



Reverend Fred M Johnson

May 4, 1936 - March 19, 2021

Johnson, Rev. Fred M.

Age 84, of West Des Moines, Iowa, passed away on March 19, 2021. The eldest son of Morry and Bettye Johnson of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Fred and his three siblings (Gary, Sharon, and David) were among the five founding families of Bethany Fellowship, an evangelical ministry established to train, send, and fully support missionaries to advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world.

In 1957, Fred received a B.A. in theology from (what is now called) Bethany Global University, was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel, and was married to Elsie Wold of Minneapolis, who was also a Bethany graduate. Together, Fred and Elsie would have three sons: Joel, Jamie, and Jeff.

For the next 64 years until his death, Fred would labor faithfully in Gospel ministry, pastoring churches in New York and Iowa, leading literature ministries for Worldwide Evangelization Crusade and Bethany Fellowship Missions, working as a film representative for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, serving as the Vice President of High Adventure Ministries, helping build the first Christian radio station in the Middle East, and serving for 36 years as the CEO of World-Wide Missions, where he raised and directed over \$300 million to support starting churches around the world, Christian

orphanages and schools, pastoral colleges, AIDS ministries, disaster relief efforts, and the provision of food, clothing, and medicine to the poor and needy in over 50 nations.

Fred is survived by Elsie, his wife of 64 years; his two sons, Joel (Wendy) Johnson of Tolland, Connecticut, and Jamie (Janis) Johnson of West Des Moines, Iowa; 10 grandchildren: Brandon, Michael (Alyssa), Joel, Noah, Jacob (Lauren), Elizabeth (Joe), John (Keely), Victoria, Susan, and Joseph; and 11 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his sister-in-law, Becky Johnson; his sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Ron Asmus; and his beloved youngest son, Jeff.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord"
- Matthew 25:21

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 27th at 12PM with visitation one hour prior all at Bethany Church, 6900 Auto Club Road, Bloomington.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bethany Church
6900 Auto Club Road
Bloomington, MN 55438

Church Service

MAR 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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“ *Barbara Lilland purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Reverend Fred M Johnson.*



Barbara Lilland - March 23, 2021 at 11:06 PM