



William Robert Johnson

March 7, 1928 - September 9, 2008

William Robert Bill Johnson of Cambridge, OH, died Tuesday, September 9th, at Wheeling Hospital, Wheeling, WV, surrounded by those he loved. He was born March 7, 1928, the son of Lovett O. Johnson and Elsie Rankin Johnson and was a lifetime resident of this city.

He was a 1948 graduate of Cambridge High School and attended The Ohio State University. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. In his younger years, he enjoyed playing softball for the First Christian Church and the Cambridge Merchants Softball League.

He retired from NCR, Cambridge, where he was employed in the Purchasing Department from 1965 to 1991. He delivered meals for Feed My People from the time it began until delivery of meals ceased. Also, he delivered Community Meals for SEORMC. He was a member of the First Christian Church, Cambridge, for 56 years, where he served as a deacon, Sunday School Treasure, and Assistant Treasure of the church.

He leaves his wife, Lois DuBois Johnson, whom he married April 6, 1952; a daughter, Diane L. Dean Neubig, Cambridge; two sons, Jay W. Johnson, Cambridge, and Jeffrey A. Johnson, El Monte, CA; five grandchildren: Judd, Joel, and Jenna Griffith and Emily and Eli Johnson; also two great-granddaughters, Miranda Griffith and Cloe Pope.

Deceased are his parents and one sister, Martha J. Green.

Calling hours will be observed Thursday from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Bundy-Law Funeral Home. Services will be in the First Christian Church, 1127 Beatty Avenue, Cambridge, Ohio 43725, Friday at 1:00 P.M. with the Rev. Terry A. Tate officiating. Burial will be in Northwood Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to the First Christian Church. Bill was loved and respected by all who knew him.

Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry to hear about Bill's death. I enjoyed working with him at NCR. My thoughts and prayers are with you...##imported-begin##Georganna Kennedy Hutchins##imported-end##

October 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ How many lives and hearts he touched. I shall miss him terribly. I pray for your Angels to keep watch over you all and enfold you w/Light and Love.
I wish you eventual peace.
Much love to all
Cheri##imported-begin##Cheri Harding##imported-end##

September 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Lois, Jeff, Diane and Jay,
As you know, I had the honor to work with Bill at NCR for over 20 years. He was the kind of person who made work fun and he truly was a wonderful person. Bill was a highly respected professional throughout the supplier management and purchasing community, his knowledge and professional demeanor were second to none. Employees, suppliers and vendors who knew Bill liked and respected him. Bill was a people person who cared deeply about those relationships. His employees loved working for, and with him. I have so many fond memories of the time we spent working together. The after work memories were many and just as enjoyable. Your Husband and your Father was a wonderful man who will be missed by all.

...Jay##imported-begin##Jay Phillips##imported-end##

September 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm sorry we're not there to say good bye, but Uncle Bill will always be in our hearts . Ronda, Chris, Courtland & Brody##imported-begin##Ronda Knight Toms##imported-end##*

September 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Johnson Family:

It goes without saying how sad the loss of Bill makes all of us. The family and friends, each will miss him in a special way. But I just have to say how much he always meant to me especially at some very difficult times in my life. The sickness and death of my own dad at such an early age, and then at different times throughout our friendship. I remember the conference call he and Nick and Jerry made to me at the hospital after my second son was born and Bill said "Another boy, huh", to which I replied, "Well someone has to provide Earle Bruce with football players." and his immediate response was "Oh Lord, I hope Earle Bruce isn't there that long." I feel like I have always known Bill because of the neighborhood connection and then eventually working for him for many years. His quick wit and talent for making me laugh, sometimes at myself, were truly highlights. His compassion and ability to understand my feelings were sometimes uncanny, all the while reminding me to put my burdens on the Lord and he will carry them for me. I wish I could list all the experiences that have come to mind over the last few days, most of which are the result of working together. His love of God, family, and the Buckeyes were his most admirable traits. I truly believe that heaven has a new Buckeye fan, and if God wasn't getting the Big Ten network, he will be very soon. I know that Bill will always be watching over all of his family and friends and will never be further than a thought away. I loved him very much and knowing him definitely made me a better person. I will be there today and tomorrow but if I tried to say how I feel in person, I would never be able to get it out. I thank God for all of the friendships I have had in my life, but none more than Bill's.

God Bless each of you in the coming days and weeks as you deal with his loss. He will be missed.

Sincerely,

Kathy##imported-begin##Kathy Bennett Calvert##imported-end##

September 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lois, Diane, and family,
I'm sorry to hear of your loss of Bill. He was such a caring person.
You in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,
Teresa Donley Bailey###imported-begin##Teresa Bailey###imported-
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September 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *It is pretty difficult to think of a world without Bill Johnson. He and
Lois were so kind and welcoming to Deborah and I when we first
came to First Christian over 35 years ago. We cherish their
friendship. I looked forward to talking with Bill on Sundays. He did
so many things, often behind the scenes, to help with day to day
needs of the church. No matter how he felt he brightened my day. I
am going to miss him very much. Lois, Diane, Jeff, Jay and the
grandkids, you know what a great guy he was. I am so very sorry for
your loss. God bless you all. Dave###imported-begin##Dave
Stout###imported-end##*

September 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM