



William "Bill" E. Johnson

September 12, 1929 - March 28, 2016

William E. Johnson, 86, of Traverse City died peacefully Monday, March 28, 2016 at Traverse Manor. Bill was born October 12, 1929 in Detroit, MI to Clifford and Marion (King) Johnson. A few years later his family moved back to Ludington, MI where his father had grown up. Bill's family was surrounded there by a close network of grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, living in the family home that his grandfather had built. Bill graduated from Ludington High School. He married Joanne C. Blucker on December 29, 1951 in Ludington at St. John's Lutheran Church. They enjoyed a blessed marriage for over 59 years.

Bill attended Michigan State University where he studied Civil Engineering and played the trombone in the Spartan marching band. After graduation from MSU he worked for Goodyear Atomic Energy as part of the construction engineering team building the gaseous diffusion plant at Piketon, Ohio. The family soon moved back to Northern Michigan where Bill worked as a civil and structural engineer for several different employers, including the Leelanau County Road Commission, Purvis Brothers & Perla and Stout. He later owned Johnson Associates in Traverse City for many years. He designed the structural support systems for many schools, commercial buildings and other facilities throughout the area.

Bill was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Traverse City since 1959 where he spent many volunteer hours on The Board of Elders, Christian Education, Chairman of the Congregation, several bible study groups, a member of the choir and many other church activities. Bill was a leader at church who felt that he should give of his abilities to help wherever needed.

Bill enjoyed hunting and fishing as well as spending time outdoors. After retirement he and Joanne enjoyed traveling to see various parts of the United States.

Surviving Bill are his sons James (Joy) of Traverse City and their children Timothy, Kathryn, David (Jessica) with children Israel and Anna Hope, and Daniel (Stephanie) with

children Zoey and Emmett; Thomas (Janice) of Traverse City and their children Stefanie (Bob) Miller with son Jacob, and Andrew; and Steven (Lisa) of Parker, CO; his sister Ada (David) Kidd of Okemos and many other family members and friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and his loving wife Joanne.

A memorial service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 7 at 1:00 pm with visitation starting at noon.

Memorials may be directed to the Trinity Lutheran School Scholarship Fund or Hospice of Michigan.

Kindly share thoughts and memories with Bill's family at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>. The family is being served by Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

Events

MAY **Memorial Service** 01:00PM

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Trinity Lutheran Church
1003 S. Maple, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

Comments



“ Bill will be greatly missed from our "Johnson family reunions". He always had a kind word for everyone. We are slowly losing our older generation, which I am a part of. Bless you Bill. Janice Wolff

Janice Wolff - April 02, 2016 at 02:33 PM



“ I helped care for Bill for the last two years, he was such a good soul. I loved hearing the stories of his past as well as how proud he was of his children. He had a huge heart! He would offer for me to sleep on the couch in his room instead of me driving home on the bad winter roads, I would have to thank him and remind him that I had daughters at home waiting for me. Everyday I seen him he would ask how my girls were doing and when I told him stories of them he would glow. He will always be remembered and I am honored that I got the chance to know him. I send my condolences to his family and I do believe he is definitely watching over everyone, he never wanted to miss anything.



Amber - April 01, 2016 at 12:39 AM



“ Heaven gained another angel. I served with Bill on various boards and committees at Trinity. It would be hard to find a more dedicated member of God's family. Bill was equally dedicated to Joanne and his family. Rest in Peace old friend and received your crown of Glory.

Keith - April 30, 2016 at 07:25 AM