Gardens, 11800 University Avenue NE, Coon Rapids. 763-767-1000.

# Tribute Wall

DD

“ I worked with Don at Jensens for many years and have geat memories of the good times. He was helpful to me in many ways in the printing industry. Don was fun and always had a good sense of humor. Sorry I can't be there today but my sympathies to Don's family. Denis Dee

Denis Dee - January 28, 2015 at 08:53 AM

MP

“ Mike Pearson lit a candle in memory of Donald William Johnson



Mike Pearson - January 27, 2015 at 08:33 PM

MP

“ Even though it has been along time since we have visited Don, I will always remember him as a kind man. Many times when we were young adults, he or Mary Ann would call and tell us that the weather was bad. We lived in a mobile home at the time. They would tell us we better get out of the trailer and come to their home. (Their door was always open). We were often invited to many Sunday football games and dinner.

He was always willing to lend a helping hand with mechanics. Went fishing and deer hunting with Gary and I. Don even let me do the lettering on his boat "BRANDY WATER - SEVEN SPECIAL".

It's a shame these types of memories get buried in your brain until someone passes. You will be missed but not forgotten.

Mike Pearson



Mike Pearson - January 27, 2015 at 08:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald William Johnson.*



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January 26, 2015 at 08:04 PM

CP

“ *DON was a printer for many many years and when he died they rang the BELL! for don had already had his share of HELL!  
CHUCKER*

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**charlie peterson** - January 26, 2015 at 01:15 PM

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“ *Steph, Lisa, Tammy, Denise, Deb, Emily purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald William Johnson.*



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**Steph, Lisa, Tammy, Denise, Deb, Emily** - January 26, 2015 at 06:26 AM

PB

“ *There are many great memories I have of your dad. The time our families would get together, such fun times. Not to mention his love for his roses. I am sorry for your loss but the memories will be yours forever.  
Patty Bernstetter*

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**patty betrnstetter** - January 25, 2015 at 11:45 PM