



Stanley "Jerry" Johnson

November 24, 1929 - December 12, 2020

Stanley Jerome (Jerry) Johnson, a 91 year-old resident of Plymouth, Minnesota, formerly of Little Falls, Minnesota, passed away Saturday, December 12, 2020, at Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. A private family service will be held on Thursday, December 17 at Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls. Burial will take place at Oakland Cemetery in Little Falls. A memorial service will be planned for some time later in 2021, after the pandemic lifts. Memorial gifts may be designated to Excelsior Covenant Church and Covenant Pines Ministries.

To join the livestream for Jerry's funeral, click the link below for the 10:45AM service.

<https://my.gather.app/remember/stanley-jerome-johnson>

Jerry's life was marked by a faithful, loving, and enduring Christian ministry that touched thousands of lives across the country and around the world with his gentle and giving heart. Following his graduation from Little Falls High School (where many of his classmates knew him as "Fudge") he pursued undergraduate studies at North Park Junior College in Chicago before completing a history degree at the University of Minnesota, a seminary internship in Proctor, Vermont, and graduate divinity degree from North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago. Following seminary and ordination, he and his new bride moved to New London, Minnesota, and service with their first Covenant Church congregation. Future pastoral calls brought him and his

growing family to Lake Worth, Florida; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Denver, Colorado; and his final call and ministry, over fifteen years, to Excelsior Covenant Church, a congregation which honored him as Pastor Emeritus following his retirement from full-time ministry in 1994. In their retirement, Jerry and Tish continued to serve a number of churches in an interim capacity. During this time they also built a home together on the shores of Lake Francis near South Haven, enjoying lake life for over a decade before moving back to the metropolitan area. Over the years Jerry's hours of rest and recreation were spent in his workshop, fishing boat, or camping trailer. Other times found him on frozen lakes, city walks, deep wood trails, or mountain adventures. His father's longtime employment with the Northern Pacific Railway also provided a deep interest in prototype and model trains. Much of Jerry's enjoyment in his hobbies sprang from early experiences at Larson Motors in Little Falls where he learned to repair and tune outboard motors, or in his time skating, skiing, fishing and deer hunting as a young man in Central Minnesota. He loved spending time outdoors, especially fishing or hunting. His gardens were lush and bountiful, bursting with tomatoes, rhubarb, and other delights. As to indoor activities, Jerry was an experienced woodworker and carver; he created any number of beautiful pieces that grace the homes of family and friends. Over the years he also built a number of model railroad layouts and enjoyed these with his children and grandchildren. Jerry also possessed a fairly wicked ping pong paddle. Many games were played on the family table. He loved music—as a performer, listener, and worshipper. Jerry and Tish were proud supporters of The Singers—Minnesota Choral Artists and attended many concerts together. He was an avid reader of Outdoor News; the Northern Pacific Railway Historical Society newsletter Mainstreeter; the Mission Friends publication, Pietisten; as well as novels, histories, theological works and biographies. Jerry lived a full, fruitful, and beautiful life—all shared with his family and many friends. We rejoice with him in his home-going, even as we grieve, knowing we will be together again. Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Jesus loves you, this we know.

“Neither life nor death shall ever | From the Lord His children sever | Unto
them His grace He showeth, | And their sorrows all He knoweth.”

“Ingen nöd och ingen lycka, | Skall utur Hans hand dem rycka, | Han vår vän
för andra vänner, | Sina barns bekymmer känner.”

Jerry is survived by his wife, Tish; sons, Tim (Beth) Johnson and Randy (Judy) Johnson; daughters, Lenore (Brian) Frable and Lynette Johnson; grandsons, Jerod (Lindsay), Joel (Megan), and Caleb (Ariel); granddaughters, Annalise, Tori, Clarisa (Max) Finizio, Krista (Dylan) McNamara, and Jayden; and six great-grandchildren, Cali, Piper, Henry, Emma, Lewis, and Lars.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Dahlia and Elvira Johnson; and granddaughter, Brita Marie Johnson.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

14820 138TH ST
Little Falls, MN 56345

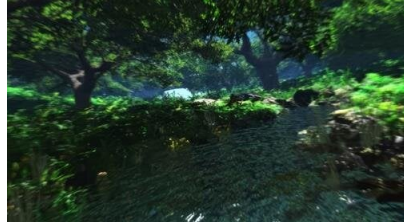
Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Stanley "Jerry" Johnson*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 15, 2020 at 09:34 AM

