



## Joseph "Joe" M. Johnson

November 22, 1928 - April 29, 2012

Joseph 'Joe' Johnson was born November 22, 1928 in Little Falls, MN, the son of the late Joseph and Hulda (Gustavson) Johnson. Shortly after, the family moved to a farm near Freedhem, MN where Joe attended country school. In 1937, they moved to Bremerton, WA for one year after which they returned to Minnesota and lived on a farm south of Little Falls. Joe graduated from Little Falls High School in 1948 and joined the US Navy. He was honorably discharged from the US Navy in 1949 and returned to Little Falls to live with his brother, Carl and sister, Doris. Joe was united in marriage to Margaret A. Hansmeyer on October 30, 1954 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Long Prairie, MN. He worked at various jobs including at the Coast to Coast Store and C. Buck Furniture in Little Falls. In 1958, he began the Johnson Insurance Agency in Little Falls, working as an insurance agent until retiring in October, 1980. Joe then worked part time preparing tax returns until completely retiring in 1989. Joe loved music, both instrumental and singing. He played with the Little Falls city band, and sang with the Little Falls choir as well as the Bethel Lutheran Choir. Joe was sought after as a soloist for weddings and funerals for many years. He was an active member of Bethel Lutheran Church where he served on the church council, directed the choir and spent a lot of time volunteering during the church construction project. In 1959, the Junior Chamber of Commerce award went to Joe and in 2008, he was recognized as the Morrison County Senior Citizen of the Year. He was also an active volunteer at St. Gabriel's Hospital as a "life-line" installer for 20

years; at Pine Grove Park helping to modernize the Pine Grove Zoo and helped establish the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, including the construction of the original building. Joe enjoyed fishing and golfing in the Canadian Cup League. He was very proud of his Swedish heritage.

Joseph Johnson is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Margaret; daughter, JoAnn M. (Mardon) Quandt and family, Julianne, Emily and Carl; sons, Gerald J. Johnson; Bruce D. (Barbara) Johnson and family, Brittany, Kelsey and Ryan; Robert (Susan) Johnson and family, Joseph, Benjamin and Abigail; sister, Doris (Herbert) Anderson; nieces and nephews, Richard (Susan) Johnson; David (Joanne) Anderson; Duane Johnson; Rev. Daniel (Debra) Johnson; Brian (Theresa) Johnson and David (Kara) Johnson; Carol Johnson; Diane Johnson; Carol Anderson; James (Candy) Hansmeyer; Gene (Lila) Hansmeyer; Joe (Toni) Hansmeyer; Leonard (Ardelle) Hansmeyer; David (Sonja) Hansmeyer; Tony (Joyce) Hansmeyer; Rose (Tom) McMaster; Mary Hansmeyer; Dorothea (David Schons) Hansmeyer; Cecile (Dale) Schmidt; Theresa (Larry) Bowman; Monica (Mark) Morresey; Bernandette (Mark) Bennett and Sharon (Keith) Gates.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph (1947) and Hulda (1949) Johnson; brothers, Cecil, Richard 'Bud' and Carl 'Fuzz' Johnson; nephews, Thomas Hansmeyer; Richard Johnson and Carl Joe Johnson; niece, Barb Blair.

Honorary pallbearers are the nephews.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls  
214 2nd Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

## Visitation

MAY 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Lutheran Church - Little Falls  
901 West Broadway  
Little Falls, MN

## Service

MAY 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph "Joe" M. Johnson*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - April 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Joseph "Joe" M. Johnson*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *what an incredible time we had! this was our chocie for the last dinner in aruba before heading home to ny and we were blown away by the service and the delicious food!!!! first of all the waiting area was incredible! we have definitely never seen anything like it and are looking forward to coming back! those empanadas were out of this world! thank you!!!!##imported-begin##Bine##imported-end##*

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July 31, 2012 at 12:39 AM



“ *Uncle Joe,*

*You will be missed.##imported-begin##Eric Johnson##imported-end##*

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May 03, 2012 at 03:25 AM



“ Margaret and family:  
We were so shocked to hear this news. We extend our condolences to you. What can we say but that he is in a better place as promised by our Lord. We will pray for him and for you at this sorrowful time. God Bless you.  
Jean & Paul##imported-begin##Jean & Paul Dennis##imported-end##

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May 01, 2012 at 11:56 AM



“ Margaret, my deepest sympathy to you and your family on Joe's death. We have know Joe as long as we have lived in Little Falls, He will be missed.##imported-begin##Karen Haaland##imported-end##

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April 30, 2012 at 07:29 PM