



Raymond Johnson

March 24, 1931 - October 10, 2022

Raymond Johnson, age 91, passed away on October 10, 2022 surrounded by his family. Raymond was born in Benson, Minnesota on March 24, 1931 the son of Olof and Regina Johnson. He was the youngest son in the family of twelve siblings including brothers George, Rudolph, Marvin, Morris, Ingvald, Oscar, Frank and sisters Gerda, Mildred, Selma and Delores. Growing up on the family farm he developed his dedication to family, his strong work ethic, and his love of music playing together with all of his brothers. He graduated from Benson Senior High School and served in the Air Force. Following his military service he worked at Minnesota Linseed.

He met the love of his life, Evelyn Knutson, at a ballroom dance in Glenwood, Minnesota and they were married in 1956. Together over the next 63 years they built their home and life in Brooklyn Park and they raised four children, Lori, Julie, Brad, and Janelle. He attended Dunwoody Institute and studied carpentry and proudly spent his career working at Opus Corporation as a Master Carpenter. Ray used these skills to build a beautiful home and passed many of his skills on to his family. The children and grandchildren were often found in his workshop working next to him and they learned valuable lessons not only about the wood and tools, but also many life lessons, especially patience and pride in workmanship. Ray and Evie were members of Discover Lutheran Church in Brooklyn Park, actively participating and raising their family in faith over the past fifty seven years.

Ray was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend. His greatest joy was his family. He has been actively involved in the lives of his children, thirteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren with an eighth on the way. Ray and Evie would attend every event possible and would just burst with pride. For all of his family, the best moments and most difficult moments in life have been shared with him by our side; the feeling of love, compassion, pride, humor and pure joy he exuded will live forever in our hearts.

Raymond is preceded in death by his wife Evelyn; grandson, Matthew; and great-grandson Connor. He is survived by daughters, Lori (Mike) Wingert, Julie Benson, and Janelle (Eric Nelson) Crawford; son, Brad (Deb) Johnson; grandchildren, David (Meaghan) Wingert, Mark (Alexandra) Wingert, Nina Wingert, Amanda (Vincent Maertz) Thrawl-Maertz, Michael Benson, Kyle Johnson, Ryan Johnson, Kaitlyn Crawford, Zachary Crawford, Kamryn Crawford, Zander Crawford, Adin Nelson, Summer Nelson; great-grandchildren Ella and Emme Thrawl, Elsee and Eddgar Maertz, Hannah, Rowen, and Caden Wingert and many other relatives and friends.

Visitation Monday, October 17, 5-8 pm with Prayer Service 7:30 pm at Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel. Tuesday, October 18, Visitation 10 am; Funeral Service 11 am, at Discover Church, Brooklyn Park. Toni's Flowers Anoka (763) 421-3123.

Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapel 763-767-1000

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Visitation

OCT 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Discover Church
1400 81st Avenue North
Brooklyn Park, MN 55444

Church Service

OCT 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond Johnson.*



October 17, 2022 at 04:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Johnson.*



October 17, 2022 at 10:51 AM



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October 17, 2022 at 07:18 AM



“ *Rick & Kris Benson; Aleen Lohse purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of Raymond Johnson.*



Rick & Kris Benson; Aleen Lohse - October 16, 2022 at 07:24 PM

KJ

“ *Kathe & Jay lit a candle in memory of Raymond Johnson*



kathe & jay - October 16, 2022 at 07:16 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Johnson.*



October 16, 2022 at 03:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond Johnson.*



October 15, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond Johnson.*



October 15, 2022 at 02:40 PM

WP

“ *Lori and family,
We are very sorry for your loss and hope that your treasured memories live forever in your heart.
I remember how your dad's carpentry skills helped us make our first apartment a home! His help and good nature brought character to our boring living space. I'm very thankful that your dad and the rest of your family showed us all much kindness and generosity.
Wendy Peterson (college roommate of Lori)*

Wendy Peterson - October 14, 2022 at 03:20 PM

SS

*To the Johnson Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Ray was a wonderful Uncle and he will always hold a special place in my heart. With much love and deepest sympathy,
Sandie (Corbett) Spence*

sandra spence - October 17, 2022 at 08:16 PM

CS

“ *To Raymond's family, my thought, sympathy and prayers are with you all. Whenever I'd see him (and Evie), they were always so friendly and smiling. I remember how thankful they were that I would go visit Lowell, Evies brother. They are all reunited now.*



Carol Norman (Bevs sister) - October 14, 2022 at 11:47 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Raymond Johnson.*



October 14, 2022 at 11:10 AM

SF

“ Dear Lori, Janelle, Julie, Brad and all of Ray's family,
There's no words to adequately describe the heartfelt loss of a
father, grandfather, in-law or friend. We'll miss Ray's earthly
presence but always keep him close at heart. There's too many
memories to count! He was a man of such kindness, character and
deep love of his family. I hope the sadness today is quickly replaced
with enduring joy and peace for having been blessed with a
wonderful Dad and Grandpa who loved you all deeply every day of
his life. Love, Paul and Jill

Sweiven Family - October 14, 2022 at 10:32 AM



Thank you Jill... ❤️

Janelle Crawford - October 14, 2022 at 10:47 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Raymond Johnson.



October 13, 2022 at 09:27 PM



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



October 13, 2022 at 02:09 PM