



## Herman G. Johnson

August 12, 1927 - January 22, 2014

Writing an obituary is not like writing a grocery list. It's not a simple thing. Basic facts and bullet points can not possibly convey the warmth and light that a soul can bless those lucky enough to know him with in eighty-six years of life. So let us tell you a little story instead...Herman George Johnson was born to George & Martha Johnson on August 12, 1927. One of four children, he was a quiet and respectful boy who loved the shore and would grow into a loving and gentle man that meant so very much to his family and friends. A true patriot, Herman served overseas in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and received a Purple Heart for sustaining injuries to both his back and eardrums while defending his country with the 45th infantry. Herman believed strongly that anything worth doing was worth doing with all your heart and that was certainly obvious to anyone that ever worked with him. Spending all of his civilian life in New Britain, CT he was first the easily recognizable driver of the local East Street Bus and later the equipment room manager at Central Connecticut State University. He loved working around the promising athletes and had many wonderful memories of his time at "The Cage" prior his retirement in 1994.

Now all work and no play would have made for a terribly dull life so naturally there was more to this great man than his commendable work ethic. Never was his total devotion to those things that mattered to him more evident than when it came to Elizabeth "Bette" Koss. That striking straight shooter with the heart of gold who played a mean marimba was destined to become his best

friend, the love of his life and much to his delight, Mrs. Herman Johnson. Mr. & Mrs. Johnson spent nearly sixty years of wedded bliss together. First dedicating their lives to raising their three children and then as time flew by, enjoying the goings on of day to day life together. Whether it was their weekly dates to Dairy Queen or lazy summer days spent at the Connecticut shore, every experience was a treasured adventure to Herman because he and Bette were together. In their later years Herman tirelessly and selflessly cared for his ailing wife until her needs were too much for the two of them to handle by themselves. When Bette passed on October 4th 2011 Herman's heart was broken but his spirit remained strong.

Herman succumbed to complications of a long term condition on January 22, 2014 at Aurora Senior Living of New Britain where both he and Bette lived out the last of their time on this earth. In addition to Bette, Herman is preceded by both of his parents, his brothers Raymond and Robert and Larry Walter, the always kind, long term partner of his elder daughter. Those left behind to carry on his legacy are his children: Kathleen Johnson of Charlotte, North Carolina, Jeffery Johnson of New Britain and Jennifer Johnson and her partner Megan also of New Britain. Herman is also survived by his four grandsons and two great grandchildren all of whom he thought the world of. In addition we would like to thank the staff of Aurora Senior Living of New Britain for their care and compassion. They allowed a beautiful person to pass on to the next life in peace and with dignity and we appreciate them.

Funeral services will be held on Monday January 27 11 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Interment with military honors will follow at Fairview Cemetery, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Drive, Wallingford, CT 06492. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "Send Condolences" at the bottom of this page.

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“ I learned of Herman's passing this week and I want so much to let the family know everything written about Herman in the most loveliest obituary is true. I'm glad I had the opportunity to know Herman, he truly was that sweet man.

As a neighbor, I met Herman and Bette always going for a walk down the street. They knew what really matter in life. A good marriage devotion to each other and a sense of humor. I'm truly blessed to have the most fondest memories of Herman and Bette. With deepest sympathy to Jen Jeffery & Kate

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**Audrey Putorak** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ My entire family is sorry for your loss. I have known Herman since I was a little girl and a gentler, kinder man I've never known. We understand your grief but we can all have faith that he now rejoices with dear Bette and other loved ones at his side.

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**Lynn Archambault** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM