



Orville Wright Johnson

July 22, 1931 - January 5, 2024

Johnson, Orville Wright, Colonel USAF

Orville Wright Johnson, 92, of Plymouth, MN passed away on January 5th, 2024. He is survived by his wife Marian, son Bradley (Lisa), daughter Kathy Cretzmeyer, and grandsons Kyle Cretzmeyer, Adam, and Andrew. A private funeral will be held on January 12th, 2024 @ Washburn-McReavy. "Our family has much to say about Orville. A personalized tribute to him is forthcoming". For those who wish, donations can be made to Mayo Clinic Rochester. Memorial gifts made in memory of Orville W. Johnson to Mayo Clinic for cancer research. Donations can be made by phone, online or by check. Checks can be written directly to Mayo Clinic and mailed to the following address:

Mayo Clinic
Department of Development
200 First Street SW
Rochester, MN 55905

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Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Prayers and Hugs Love Barnes Family*



Melissa Barnes Graves - January 16, 2024 at 06:29 PM

RO

“ *I had the great pleasure of meeting Orv my first day at Hope Lodge while at Mayo Clinic. His warm and friendly smile and engaging personality made it easy to want to get to know him. Our acquaintance quickly turned into a friendship that continued on after our time at Mayo. I learned that he was a man of many interests and abilities but what stood out to me was his love for the Lord. That was his most impressive and unforgettable character quality. I look forward to seeing my friend again one day.*

Robert Osthus - January 12, 2024 at 10:51 AM

BL

“Orv and I planned to meet up at a place neither of us had ever been and with little idea what the other looked like. When Orv walked in, I knew it was him. A gleam in his eye, that silver hair, and what I call a flight jacket. He looked over the room with confidence and a commanding stature. When I introduced myself, he offered that wonderful smile that communicated such warmth. He was a friend and this was our first eyeball QSO. That happens when two amateur radio operators who've communicated often on air (a QSO) have the great pleasure of meeting one another face-to-face. Orv was a wonderful encouragement to me and a great pleasure to have each day on the Christian Amateur Radio Fellowship net. In many radio conversations and occasional phone calls, the phrase he uttered more oft than any other: “my dear wife Marian.” We will miss him on our daily morning net. See you again my friend, but for now, one last time, “WA0ABG, 73 & 75 from Kilo- Delta-Zero-Hotel-India-India” (Brian Linn, President, Christian Amateur Radio Fellowship).

Brian J. Linn - January 11, 2024 at 07:47 PM

RM

“One of my favorite memories of Uncle Orv : many years ago when I was maybe 12-13 years old, my family visited Aunt Marian and Uncle Orv. It was my first time to visit their house, and I had no idea he could play the piano, which was something I aspired to do. After some shameless begging he sat down at the keyboard and from memory, effortlessly, played a classic popular melody. I was stunned that someone I knew could do that and it renewed my fervour to also learn how to play the piano. Thanks to Uncle Orv for showing me it was possible.

- Ron Marotte (320-291-1197)

Ron Marotte - January 11, 2024 at 12:14 AM

KC

Thank you, Ron for sharing that wonderful memory of Dad, and to learn how he inspired you. That's awesome. I'm sitting here picturing him playing. I too admired his talent so much. And, we loved dancing around the living room as he played his boogie woogie songs. It was so much fun!

Keep the music playing, Ron! ❤️ 🎹

Kathy Cretzmeyer - January 11, 2024 at 10:31 AM

SR

I remember all the wonderful visits to your house also. The 8mm movies that your family had was so fun to watch. It was always a treat to go to visit with the family! I remembered when we were very young and Karen and I was wearing matching dresses when we went to your mom and Dads 25th wedding anniversary . Big hugs to your whole family. Let Aunt Marian know you are all in our thoughts and prayers- LOVE YOU - Cherish those wonderful memories!

Sharon L Rakow - January 11, 2024 at 11:02 AM

BL

This is Bernie KBØL., Ogden, IA. I always had a very special relationship with Orv. My birthday is July 11, His was July 22, 11 days after mine. Orv was also 11 years older than me. Thus, we always joked about the number 11. He always had a great radio signal into my station, and he will be greatly missed as a fellow ham and a great friend. We also had many telephone conversations which I certainly enjoyed. May God Bless all of Orv's family.

Bernie Lewiston - January 12, 2024 at 08:44 AM

KC

“ *Our family has much to say about Dad. A more detailed/personalized tribute to him is forthcoming. <3 Daughter, Kathy*

Kathy Cretzmeyer - January 10, 2024 at 03:56 PM

KC

“ 20 files added to the album Family Photos - more to come . . .



Kathy Cretzmeyer - January 10, 2024 at 03:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Orville Wright Johnson.



January 10, 2024 at 09:45 AM