



## Clarence Arvid Johnson

October 19, 1913 - October 22, 2004

Clarence Arvid Johnson, formerly of Thomaston, CT., Kensington, CT., and Boca Raton, FL., died on October 22, 2004 at the Masonic Healthcare Center in Wallingford, CT.

He was born on October 19, 1913 in New Haven, CT., and was the eldest son of Clara Rasch Johnson and Samuel Arvid Johnson.

Throughout his life, Clarence acted with kindness, generosity and a huge sense of humor. He believed that with enough hard work and a positive attitude, one could accomplish anything.....and he did accomplish a great deal. He began his career as a ten year old water boy for Berlin Steel and completed his career 57 years later as Chairman of the Board for the same company. He gave generously of time and money to family, friends, and worthy causes. He was dedicated to his family and took leadership roles in his community, church, and fraternal organizations. He was an awesome example of how to live life to the hilt. The lord broke the mold when he made Clarence, and he will be missed.

He is survived by his beloved companion of 10 years, Adell Kenyon of East Hartford, CT. He leaves a daughter Virginia and husband William Perruccio of Portland, CT. A son Carl Arvid and wife Sally Johnson of Kensington, CT., also granddaughters: Susan Perruccio King and husband David of Torrington, CT.; Samantha Johnson of Housatonic, Mass. and Katherine Hayden of Berlin, CT. Grandsons: Stephen Johnson and his wife Vicki of North Conway, NH.; Brian Perruccio and his wife Jennifer of Apex, NC.; Alexander Johnson of Monterey,

MA.; Ashley Johnson of Great Barrington, MA.; and Curtiss Hayden of Berlin, CT.

He also leaves four great grandchildren: Alexa and Anna King of Torrington, Davis and Kate Perruccio of Apex, NC.

He leaves sisters: Dixie and husband Arnold Toby of Port St. Lucie, FL.; Muriel and husband, Paul Petrich of Riverside, CA. Also sisters-in-law: Elisabeth Johnson of Brunswick, ME., and Eldah Johnson of Harwington, CT., also many nieces and nephews throughout the United States.

He was predeceased by brothers Samuel and Ralph Johnson and his wife Elsie Radke Johnson.

Clarence was an active member of Sphinx Shrine in Newington, where he was Potentate in 1980. He was Master Mason in St. Pauls Lodge #11 in Thomaston, CT. for over 60 years. He was a member of the Scottish Rite where he was awarded the 33rd degree. Was also a member of the Jesters Court #192. He was a member of New Haven Commandry #2 since 1937. He was employed by Berlin Steel Construction Company for his entire working life of 57 years. He became President in 1970, and Chairman in 1979 after serving as.... Waterboy, Ironworker, Foreman, Superintendent and Executive Vice President.

He served on the Police Commission in Berlin for 8 years. He was a Director of the Berlin Savings Bank for many years. He was an active member of the Berlin Lions Club. He served on the First Lutheran Church of New Britain Finance Committee.

He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in East Hartford and a former member of First Lutheran in Waterbury, CT. and First Lutheran in New Britain, and Advent Lutheran in Boca Raton, FL.

He was a member of Shuttle Meadow Country Club in Kensington, CT. for many years where he loved to play golf and where he attained the highest honor, that of Gaining membership on Mssr. Catalano's "First Team". He was also a member of Tamoshanter Country Club in FL.

Donations may be made in his honor to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 51

Blossom Street, Boston, Mass. 02114.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday October 26, 2004 10 AM at Faith Lutheran Church, 1120 Silver Lane, East Hartford, CT. Followed by burial in Rose Hill Memorial Park. Calling hours will be held Monday evening 3 to 5 and 7to 9 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Please share a memory of Clarence with his family on our online guestbook by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of this page.

# Tribute Wall

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alexander carl johnson - November 29, 2024 at 10:59 AM

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alexander carl johnson - November 29, 2024 at 11:00 AM

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alexander carl johnson - November 29, 2024 at 10:57 AM

PJ

“ Clarence Johnson was a Class Act. He and my Dad, Paul W. Johnson, were close friends at First Lutheran Church New Britain were both served on many committees. I remember him fondly from my youth.

*May his family be comforted by your memories.*

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**Patricia A. Johnson** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Dear Skip and Sally,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of Mr Johnson. He was a friend of my parents, Charley and Carol Merritt. And of course, I had the priviledge of buying his home on Hickory Hill. I remember how kind he was when we moved into the house. I also remember how much he missed it. On two occasions he just stopped by to check on the house and to make sure we knew all its little idiosyncracies so we could take good care of it.  
Please accept Bob and my condolences.  
Sincverely,  
Bob and Pam Terwilleger

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**Pamela Terwilleger** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ I woule like to extend my sympathy to Clarence's family. My husband, Tom Avery, was Treasurer during part of Clarence's year as Potentate. Clarence and Elsie were most supportive during my husband's illness. They came to see him at least once a week and after his death extended friendship and many kindnesses to me. I am sure this is only one of many thoughtful things Clarence did throughout his life.

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**Bea Avery** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Our deepest condolences to the family and to his "best" girl Adell. Clarence was and will always be an inspiration to us both. His style, charm and wit, and his outlook on life are qualities that you can only hope to find in others. His charm was one that caught me Heidi early on and throughout the years he and I would have a special bond between us. I only have to close my eyes and he will forever be in my memories, my thoughts and my actions. We will both miss him so very much but will never forget a man who had all it took to be that star in the sky. I know he is looking down on us and will watch and protect us all. We will never totally say goodbye but, are now to follow him in our dreams and hope that we too will be as infectious as he was by love, devotion and hard work. With our deepest sympathies, David & Heidi McDonough

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**Heidi & David McDonough** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Clarence and Adell. He was such a gentleman and kind person we have so many happy memories of him and Adell. I Betty always called him "The Swede", because I also grew up in the "First Lutheran Church" and all the "Swedes" knew one another" MAY YOU REST IN PEACE KIND NOBLE.

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**Bill & Betty Keehner** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Clarence was a great guy, Shriner and Jester. We will miss his wit and stories. I am glad I had the chance to visit with early in fall.

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**Tony and Diane Petras** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM