



Richard G. Johnson

November 22, 1931 - May 22, 2021

Richard G. Johnson, 89, of Laurel passed away peacefully of Saturday, May 22, 2021 at his home.

He was born November 22, 1931 in Toledo, Ohio, a son of the late Floyd and Victoria Della (Heine) Johnson.

Following graduation from high school Richard enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and proudly served his country and retired after more than 20 years of service as a 1st Sergeant. Richard was an excellent cook and most of his culinary training was learned while in the Marines. After his retirement, he owned and operated Johnson's Midway Store in Bethany Beach where he developed many long-time friendships with his employees and customers alike. Needing a more flexible schedule he left the retail industry and enjoyed a successful career in real estate, where he worked several years for Jack Lingo Real Estate and Indian River Land Co. Richard was a life member of the Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Department, the Delmar VFW Post 8276 and St. Stephen's United Methodist Church where he served several terms as trustee and was the head bell ringer. He was a life-long avid Washington Redskins fan. He will be remembered as a humble, gracious, gentle and loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, great-great grandfather, brother and friend to many.

He is survived by his children, Cynthia S. Gootan (Serge) of Dunedin, Florida, Janet L. Wanner (Harry) of Millsboro, Jeffrey B. Johnson of Ocean City, Sue C. Niblett (Doug) of Delmar, Mary Ellen McCrea (Mike) of Laurel and Bruce

Boyce (Bonnie) of Lewes; grandchildren, Kevin Atkins, Courtney Atkins, Nicholas Gootan (Meghan), Natalia Grise (Chris), Candice Gault (Kenny), Andrew Gootan, Rodney Niblett (Susan), Eric Niblett, Annelle Ripple (Mark), Kyle Jones (Kelly) and Breda Jones (Justin); great grandchildren, Mavy, Piper, Kenny III, Jacob, Laylah, Anabelle, Mallory, Sarah, Sydney, Conner, Lukas, Mackenzie, Myah, Mason, Ryan and Hadley; and a great-great grandson, Hudson. He is also survived by nieces, Dru and Noreen. The family would like to extend a special thank you for the care and support provided to Richard by his loving caregiver, Gail "Phyllis" Bailey," who Richard considered family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife of almost 50 years, Suzanne Phyllis Johnson, who passed in 1995; his second wife of 14 years, Mary Jane Johnson, who passed in 2012; and brothers, Ralph Johnson and Roger Johnson.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Friday, May 28, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 100 E. State Street, Delmar, where a service will follow at 11:00 a.m. Interment with military honors will be held at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Millsboro. The Reverend Phyllis Walton will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the VFW Post 8276, 200 W State Street, Delmar, MD 21875 or St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 100 E. State Street, Delmar, DE 19940.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery

26669 Patriots Way
Millsboro, DE 19966

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stephen's Methodist Church
101 E. State Street
Delmar, DE

Funeral Service

MAY 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stephen's Methodist Church
101 E. State Street
Delmar, DE

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard G. Johnson*

January 29, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *Sending our sincerest condolences, from the UK, to Richard's family.*

We met Richard several times, over the years, when he accompanied his brother Roger on two trips to the UK - once with both Roger and his wife Audrey (my Aunt) and, once alone with Roger (some years after Audrey had passed away). Audrey was my Dad, Peter's sister.

We shared several trips together when they were in the UK - a day at Portsmouth Historic Dockyards, (Portsmouth was where Audrey was born) and a trip to Arundel Castle, to name a few.

Richard was a lovely man and he will be fondly remembered by both my Mum and I.

Sending our best to Richard's family and friends.

Kindest Regards

Helen Golding and Hilary Golding (Mum).

HELEN GOLDING - June 10, 2021 at 02:31 PM

HG

“ Sending our sincerest condolences, from the UK, to Richard's family. We met Richard several times over the years, when he accompanied his brother, Roger, on two trips to the UK - once with both Roger & his wife, Audrey, (my Aunt) and, once with Roger alone (some years after Audrey had passed away). Audrey was my Dad, Peter's sister. Richard was a lovely man and we shared several trips together, whilst they were in the UK - a day at Portsmouth Historic Dockyards, (Portsmouth was where Audrey was born), and a visit to Arundel Castle, to name a few. He will be fondly remembered by both my Mum and I. Sending our best to the rest of his family. Kindest Regards Helen Golding & Hilary Golding (Mum).



HELEN GOLDING - June 10, 2021 at 02:18 PM

SH

“ Our deepest condolences to the family. It was sad to hear of Richard's passing, though we will remember our many talks of our times in the Corps. May God grant comfort in your time of sorrow and need.



Steve and Debra Hastings - May 31, 2021 at 05:04 PM

DM

“ Mr And Mrs Johnson was my second family growing up. My first job was at Johnson midway in Bethany Beach. We shared many good times together. I have lots fond memories. My thoughts and prayers to Janet, Jeff and Cindy and their families. Deb Murray

Deb Murray - May 31, 2021 at 07:50 AM

BB

“ *B&B Brittingham lit a candle in memory of Richard G. Johnson*



B&B Brittingham - May 27, 2021 at 04:57 PM

TM

“ *Janet,*

Please accept my condolences on the passing of your father. May he rest in peace and may his memory be a blessing. Tom MacPherson

Tom MacPherson - May 27, 2021 at 02:21 PM

TK

“ *The Niblett Family (Rodney, Susan, and kids) purchased the Adoring Heart for the family of Richard G. Johnson.*



The Niblett Family (Rodney, Susan, and kids) - May 26, 2021 at 08:14 PM

PB

“ *I'm missing him every day don't know what to do anymore without Mr Richard I am sad but happy he didn't suffer he is at peace in Paradise and resting well until we meet again forever I will love u Mr Richard with the love of Jesus*

