



Theodore H. "Ted" Johnson, M.D.

June 27, 1932 - December 21, 2025

Theodore H. "Ted" Johnson, M.D., 93, beloved husband of former U.S. Congresswoman Nancy L. Johnson, passed away Sunday, December 21, 2025, at their home in Bloomfield surrounded by family. A native and longtime resident of New Britain, Ted was the third child of the late Herbert and Anne (Bingham) Johnson.

Ted graduated from New Britain High School (1950), earned his bachelor's degree from Harvard University (1954) where he first met his wife to be Nancy Elizabeth Lee, and received his Medical Degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1959. During medical school, Ted elected to spend a year conducting research at the University of Birmingham in England (1957-1958) after which he and Nancy married on July 12, 1958 in Harpenden, England.

Ted completed his medical internship at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL in 1961, his residency at University of California, San Francisco in 1964, and his military service as a Captain, U.S. Air Force, James Connally Air Force Base, Waco, TX, honorably discharged in June 1966.

Dr. Johnson returned to New Britain and joined the Obstetrics & Gynecology Group at the Grove Hill Clinic where he practiced 31 years along side his older brother, Dr. Samuel Johnson, until his retirement in 1997. Widely

respected as a fine OB/GYN, Ted earned the trust and admiration of colleagues and generations of patients. He was a passionate advocate for women's health and a steadfast supporter of Planned Parenthood of America.

Ted was raised in the South Congregational Church in New Britain and later embraced Unitarian Universalism, actively participating in the UU Fellowship of New Britain and the Unitarian Society of Hartford communities. His love of art and music was instilled in him by his mother, Anne, who herself was an accomplished pianist and an art historian. Music, however, was a defining and lifelong passion for Ted. He played the trumpet and French horn, performed with the New Britain High School Band, sang in choruses and barbershop quartets—including “The Medicinal Wine” with his brother and fellow physicians—and performed with the Farmington Valley Singers, including Handel's Messiah. He also appeared in two productions with the Repertory Theater: *The Music Man* and *Paint Your Wagon*. Monthly family-and-friends “Sings” were cherished traditions and a source of great joy. Ted was famous for his constant whistling, from Beatles tunes to classical melodies. He shared his love of a cappella and barbershop harmony with his children and grandchildren. One of his favorite sayings, “If you can whistle, then you will never be alone,” became a beloved family mantra. True to form, even his great-grandson and one of three namesakes, Theo Genners, carries on the tradition.

His devotion to music extended to the community. Ted supported the New Britain Symphony Orchestra and was a founder and board member of CONCORA Choral Society, even bicycling from New Britain to Washington, D.C., to raise funds. He was also a supporter of the New Britain Museum of American Art, the South Church Music Series, and the creation and development of Trinity-On-Main.

Ted loved sports and loved supporting his children and grandchildren in their

many sports. He was an ardent fan of the UCONN Women's Basketball Team and had a particular passion for skiing, ice dancing, golf and mountain biking with friends and family. He loved to travel the world with Nancy, his children and grandchildren. His legacy is one of family, love, service, honor, humor, and humility and his lived example will forever be cherished.

Besides his wife Nancy, Ted leaves three daughters, Lindsey Johnson (John Suddarth) of Cincinnati, Ohio; Althea McDonald (James) of Cary, NC; and Caroline Genners (Randall) of Jacksonville, FL; ten grandchildren: Christopher Genners (Ashleigh), Nicholas Genners (Kelsey), Adam Genners (Stephanie), Paul Genners (Kaitlyn), Nicole McDonald (Alex), Joanna McDonald, Kymberley Suddarth, Dori Suddarth Botts (Mike), Tova Suddarth (Mark Escott) and Ian Suddarth; 6 great-granddaughters, 4 great-grandsons; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ted was predeceased by his parents, Herbert and Anne (Bingham) Johnson, his brother Dr. Samuel Johnson (Bette), and his sister, Patricia "Patsy" Andrews (Thomas), and his daughter, Joanna Carol Johnson.

Celebration of Life Services, officiated by Rev. Jane Rowe and Rev. Bob Janis, will be held on SATURDAY January 31, 2026 at 10:30 AM at South Church, 90 Main Street, New Britain, followed by military honors. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in Fairview Cemetery, New Britain. Calling hours are scheduled for THURSDAY January 29, 2026 4 to 7 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Sq. New Britain.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to South Church Music Series, 90 Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051 or to Trinity-On-Main, 69 Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain, is assisting with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfu

neralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

120 Smalley Street
New Britain, CT 06051

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Carlson Funeral Home
45 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051
(860) 225-6361
carlsonfh@aol.com
<https://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com/>

Celebration of Life

JAN **31**. 10:30 AM (ET)

South Church
90 Main Street
New Britain, CT

Tribute Wall

DB

“ I had the honor of knowing Ted, especially as it related to several of Nancy's congressional races. He was always a valued member of her team. Many campaigns tend to "tolerate" the candidate's spouse, but not in this case--when Ted would pull up in front of the HQ, someone would say, "hey guys, Dr. Ted's here," who then got a hero's welcome. One thing he liked was to get a list of homes who had agreed to take a yard sign and deliver them himself in New Britain. But, he was very astute and perceptive on campaign matters and added so much. A wonderful person and a wonderful family.

