



## Raymond Francis Johnson

May 25, 1932 - December 29, 2021

Raymond Francis Johnson, age 89 of Hopkins passed away suddenly of a heart attack on December 29, 2021, shortly after arriving at the VA Hospital with his daughter, Stacy at his side. He always gave high praise of the Veterans Administration medical staff. He served in the Navy during the Korean War. Raymond, "Ray" was born May 25, 1932, to Clem and Agnes Johnson. He was one of eight children, so always had older and younger playmates. He loved to play baseball and enjoyed theatre.

Ray loved talking to people. He could pick up a conversation with anyone, which served him well as a bartender at Duff's downtown Minneapolis where he worked for years. He loved to golf and one of his most favorite volunteer activities was at the Burnet Senior Golf Classics where he volunteered for years with his brother Bob. They had lots of fun meeting world famous golfers. Ray was an artist. He loved creating special works of art for his friends at the Elks Lodge #2221, where he was a member. An unfinished work, a picture of Prince that he was creating for his daughter Stacy, was sitting on his easel when he died. It's still lovely, even in its unfinished state. One of his favorite things to do was try new restaurants with his daughter and have fun critiquing the artwork.

Ray was preceded in death by parents Clement and Agnes, sister Barb, brothers Clem and Bob.

He is survived by his sisters, Rita, Marilyn, and Jean, his daughter Stacy Ruth Johnson and her mother, Veronica Johnson.

Ray's sense of humor was infectious. He left a piece of his heart with all who knew him.

Memorials preferred donated to a charity of your choice.

There will be a brief service and interment with military honors at the Fort Snelling Cemetery, January 31, 2022, 11 AM.

Leave a message for his family at:

[www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com)

# Previous Events

## Interment

JAN 31. 11:00 AM.

Fort Snelling Cemetery

# Tribute Wall

ML

“ Ray was my older brother and to me he was always a Comedian. He could make people laugh at the drop of a hat. I best remember when President John F Kennedy was in office that Ray would imitate him perfectly and as I recall that memory, I still laugh. He was a lot older than me but he was always there at our parents home for almost all Christmas New Year's Easter whatever kind of holiday it was and as I recall he was usually late! I remember a couple articles he wrote for the Minneapolis Star & Tribune when he was a bartender at the Poodle Bar in downtown Minneapolis. His articles were usually at New Year's time when everyone had a hangover and he gave his advice. He was also a good artist. When he sent letters or postcards, he always had a cartoon or picture on all of them. I still have them all. I have not seen Ray for a while but I miss him. R.I.P. Brother 🙏

Marilyn Johnson Lantz  
Little sister  
Dana Point, CA

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**Marilyn (Kay) Johnson Lantz** - January 13, 2022 at 11:53 AM

KM

“ Stacy,  
  
Thinking of you and your family.  
  
Kelly M

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**Kelly Metz** - January 08, 2022 at 02:29 PM

AJ

“ *My condolences to you and your family Stacy. Sending love and hugs your way. ~Angelique Jackson ~*

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**Angelique Jackson** - January 04, 2022 at 08:12 AM

CB

“ *I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers in your time of sorry.*  
*Cindy Banks*

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**C Banks** - January 03, 2022 at 05:16 PM

LB

“ *Stacy,*

*I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your father.*

*You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Laurie Buck*

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**Laurie Buck** - January 03, 2022 at 04:52 PM



“ *Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Raymond Francis Johnson.*



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January 01, 2022 at 08:28 PM