



Edwin Johnson

October 9, 1936 - March 1, 2023

Edwin R. Johnson, born October 9, 1936, passed away peacefully on March 1, 2023 at his home in Scottsdale, Arizona, surrounded by his family.

In 1954, Ed was part of the first graduating class at Henry Sibley High School in West St. Paul. He went on to attend the University of Minnesota and graduated with honors from The School of Business. After a brief stint as an Auditor with the State on Minnesota, he began working at North American Life and Casualty Company, where he met his wife of 62+ years, Shirley Zuponic.

In 1968, he left the world of accounting to pursue a career as a stock broker, retiring after 50 years. His success in business was only surpassed by that as a devoted and intensely loving husband, outstanding father, wildly proud grandfather/great-grandfather, and trusted friend.

His passions and hobbies always revolved around people he cared most deeply about. Duck hunting and fishing with his father were the highlights of his formative years. World travel with Shirley, bridge, playing the ponies, and 19 years at the lake home in Wisconsin, where he watched his grandchildren grow from little people into successful young adults, were some of his favorite times. In the past 17 months, the apple of his eye was his first great-granddaughter, McKenzie Joy Denzer, who kept him going through

hemodialysis after being diagnosed with kidney failure.

To label Ed as honest would be a tremendous understatement. "Always tell the truth and you will never have to remember what you said" were words he told his children and lived by his entire life.

Ed is preceded in death by his parents, Edwin Walter and Clara Ann Johnson, father and mother-in-law Fred and Ann Zuponcic, niece Dawn Marie Farrell, sister-in-law Janice Grebenc, and cousins Jerry Schmidt and Glenn Schoonover. He is survived by wife Shirley, sons Dean (Marthe) and David (Janet), daughter Lori McNab, grandchildren Kayley (Jesse) Denzer, Katelyn McNab, Nick and Nate Johnson, Jack and Andrew Sandvik, great-granddaughter McKenzie Denzer, brother-in-law Fred (Karen) Zuponcic, nephews Jim and Peter (Lisa) Zuponcic, and cousins Bill (Laura) and Paul Schoonover, Gail Kamish, Gary (Linda) Gaisbauer and Mary Jean Schmidt.

A special thank you to Sage Hospice of Scottsdale, AZ, that allowed Ed to live out his life comfortably in his own home.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, April 28 at The Church of St. Edward, 9401 Nesbitt Avenue S., Bloomington, MN 55437. Visitation at 10 am, service at 11 am, with lunch to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made in Ed's name to Sage Hospice: <https://sagehppc.com/donate/> or The National Kidney Foundation: <https://www.kidney.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Lori's U.S. Bank Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edwin Johnson.* ”



Lori's U.S. Bank Team - April 27, 2023 at 06:09 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Edwin Johnson.* ”



April 26, 2023 at 05:46 PM



“ *Gayle Sweeney purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edwin Johnson.* ”



Gayle Sweeney - April 25, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edwin Johnson.* ”



April 25, 2023 at 12:50 PM

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“ Oh gosh, such a gem of a guy. So sorry to hear. From the meeting so many years ago when he brought you a ball of lint, Shirley (I hope I am remembering that silly story correctly.)

Much love,
Donna Foth

donna foth - April 10, 2023 at 10:28 PM