



George William Johnson

May 31, 1926 - August 18, 2020

Was born May 31, 1926 on Williams Hill in St. Paul, one of the seven hills of the city of St. Paul, that no longer exists, NE of the State Capitol. He was the only child of George E.M. Johnson, an immigrant from Nybro, Sweden and Agnes Mildred (Carlson) of St. Paul, Minnesota. George was loving husband to Gloria Lee (Hert) and caring father to Nancy (Blaine) Cooper, Ann (James) Stuart, William George and proceeded in death by son, Jon Sven. George was grandfather to Forrest (Samantha) Cooper, Leisha Cooper, Linsey Cooper, Lilianna Cooper, Tyler Stuart and Megan Stuart. George and Gloria valued and enjoyed their friends and family and were known for their wonderful hospitality.

George grew up in St. Paul during the depression years. He graduated from St. Paul Vocational School in 1944. During those years, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church through the Youth Group and Boy Scout Troop 72 many lifelong friends were made. George enlisted in the U.S. Navy, served in the Philippines and utilized his mechanical, electrical and problem solving skills to become ship electrician. He went on to graduate from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He worked as an electrical engineer for Kehne Electric Company, The State of Minnesota as an electrical engineer and director of property management and the University of Minnesota in charge of the primary electric systems for the University. His work included the lighting for the State Capitol of St. Paul and power distribution for the Minnesota State Fair as well as many other electrical

projects around the state.

George and Gloria helped establish and were charter members of Galilee Lutheran Church. George served on the Planning Commission of the City of Roseville. He was a member of the Roseville Kiwanis Club, where he served as president, and also the Golden K Kiwanis for many years. Known for his kindness, George was always available to help others with their needed repairs. He enjoyed remodeling his home on Lake McCarrons in Roseville, exploring his Swedish Heritage and owning a cabin on Horseshoe Lake near Brainerd.

In consideration of the COVID19 pandemic, there will be no funeral. Rather visitors are invited to a drive or walk by and pause to greet the family and if desired drop a note or card on Saturday, September 5, 11am-1pm at Galilee Lutheran Church, 145 North McCarrons Blvd, Roseville , MN.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Galilee Lutheran Church or donors choice.

Tribute Wall

SD

“ Remembering how it was always a pleasure to meet both George and Gloria at all the DRIVE functions.

Sue Doffing - August 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ So sorry for the Loss
Of your father.. reading all that he has done in his life time, he sounds like a wonderful father and a great community Leader. My Prayers are with all of you!

Kristi LaRowe - August 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Blessings to to you and your family!!! ♡♡♡♡♡♡♡♡

Paula Marnholtz - August 26, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Dear Gloria, Nancy and Ann. I'm so sorry to hear of your husband/father's passing. I'm sure you'll miss him, but you'll have many happy memories to remember him by. Sending best wishes and sympathy to you. Miss you guys. Hope you're well. Best to all of you. Audrey

Audrey Nelson - August 25, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ It was always fun talking to George at the many Johnson family gatherings we were invited to. He was a kind, patient and generous man who will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Joel Stuart - August 25, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Galilee Lutheran Church, in the heart of the Lake McCarron's neighborhood, celebrates our 60th Anniversary this year. We give thanks and praise to God for the life of our founding father, George Johnson. His lay leadership through the decades was instrumental in making this vision into a reality of planting a church to call home. Thanks be to God.

Dana K. Nelson - August 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Dear Gloria and family, we were saddened to hear of George's passing. I have so many fond memories of visits to your house, swimming in the lake, and of course, the multiple summers that I spent working at the office with George. He was such a kind and decent man. Gloria, you and George were good friends to my parents. David and I are with you in spirit as you go through this tough time. Prayers for peace for George and comfort for all of you.

Barbara (Kehne) Wollan - August 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Mrs. Johnson, Nancy, Ann, and Bill,

I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Johnson's passing. I remember his smile, gentleness, and his kind manner. Your family was such an important part of my childhood, we shared so many wonderful times growing up.

He will be deeply missed and you all are in my prayers.

Love, Roberta

Roberta Kehne - August 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ Founding father of Galilee Lutheran Church. My family and I are so grateful to the Lord for the life of George Johnson who, 60 years ago this year, answered the call from the Holy Spirit to orchestrate the planting of a new church in the heart of the Lake McCarron's neighborhood. And since that time in 1960, George never stopped guiding, supporting and loving the community.



Pastor Dana Nelson - August 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ I'm sorry to hear about your loss! May God hold your family in his arms during this difficult time. Hugs to you

LouWanna Osterman - August 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Gloria, Ann, Nancy and family. I'm so sorry Gloria to learn about the loss of your husband and Ann and Nancy, the loss of your dad. The shared memories on Facebook have been interesting to read and he was quite a wonderful sounding man that impacted many people. It's evident the two of you were so very well thought of for your kindness and positivity. Thinking of all of you.



Lori Fox - August 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *God's blessings on you as you travel this path on your journey of life. George was such an integral part of the community and will be missed by all who knew him.*

Sharell Babin - August 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *So sad to hear of George's passing. I remember him well from my time at Galilee Lutheran. I really enjoyed visiting with him. May the Lord rest his peace upon Gloria and the whole family during this time.*



Michael Hanson - August 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM