



Harley S. Johnson

December 12, 2019

Harley S. Johnson, 85, of Elizabethtown, PA, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at home with his wife nearby. He had recently battled cancer and was given a clean bill of health.

Harley was born on December 5, 1934 to Jacob H. Sr. and Mazie M. Sensenig Johnson in Martic Township. After graduating from Penn Manor High School in 1954, he enlisted in the army and went to the Military Police School in Camp Gordon, Georgia and served during the Korean War. After an honorable discharge from the service, he received his Associates degree in information technology from F&M College. He went on to serve the City of Lancaster for 28 years and ended his career as the Data Processing Manager.

In 1959, he met Sherri L. Alonzo. They wed in 1963 and had 2 sons. Harley and Sherri recently celebrated 57 years of marriage. He is survived by his wife and his sons, Jeffrey L. Johnson, husband of Kim H. Johnson, both of Downingtown and Bradley A. Johnson of Mount Joy; 3 grandchildren: Kelli H Johnson, Tracy L. Johnson and Benjamin A. Johnson, and a brother, Darwin Johnson. He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 sisters: Pauline Heisey and Helene Johnson and a brother, Jacob Johnson, Jr..

After retiring, Harley spent his time enjoying beer, routing for the Eagles,

chatting with friends, dining with his wife and visiting his many social clubs including: Lancaster Liederkrantz, Columbia Elks #1074, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5956 in Manheim, and American Legion Post 0329 in Elizabethtown.

Relatives and friends are invited to Harley's Life Celebration Service to be held on Saturday, December 21 at 4:00 p.m. at The Groff Family Funeral & Cremation Services, 528 W. Orange St, Lancaster, PA 17603. A reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the American Heart Association in Harley's honor.

Previous Events

Service

DEC **21**. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Harley S. Johnson*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Harley was a true gentleman.. I liked to greet him by saying “Thanks for another day of freedom” (for his Korean War service) to which he enthusiastically thanked me for my (Vietnam War era) service. He was one of the few to make a point of being sure to do that. He made us smile and laugh—always generating a positive environment. May the Living God comfort your family and friends as you enter His kingdom.*

Glenn Stephens - December 21, 2019 at 12:30 AM



“ *The instant I first met Harley I instantly knew I had a special friend. He was genuine, courteous, and was easy to get a smile on his face. I served Harley a few Chesterfields and Yuenglings. I will miss my good friend as will anyone who has had the honor of knowing Harley. Heaven saved a special front row seat for you Harley, you earned it. Rest in peace knowing we miss you very much.*

Doug

Doug M. - December 16, 2019 at 02:28 PM



“ *Oh Sherrie I'm so Sorry for your loss, I remember all the fun we had with Moose*

Marty Hood - December 16, 2019 at 08:25 AM

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“ I have many fond memories of Harley, including dining with him and Sherri for wings and beer for several years, dinner at the Liederkrantz, shore trips to Ocean City, Md. and several family outings with the entire Johnson family! Harley had a great sense of humor, a warm smile and a good heart. My condolences to Sherri, Jeff, Brad, Kim, Kelli, Tracy and Benjamin.

Steven DiGuiseppe - December 15, 2019 at 04:55 PM