BA

Good memories of your time attending Dassel Covenant church. Betty Anderson

Betty Anderson - December 18, 2020 at 12:40 PM



Lenore Johnson Frable - December 23, 2020 at 01:02 AM



“ *Stanley "Jerry" Johnson*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

RA

“ *Randy K. Albrecht lit a candle in memory of Stanley "Jerry" Johnson*



Randy K. Albrecht - December 22, 2020 at 08:32 AM



Lenore Johnson Frable - December 23, 2020 at 12:59 AM

DL

“ *What a wonderful, memory-filled video. Sending love and hugs to ALL of you as you remember a man who always had that joyous, Christ filled zest for life!
Peace and comfort to all of you!
Denise and Cliff Lopez*

Denise Lopez - December 17, 2020 at 02:24 PM



Thank you, Cliff and Denise!

Lenore Johnson Frable - December 23, 2020 at 01:00 AM



“ *It was really wonderful to see these pictures of Pastor Jerry and the Johnson family and Excelsior Covenant Church. I was confirmed by Pastor Jerry one year after Lenore and Lynette along with Sarah Larson, Amy Diedrich, Paul Holte, Linda Hanson, Kristen Skyte, Mark Fredericks and others. We had a marvelous confirmation class, and shared many other Excelsior Covenant events with Pastor Jerry and Tish. I've never really fallen or felt out of touch since then. Sometimes I wouldn't see him for years, but then I'd find him in the church basement or in the foyer and reconnect. I have always felt Pastor Jerry was my root pastor. It was a wonderful life, Pastor Jerry, which I know you will continue to share with us, grace from God.*

Steve Streed

Stephen Streed - December 17, 2020 at 12:02 AM



Thanks for your sweet words, Steve.

Lenore Johnson Frable - December 23, 2020 at 01:00 AM



“ Pastor Jerry was an amazing man and Pastor and he will be missed. I enjoyed going through confirmation with him, spending time at Covenant Pines with him, having him as my spiritual advisor at a young age. So many wonderful memories. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Johnson family. Sending you all hugs! Love, Christy Remington

Christy Remington - December 16, 2020 at 04:42 PM



Hugs back, Christy, thank you.

Lenore Johnson Frable - December 23, 2020 at 01:01 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stanley "Jerry" Johnson.



December 15, 2020 at 08:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stanley "Jerry" Johnson.



December 15, 2020 at 05:11 PM



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Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 15, 2020 at 04:19 PM



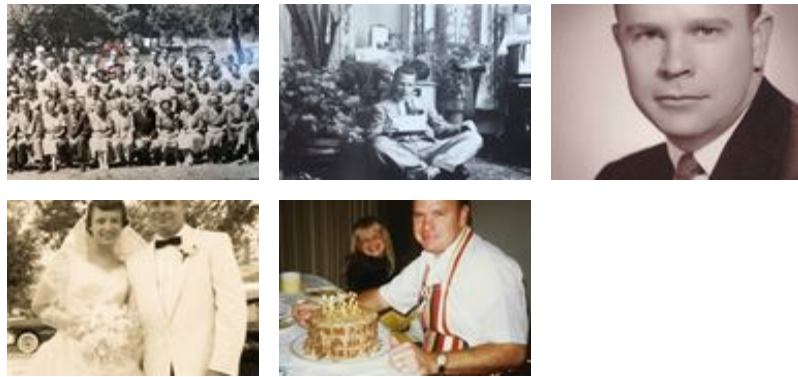
“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Stanley "Jerry" Johnson.



December 15, 2020 at 10:41 AM



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Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 15, 2020 at 09:13 AM

CV

“ Confirmation. Canoe trips. Ski trips. New Years Day celebrations. Baptisms. Loving, kind, compassionate, faithful servant who taught me to love and to listen. Love to all the Johnsons from all the Bloomdahls. With thanksgiving and love, Cindy

Cindy Veith - December 14, 2020 at 11:14 PM



Thank you, Cindy. Such fond memories. ❤️

Lenore Johnson Frable - December 15, 2020 at 05:33 PM

SK

“ Sending prayers and hugs from Craig & Sherryl(Anderson) Klosterman and family!

Sherryl Klosterman - December 14, 2020 at 05:20 PM



Thank you, Sherryl and Craig ❤️

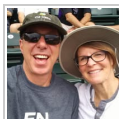
Lenore Johnson Frable - December 15, 2020 at 06:12 PM

JC

“ Our deepest condolences to the Jerry Johnson Family”. Mrs. Paul (Joyce) Crowder and Family



Joyce I. Crowder - December 13, 2020 at 10:02 PM



Thank you so much!

Lenore Johnson Frable - December 23, 2020 at 01:02 AM