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Vernon Forrest Johnson (83) of Ham Lake, Minnesota passed away on May 12, 2026.

Born on October 11, 1942 in the Swedish Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Forrest Vernon Johnson and Lucy Kathryn Klimek. He graduated from John Marshall High School in Minneapolis in 1960. After graduation he enlisted in the US Air Force. His initial assignment was maintenance for the Matador missile system in West Germany. After the first two years, he transferred to the American sector of Berlin, where he met the love of his life, Rosmarie Ingeborg Dorit Mittelstadt. They married there on April 24, 1964. He then worked in PMEL (Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory) for the next 20 years with domestic and overseas assignments. Vernon's last duty station was at USAFE Headquarters in Ramstein, Germany. He retired from the Air Force after 23 years of service as a Master Sergeant.

After retiring from the US Air Force, Vernon worked for the State of Wyoming Department of Agriculture in the Weights and Measures Office, as a Scale Inspector. In 1997, Vernon retired from the State of Wyoming and moved from

Cheyenne, Wyoming to Spanaway, Washington.

Vernon's wife, 'Rosie' preceded him in death in 2015. After her passing, he decided to move back home to Minnesota. He settled in Ham Lake and enjoyed catching up with his siblings Shirley and Tom, and their families. Vernon was a talented upholster. He especially enjoyed applying this skill to classic cars and boats. He was an avid fisherman, and he particularly enjoyed ice fishing in the winter.

Vernon is survived by two sons, Ingo Johson (Janis) of Vancouver, Washington and Roy Johnson of Goose Creek, South Carolina. A daughter Yvonne Daniels of Irmo, South Carolina and two granddaughters, Alyssa Cardwell (Tyler) of Springfield, Oregon and Haley Toole of Charlotte, North Carolina. Extended family members Lorraine Johnson of Mounds View and her children and Timothy Ramacher of Ham Lake and his children.

His internment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery will take place on July 21, 2026 at 11:30am.

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Upcoming Events

Graveside Service

JUL 21. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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