



Laurel Joyce Johnson

August 19, 1921 - December 12, 2015

Laurel Johnson was born on August 19, 1921 to John and Marion Johnson in rural Brandon, MN. He was baptized and confirmed at nearby St. Petri Lutheran Church. He graduated from country school district #32 in 1935, then completed one year at Brandon High School. In 1936 Laurel attended WCSA School in Morris, graduating 2 years later in 1938. In 1945 he was inducted in to the US Navy and served on the Battleship Wisconsin in the Pacific arena. He received an honorable discharge in 1946.

Laurel was united in marriage with Evelyn Thorstad of Hoffman in 1952. Two sons were born to the couple, Cevin in 1955 and Charles in 1957. Laurel was widowed in 1967 when Evelyn passed away from cancer.

In 1969 Laurel was married to Helen Tufte and moved to South Minneapolis where they resided until Helen retired in 1979. After Helen's retirement, they purchased a home in Brandon and Laurel transferred to the MN DOT maintenance facility in Evansville, MN. He retired from MN DOT in 1983 after 20 years of service. After retirement, Laurel worked as a custodian for Chippewa Church in Brandon. He also worked part time at the Brandon Lumber yard and as a volunteer delivering "meals on wheels" to local people who needed help.

After Helen passed away in 2007, Laurel moved to Goodhue, MN for a short

time. In 2010, he moved back to the Evansville Care Campus where he resided until his death. He was a member of St. Petri Church in rural Brandon.

Laurel is survived by 2 sons, Cevin (Cindy) from Spokane, WA and Charles (Janet) from Goodhue, MN and 1 stepson, Gary (Sherry) Laughton from Vancouver, WA. He is also survived by 9 grandchildren, Josh, Aaron, Chelle, Matthew, Amber, Adam, Lyndsay, Jason and Ryan along with 20 great grandchildren. He is also survived by 2 brothers and 1 sister. Omar Johnson from Marshall, MN, Douglas (Elaine) Johnson from Sauk Centre, MN and Audrey Hermanson from Thief River Falls, MN along with many other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 2 wives, Evelyn and Helen, 2 brothers, Mayo and Vernon and one sister, Donna Johnson.

Visitation will be held at Anderson Funeral Home in Alexandria from 4pm to 7pm on Thursday, December 17th. Funeral services will be held on Friday at 11am at St. Petri Lutheran church in rural Brandon, MN. Burial will be held at Lands Cemetery in Hoffman, MN. Arrangements are with the Anderson Funeral Home. www.andersonfuneral.net

Cemetery Details

Land Cemetery

Hoffman, MN 56339

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Anderson Funeral Home
659 Voyager
Alexandria, MN 56308
<http://andersonfuneral.net>

Prayer Service

DEC 17. 6:30 PM (CT)

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659 Voyager
Alexandria, MN 56308
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Visitation

DEC 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Petri Lutheran Church
3142 Co Rd 15 NW
Brandon, MN 56315

Funeral Service

DEC 18. 11:00 PM (CT)

St. Petri Lutheran Church
3142 Co Rd 15 NW
Brandon, MN 56315

Tribute Wall



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Laurel Joyce Johnson.*



December 17, 2015 at 06:28 PM



“ *The Schueler and Pedraza Families purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Laurel Joyce Johnson.*



The Schueler and Pedraza Families - December 15, 2015 at 05:39 PM



“ *Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Laurel Joyce Johnson.*



December 15, 2015 at 10:35 AM

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“ *Charlie and Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. May god guide
you to find peace and comfort during this
difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are
with you.*
Stephanie Ide



Stephanie Ide - December 15, 2015 at 09:54 AM

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“ *With my sister Sharon we both enjoyed our trip to visit Uncle Laurel
each summer when she came to visit me from South Dakota. We
always looked forward to our time of visiting, seeing all the pictures
he had accumulated of family members, taking him out for lunch
and then singing songs together in the activity room. Uncle Laurel
and Aunt Helen welcomed me to the twin cities when I moved here
in 1979 and allowed me to stay at their home while I looked for an
apartment. He was always such a kind person and loved to have
coffee and visit with folks. He never forgot to send a birthday card
and Christmas card to let us know he was thinking of you. I will miss
you, Uncle Laurel, and am glad for all the memories we have made
over the years. My prayers are with your family. You will be missing
a great person from your lives.*

Rhonda Tufte - December 14, 2015 at 09:21 PM

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“ *Tom Hoffmann & family purchased the Enchanted
Cottage for the family of Laurel Joyce Johnson.*



Tom Hoffmann & family - December 14, 2015 at 08:05 PM

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“ *My sister Rhonda and I are so sad we will not be able to attend Uncle Laurel's funeral..but will always relish the memories we made visiting him these past summers and getting the joy of singing his favorite funeral song and telling the other residents he wanted to hear it now, since he would not be able to when he was gone!!! I loved him and was always blessed by every visit! To his two sons and other family members, thank you for sharing him with us! You were truly given a precious gift to have Laurel in your lives!*

Sharon (Tufte) Rossow - December 14, 2015 at 12:18 PM