Phyllis Gail Bailey - May 26, 2021 at 07:47 PM

JW

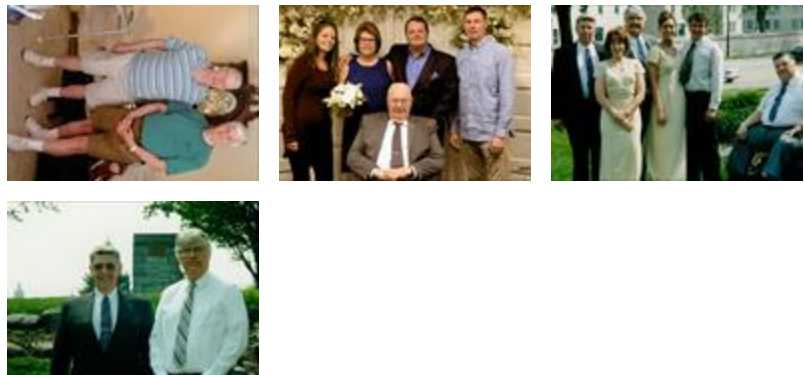
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Janet Wanner - May 26, 2021 at 12:06 PM

DR

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Drucilla A Robinson - May 26, 2021 at 10:54 AM

DE

“ *In recognition of Richard G. Johnson's Honorable Service in the United States Marine Corps, the members of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 Glen Burnie, MD ,the members of the SSgt Walter F. 'Trae' Cohee III Detachment # 115, Salisbury, MD and the members the Tri-Cities Detachment # 969, Gray, TN of the Marine Corps League would like to extend our appreciation and gratitude for his service to God, Country and Corps as well as our sincere condolences to his family.*



SEMPER FIDELIS

*Don Elseroad
Staff Sergeant USMC (Ret)
MCL Detachments # 1049, # 115 & # 969*

Don Elseroad - May 26, 2021 at 08:57 AM

JW

Thank you so much.

Janet Wanner - May 26, 2021 at 10:40 AM

CG

Thank you so much.

Cynthia Johnson Gootan - May 26, 2021 at 06:00 PM

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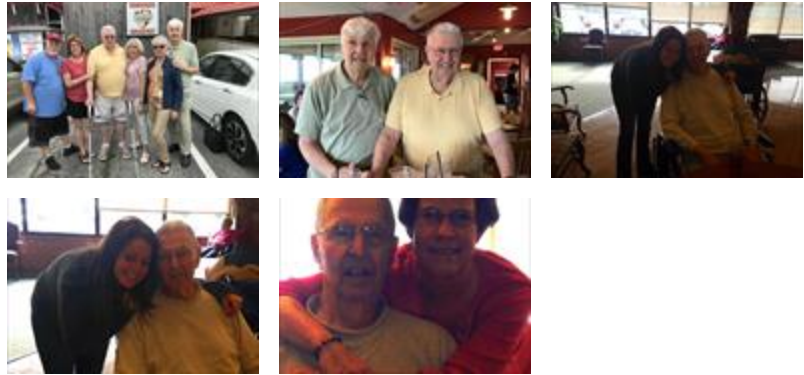
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Janet Wanner - May 25, 2021 at 05:42 PM

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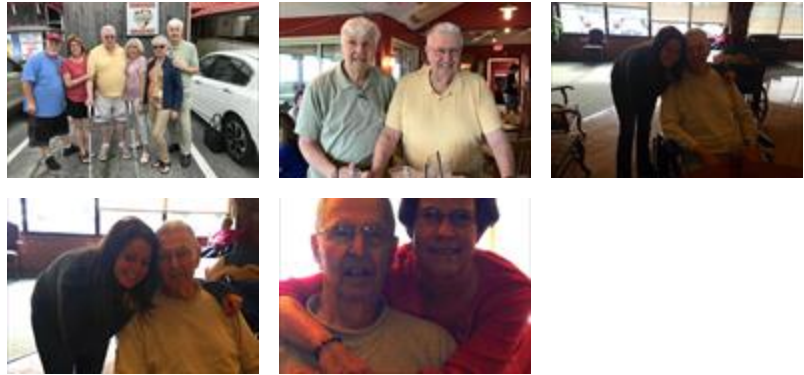
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Janet Wanner - May 25, 2021 at 05:38 PM

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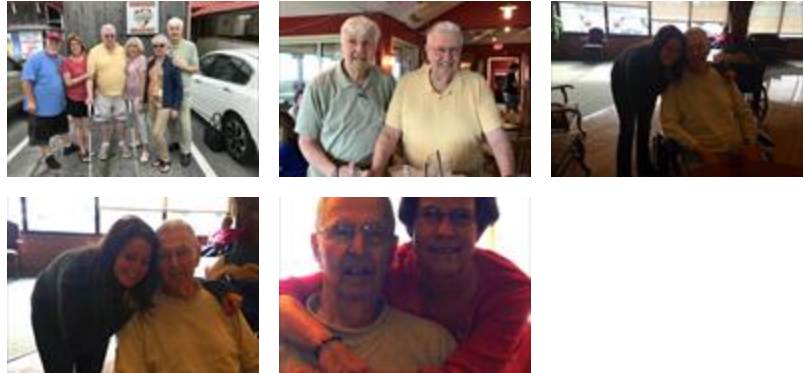
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Janet Wanner - May 25, 2021 at 05:23 PM

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Janet Wanner - May 25, 2021 at 05:20 PM

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Drucilla A Robinson - May 25, 2021 at 04:04 PM