



Reverend Wilfred "Ron" Ronald Johnson

March 31, 1941 - May 12, 2016

OBITUARY

Wilfred "Ron" Ronald Johnson was born on March 31, 1941 in Round Lake, Minnesota to Wilfred and Bessie (Stowe) Johnson. He was baptized at Worthington Church of Christ. Ron graduated from Alexandria High School in 1959. He attended and received his Bachelor of Sacred Literature at Minnesota Bible College in 1964. He was ordained at Alexandria Church of Christ in June of 1964. Passionate about education, Ron completed his Masters of Divinity degree at Columbia Bible College Graduate School of Missions in 1971. He then went on to post Graduate Study at Dallas Theological Seminary and Phillips University in Enid, OK.

Ron married Marilyn Elaine von Mosch on August 31, 1963 at the Church of Christ in Redwood Falls, MN. The couple was blessed with three children, Philip, Joy and Amy.

During his 49 years of ministry, Ron served as pastor in numerous churches throughout Minnesota & the Midwest, including the Church of Christ in Madelia, MN; Bella Vista Christian Church in Garland, TX; Central Christian Church in Caldwell, KS. In 2013, he retired from the ministry at First Christian Church in Fairbury, NE, but continued to lead chapel on occasion at Cornerstone, where he lived in Texarkana following his retirement.

Throughout the years, Ron also worked as chaplain at Schaffer Mortuary in Caldwell, KS, and served as a hospital chaplain in Wichita, KS. He served on many different boards during his lifetime: President of the Ministerial Alliance in Horton, KS; Freemont, NE; Superior, NE; and York, NE. Ron also served on the Tri-County Manor Board, Herrington School Crisis Management Team, Running Club President in Caldwell, KS, Community Choir, Fair Outreach Director, Kiwanis, FCA, Horton Golf Club, and Council of Aging. In addition, Ron was instrumental in starting many community luminaries when he served as Chairman of Christmas Luminaries at several churches in Kansas and Nebraska.

Some of Ron's favorite pastimes were swimming, golfing, running, gardening, fishing, and camping. He also loved to travel. Some of Ron's favorite memories were his trips to Minnesota, Alaska, Colorado, and Israel. Most important to Ron was the time he got to spend with his family. His 7 grandchildren were his pride and joy.

Ron died on Thursday, May 12, 2016, at Christus St. Michael Hospital in Texarkana, TX at the age of 75. He is survived by his daughters, Joy (Jeff) Henard of Texarkana, TX and Amy (Timothy) Coleman of Nashville, TN; grandchildren, Camry, Laundon, Haven, and Kadence Coleman all of Nashville, TN and Graci, Emma and Abby Henard all of Texarkana, TX; sister, Sheri Macbeth of Baldwin, WI; best friend, Connie Strong of Wichita, KS; and many nieces and nephews. Ron is preceded in death by his parents, Wilfred and Bessie; son, Philip; brothers, Lenny Johnson and Marly Johnson; sisters, Ruth Ferguson, Linda Theis and Rose Keller Myers.

A funeral service was held on Friday, May 20, 2016 at New Life Christian Church with Pastor John Taplin officiating. Interment was at Kinkead Cemetery in Alexandria.

Arrangements are with the Anderson Funeral Home in Alexandria.
www.andersonfuneral.net

Click the link below to watch the tribute video:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/97FGCN58NWMRL6ZX>

Cemetery Details

Kinkead Cemetery

Alexandria, MN 56308

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

New Life Christian Church
1910 State Highway 27 East
Alexandria, MN 56308

Funeral Service

MAY 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

New Life Christian Church
1910 State Highway 27 East
Alexandria, MN 56308

Tribute Wall



“ Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Reverend Wilfred "Ron" Ronald Johnson



Anderson Funeral Home - May 20, 2016 at 05:42 AM

IN

“ Sympathy to Ron's family, We met him a year ago at my brother Ron's funeral.

Sincerely, Jim and Ila Nelson Hartley, Ia

Ila Nelson - May 20, 2016 at 04:14 PM

KR

“ Ron was the minister of the First Christian Church in York, Nebraska for awhile. I enjoyed working with him and learning about the Bible through him. He had great stories and was always thinking of others. He often talked of his "girls" and their families and you knew he cared for them deeply.

God Bless the family. I know he will be missed. Treasure the memories!

Karren Radcliff

Karren Radcliff - May 20, 2016 at 10:13 AM

SB

“ *My thoughts and prayers to the family. Ron was our minister in Herington and married my husband and I. I think often of his premarital counseling and the lessons we learned from him. Our wedding was truly wonderful and Ron was a huge part of that. It was very meaningful to be married by someone who had taken the time to get to know both of us and was our friend. God Bless -*
Stacey Kolling Berndt

Stacey Berndt - May 19, 2016 at 08:00 AM

ES

“ *East Union Baptist Church Staff purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Reverend Wilfred "Ron" Ronald Johnson.*



East Union Baptist Church Staff - May 18, 2016 at 11:47 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Reverend Wilfred "Ron" Ronald Johnson.*



May 17, 2016 at 08:45 PM

NV

“ *Keeping you in thought and prayer during this time of sorrow. With deepest Sympathy*
Noel and Charlene Vice
York, Nebraska

Noel and Charlene Vice - May 17, 2016 at 12:12 PM

NV

“ Noel And Charlene Vice lit a candle in memory of Reverend Wilfred "Ron" Ronald Johnson



Noel and Charlene Vice - May 17, 2016 at 12:03 PM

JH

“ Prayers to the family. We were lucky to have had Ron for our minister for several years and really enjoyed the chance to have known him. Great person and will greatly be missed. Jerry & Maxine Hurlbut--York, Ne.

Jerry Hurlbut - May 17, 2016 at 07:27 AM

NV

Sending Deep Sympathy and keeping you and yours in thought and prayer

Noel and Charlene Vice - May 17, 2016 at 12:06 PM

JB

Ron was one of the first people I met when I moved to Cornerstone Methodist Retirement Community in Texarkana, Texas. His love of music and talent of playing the "air guitar" will be a lasting memory. My deep sympathy goes out to his daughter, Joy, who so lovingly cared for Ron, and to all of Ron's family, along with my prayers that they find comfort in God's love and grace. Joy Betts

Joy Betts - May 19, 2016 at 02:05 PM

CO

I had a great experience with Ron in HS in Alexandria. He and I were co captains of the 1959 track team that won the district that year. Everytime I got the chance to see him at reunions, etc, he was the first person I wanted to see and talk to him. Unfortunately I missed the 55 reunion. Ron we love you and miss you. You are among the very finest athletes and people that I have ever known. Hope to see you in heaven. Love Chuck

charles olson - May 24, 2016 at 05:38 PM

CO

I would like to know where Ron and family would like memorials to be sent. Please let me know at olsoncharles@msn.com. God bless u!

charles olson - May 24, 2016 at 05:41 PM