Dave Boomer - February 10 at 04:00 PM

SC

“ Our family was blessed to get to know Ted and Nancy through our dear friends and former neighbors, Lindsey, John, Tova, and Ian Suddarth. The whole extended family warmth of the Johnsons made us feel like part of this close-knit household. And we will carry fond memories of the outings we were a part of throughout our lives. Sending our hugs and prayers to the whole family with special thoughts for Nancy and remembrance of Ted.
Chris, Stacey, Jamieson, Shea, and Sean Cronin

Stacey Cronin - January 28 at 03:01 PM

DL

“ Ted has been a friend since 1967 and we have shared many experiences together. We were fellow physicians at New Britain General Hospital and the Grove Hill Medical Center. After he ran the Boston Marathon in 1968 he encouraged me to also engage in long distance running. We skied together in many places, engaged in tennis and golf and even in mountain biking. Ted was a wonderful athlete. Our young children enjoyed disc sliding on runs he fashioned on his backyard hill in New Britain. But most of all I admired his steadfast devotion to his family during his long life adventure.

David Lund

David Lund - January 19 at 02:47 PM

SC

“ From the first day I met Dr Ted I knew I was in the presence of a warm and generous being. I am grateful for his friendship and wise counsel. -- Susan Christensen

Susan C - January 05 at 11:55 AM

PD

“ My sincere condolences to the Johnson family. May he rest in peace.

Phil Delldonna

Phil Delldonna - January 05 at 08:20 AM

JK

“ Nancy, we are so sorry to hear of Ted's passing. Our deepest sympathies.
We shall never forget our times on the board together. Ted was an amazing individual in leadership, generosity, and caring.
Peace be with you and yours.

John and Mary Kelling - January 02 at 07:33 PM



“ I got to know Ted through my work with Nancy in politics and always found him to be a warm, caring, funny and genuine human being. My sincere condolences go out to Nancy, and all the family at the passing of this wonderful man. May he rest in peace.

Craig Taylor

Craig Taylor - December 31, 2025 at 03:31 PM

GD

“ Just one of the many women who, under the loving care of Dr Johnson, delivered a beautiful baby girl. His kindness and warmth toward a new, semi-frightened, mother will not be forgotten. God Bless you Dr Johnson and my love and prayers to Nancy and her family.

Gail Pucci Dumoulin

Gail Pucci Dumoulin - December 31, 2025 at 08:58 AM

KB

“ I worked with Dr. Johnson when I was a nurse in L&D at NBGH. He was always kind to me, a novice RN, which at that time in the early 80s was not always the case. I remember him whistling down the hall as he came to deliver babies. He was always happy! Sending my sincere condolences to his family and all who loved him. Say hello to my best buddy, Lizzy Russell, RN, when you see her in heaven, Dr. Ted....

Kate Betancourt - December 31, 2025 at 08:47 AM

TJ

“ Caroline, and family.

Deepest sympathy, and my thoughts are with you

Sincerely,

Tom Jones your little league team mate , and high school class mate

thomas jones - December 31, 2025 at 06:04 AM

SV

“ Dr Ted was my Moms doctor and mine as well when I turned older. (Dr Sam delivered me in 1970.)They were both wonderful Doctors. Very soft spoken and actually cared for his patients My condolences to the Johnson family.



Shelly Valentine - December 29, 2025 at 10:56 PM

HT

“ I worked for Doctor Ted at Grove Hill Medical Center. His patients loved him and so did all the staff. He was a true gentleman and a wonderful physician. He was fun to work with and always appreciated his staff.
When Doctor Ted retired the medical field lost a true hero.
Praying that God will give you all peace and comfort during this time of sorrow.
Heather and Bill Thumbeck

Heather Thumbeck - December 28, 2025 at 02:54 PM

PM

“ From the moment I joined the Johnson family at twenty, by marrying his nephew Bill, Uncle Ted embraced me with warmth and generosity.

Before our move from New Britain to China in 1993, Uncle Ted whistled tunes to my toddler Marcela as we lunched at Shuttle Meadow, quietly assuring us we would never be alone so far from home. And we never were. During a medical emergency in Shanghai while I was pregnant with my daughter Isabella, his calm voice and clear guidance by phone, all the way from Connecticut, gave me confidence and helped saved our beloved Isa’s life. His presence held us that night.

Through his visits to china, including one to Hong Kong with Aunt Nancy, for the birth of our son Samuel showed us his dedication to family. On our annual visits home, his stories, music, and invitations to Great Taste, Walnut Hill walks, and strolls through the NB museum of American Art, he kept us connected—to one another and to our New Britain.

After Bill and I divorced, Uncle Ted’s belief in love, family, and solidarity guided us to remain a family. He and Aunt Nancy embraced both of our new partners with the same boundless generosity that defined him.

Thank you, Uncle Ted, for your steady presence and enduring love. For ever in our hearts.

Patricia Mazuera-Johnson - December 28, 2025 at 08:42 AM

DE

“ A real gentleman, a beloved father and grand father... we will never forget you 🙏

Dumage Eric - December 28, 2025 at 06:23 AM

SB

“ *Our sincere condolences, Lindsey.
I will always remember your father’s cheerfulness and ready smile.
May all your
happiest memories give you peace.*

❤️ *Mark and Sharyn*

Sharyn Bieber - December 28, 2025 at 05:26 AM