



Dr. Henry 'Hank' Johnson

June 28, 1935 - August 14, 2018

Dr. Henry 'Hank' Johnson, 83, a retired dentist and Traverse City resident died August 13, 2018, with his loving wife by his side.

Hank was born June 28, 1935 in Lansing to the late Harold and Mary (Cumings) Johnson. He attended Traverse City Central High School where he was a member of the marching, concert and dance bands. He was also a varsity athlete in football and basketball.

Boy scouting was a major part of Hank's youth. He earned Eagle Scout status and was tapped for the Order of The Arrow.

Hank attended Northwestern University on an ROTC scholarship majoring in chemistry. He was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

He graduated June 17, 1957, received his Navy Commission the same day, and married his high school sweetheart on June 22.

After fulfilling his commitment to the Navy, he attended the University Of Michigan School Of Dentistry. He was elected senior class president and was a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies.

Hank accepted a three year appointment as an assistance professor at the school of dentistry. The senior class of 1967 chose him to receive the Paul Gibbons Award for outstanding faculty member.

In January 1970 he opened his dental practice in Traverse City. After 27 years serving his patients, he retired and closed his office in 1996.

Understanding the importance of community service, Hank dedicated himself to the Local and State YMCA., serving as president at both levels. In 2016 he became the first inductee to the Grand Traverse Bay YMCA Hall of Fame in recognition for over 40 years of service.

Over the years Hank has also enjoyed memberships in the Kiwanis Club, Rotary International, Cherry Capital Chorus, Barbershop Quartet "Backward Glance", and Knife and Fork Club. He enjoyed tennis, golf, downhill skiing and scuba diving. He also loved a good (or bad) joke.

He is survived by his loving wife Susan, sons, David Johnson and Steven Johnson, daughters, Karen (Dag) Jorstad, and Mary (James) Pittel, nine grandchildren and two

great grand children.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Mary and his brother Col. Harold Johnson.

A visitation will take place Tuesday August 21, 2018 from 5-7pm at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. A memorial service will take place Wednesday August 22, 2018 at 2:00pm at the Central United Methodist Church with visitation one hour prior. Hank's final resting place will be Oakwood Cemetery.

Those wishing an expression of sympathy may choose to do so in Hank's honor to one of his biggest passions beyond his family, the YMCA.

Please visit www.reynolds-jonkhoff to share your memories and condolences with the family.

The family is being cared for and served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery

Oakwood Cemetery

8th Street

TRAVERSE CITY, MI, 49684

Events

AUG **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

AUG **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Central United Methodist
222 Cass Street, Traverse City, MI, US

AUG **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ Hi Sue,

I was so sorry to hear about Hank's passing. I have so many fond memories of my time spent with Hank, especially during our four years at the dental school. Hank, Bob Johnson and I probably spent at least five days a week studying together and then there was the "3 J's trio" where we sang many songs at the "Odontoball" our junior year including "Just Another Walk with Thee" and Dr. Doerr saying later that maybe we should consider another profession. After that, I remember what good care Hank gave my mother during his practice in Traverse City.

I could go on and on but suffice it to say our dental class of 1964, and your family lost a great one with Hank. It was my privilege to know him.

Regards,

Bill Jerome

WILLIAM JEROME - August 26, 2018 at 03:41 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Henry 'Hank' Johnson.



August 21, 2018 at 10:29 AM



“ Sending our love & prayers to Sue and family. Hank was one special guy & will be greatly missed by all of us.

Maurie & Betsy Allen

Maurie & Betsy Allen - August 21, 2018 at 06:56 AM



“ Your YMCA Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Henry 'Hank' Johnson.



Your YMCA Family - August 20, 2018 at 11:39 AM



“ Hank was my dentist for many years. You could not find a better more meticulous dentist. He made every patient feel they were welcome and well cared for. He was not only our dentist but also a friend. We had many laughs over my cruise stories being to blame for him having to take his wife on a cruise
You are fondly remembered and sadly missed.

Lynne Johnson - August 20, 2018 at 11:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Henry 'Hank' Johnson.



August 19, 2018 at 06:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Henry 'Hank' Johnson.



August 19, 2018 at 05:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Henry 'Hank' Johnson.



August 19, 2018 at 02:58 PM



“ Ah yes, we remember him well. I was a Delt with Hank for 4 years, then part of his wedding party, all dressed in our Navy whites, along with Robert Flinn, and Fred Christiansen was also in the wedding party. Then Flinn and I were stationed in San Diego along with Hank and had the honor of celebrating the birth of his and Sue's first Child. Then we reconnected in Traverse City and for several years along with other Delts and wives(Fred Christiansen, dec., Richard Clicquennoi, dec., Robert Jantz, Buck Weaver and Robert Flinn), we spent many years golfing or skiing in Traverse City. We all recall their beautiful old home, sitting around the wood burning stove in the kitchen, having lovely dinners, playing dominoes and card games, then sleeping over at their home. God Bless Hank and his extended family.

Ben and Renee Mogni

Ben and Renee Mogni - August 19, 2018 at 02:02 PM



“ Dr Johnson was my dentist growing up. My brother and mom and I all saw him and he was wonderful ! I was never afraid to go as he made it “fun” by chatting with us about interests we had and things we were doing in school. He served his community, and country and I am honored to have known him! Rest In Peace Dr Johnson!

kelly don stuhmueller - August 18, 2018 at 09:22 AM



“ My childhood friend Steve's dad. Remember bike rides out on Old Mission peninsula with the Doc and Steve, and his killer workbench in the basement when they lived on 7th street. He was very encouraging and helpful when I decided to pursue a career in dentistry. So glad to have known him. Thinking about all the Hank Johnson clan now. So sorry for your loss.

Jim Allen - August 17, 2018 at 08:43 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Henry 'Hank' Johnson.



August 15, 2018 at 06:29 PM