



Gerald Lee Johnson

March 27, 1931 - January 18, 2024

Gerald (Jerry) Lee Johnson age 92, of Eden Prairie, MN, went home to be with the Lord on January 18, 2024.

Jerry was born in Minneapolis, MN, on March 27, 1931, and grew up in the Powderhorn Park neighborhood south Minneapolis. In his youth, he loved photography and was involved in many sports such as competitive speed skating, playing football, basketball, and baseball. After graduation from Minneapolis Central High School in 1949, he went on to attend the University of Minnesota where he graduated with a B.A. in English and Speech in 1953.

He married Audrey Johnson in 1957 and had three sons, Brad, Blake, and Brian. Jerry was a Branch Manager with World Book Encyclopedia and volunteered at Grace Church in Eden Prairie. He and the family moved around the country, spending time in Burnsville, MN, Wheaton, IL, Downey, CA, and eventually coming back to Edina where he lived for 23 years. After retirement, he moved to Eden Prairie where he lived his remaining 30 years. He was an avid sports fan who enjoyed coaching his son's teams and keeping up with all the Minnesota teams. He was also a big booster of the teams when not coaching. He enjoyed watching his grandchildren's activities, sports, reading and walking.

He enjoyed traveling to many places with family and many friends. Some of

the places they visited were Spain, Morocco, Mexico, Rio De Janeiro, Hong Kong, China, Destin, FL, Maui, Hawaii.

Jerry had such an infectious personality and laugh. He had many cherished friendships throughout his lifetime and made an impression on many people's lives. He enjoyed meeting people and would frequently end conversations with "...don't take any wooden nickels", "keep 'em flying" or "you're the best in the west!".

Jerry was preceded in death by his wife, Audrey; son, Blake; and his brother, Don. He is survived by his sons, Brad and Brian (Wendy); six grandchildren, Matthew, Meghan, Kelsey, Derek (Nicole), Shaun, and Sarah; and two great-grandchildren, James and Chloe.

Jerry will be missed by all who were blessed by his life. He is now home with our Lord. There will not be a funeral service, rather a small private family celebration this summer.

Tribute Wall

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