



## Curtis Johnson

July 16, 1937 - March 25, 2015

Curtis E. Johnson, 77, of Bristol, WI passed away on Wednesday, March 25, 2015.

Curt was born on July 16, 1937, the son of the late Herman and Mary Johnson. He served for 6 years in the United States Navy and almost 30 years in the United States Naval Reserve. During his time in the USNR (while still employed full time with two children) he was highly commended for his superb service in a secret task group involved in antisubmarine warfare operations against Soviet submarines. Curt traveled all over the world while in the Navy Reserves (Turkey, Spain, Phillipines, Bermuda, Hawaii, Japan, Malta and many more.) Because of his height (6'7") he ended up in the Air Naval division flying the P3 Orion. Curt was a proud veteran and made frequent donations to the USO

Curt was a huge Cubs fan. He loved to dance. He created a creative palindrome for his license plate, CURTRUC. Curt had a great sense of humor, loved to play cards and cribbage, and enjoyed westerns and Dean Martin roasts. He was employed for 52 years at Culligan.

Curt's friends spanned many generations; he was friends with people of all ages. To all that met him, he was unforgettable.

Curt is survived by his children Rhonda Johnson Perry and Eric (Beth Koch) Johnson, grandchildren Rachel Perry and Alyssa Perry, brother Herman 'Bud' Johnson, and by his Most Significant Other Shirley Wolff.

He was preceded in death by his wife Bonnie Lee Johnson and by his brothers Wallace Johnson and Gerald Johnson.

Visitation will be from 1 - 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 29, 2015 at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S. Milwaukee Ave (Rte 83) Lake Villa, IL 60046. Additional visitation hours will be from 9 - 10 a.m. on Monday, March 30, 2015 at the funeral home. A funeral service with military honors will begin on Monday at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at Avon Centre Cemetery.

As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be sent to the USO.

Tax-deductible donations to the USO can be made online at <http://www.uso.org/donatelanding.aspx>, by calling 1-800-876-7469 or by mail.

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PO Box 96860

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# Cemetery Details

## Avon Centre Cemetery

Rte 83 & Shorewood Rd  
Grayslake, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **29**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home  
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ringa Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Curtis Johnson*



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**Ringa Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - March 27, 2015 at 03:28 PM



“ *Curtis Johnson*

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October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Curtis Johnson*

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December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *My heart felt condolences go out to Curt's family. He was always a stand up guy in VP 60. Felix Unger*

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**Raoul Felix Unger** - April 05, 2015 at 07:11 PM

JH

“ I spent many years and many hours flying with Curt. There were two things I remember him being very proud of: 1.) His family and children, and 2.) His devotion to the Navy and his squadron mates. He was and is an inspiration to me, and I will miss our occasional phones calls and visits after our retirements from the squadron.



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**John Hahn** - March 31, 2015 at 01:44 AM

KE

“ Kim Emerson sent a virtual gift in memory of Curtis Johnson



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**Kim Emerson** - March 31, 2015 at 12:19 AM

KE

I knew Curt through my friend Shirley. I remember running into them or him be bopping through town. He always had a hi and a smile. I think that's what I will remember him the most for (his smile) plus, of course, the nice person that he was. Even though I didn't know him as well as many of you did, I knew him enough to know how nice he was. I know he will be missed deeply by so many. My heartfelt sympathy to the Johnson family, the Jelinek family and Shirley. God bless!

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**Kim Emerson** - March 31, 2015 at 12:24 AM

DJ

“ The always smiling "tall drink of water" brought sunshine to us all. He will be missed, so much!

*Dr. Joan Johnson*

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**Dr. Joan Johnson** - March 30, 2015 at 10:10 AM

NI

“ I first met Curt when he was a "Culligan Man" repairman. When I opened the door and saw how tall he was I immediately apologized because of where the water softener was located. Some of you know we do not have a basement. The softener is located in a 31/2 foot high crawl space. Even on his knees it was difficult for Curt.

Curt noticed a hand craving of flight wing we had hanging over the fireplace and asked about them. It was given to Richard when he left VP21 in Brunswick, Maine. It turned out Richard was Curt's division officer at that time.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Curt's family and friends.

Richard & Jackie Nilson

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**Nilson** - March 30, 2015 at 09:27 AM

MM

“ Wonder shipmate. He will be missed.

Mike Mazurczak

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**Mike Mazurczak** - March 29, 2015 at 04:15 PM

KH

“ Rhonda, Eric & Shirley,  
Please know that you have our deepest sympathy and that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Love, Kay & Ted Hamm

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**kayleen hamm** - March 29, 2015 at 11:52 AM

LS

“ Louise Siebert sent a virtual gift in memory of Curtis Johnson



louise siebert - March 29, 2015 at 10:46 AM



“ Corry Lindahl lit a candle in memory of Curtis Johnson



Corry Lindahl - March 28, 2015 at 10:08 PM

MG

“ Always smiling, "Mr. Johnson", as I called Eric's dad, made me laugh, was easy-going, fun, and always good-humored about the weird kids hanging out in his basement. He will be missed. -- Michael Gilio

michael gilio - March 28, 2015 at 02:59 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Curtis Johnson.



March 28, 2015 at 12:41 PM

TB

“ As a past member of Naval Reserve Sqdn. VP 60 and a shipmate of Curt Johnson my thoughts & Prayers are with the family. Curt was always fun to be around, never let you down, his word was his bond, a pleasure to be with, whether here or abroad.

*Thomas Barr*

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**Thomas Barr** - March 28, 2015 at 11:14 AM

 Dan Decker

“ Eric I am so sorry to hear this news. I never saw any parent more supportive of their child's need for the arts than he was of you. You, and all of us, are blessed for having known him.

*Dan Decker*

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**Dan Decker** - March 28, 2015 at 01:43 AM

PF

“ Thoughts & prayers to Rhonda & family. Curt was a wonderful person to work with. Always a smiling face. You will be missed.

*Patty Campbell-Fuller*

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**Patty Fuller** - March 27, 2015 at 10:49 PM

SS

“ Curt Johnson will be missed by many including Mary and me. It was a huge blessing to know him. He could tell a great story, dance up a storm and share some wonderful recipes on Facebook. He was blessed to have great kids, and isn't that what life is really all about.

*Steve and Mary Seekins*

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**Steve and Mary Seekins** - March 27, 2015 at 10:31 PM

LL

“ *The first time I met Mr. Johnson is when I accepted a ride home from school. He had a convertible. Although I got the lecture about not accepting rides from strangers it was the beginning of many friendships.*

*Rhonda and Eric, my condolences to your family. I will always remember the very tall man with a great sense of humor.*

*With love,*

*Laura Fishman Loss*

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**Laura Fishman Loss** - March 27, 2015 at 10:27 PM



“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



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**Eric Johnson** - March 27, 2015 at 09:31 PM

SB

*To one of the kindest, giving men I had the honor of calling family~~my heartfelt condolences Aunt Shirley, Rhonda, Eric and family~~*

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**Sandra Beck** - March 28, 2015 at 09:54 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Eric Johnson** - March 27, 2015 at 09:17 PM

DS

*Yes! I didn't know it became reality! Rest easy, Mr. J...*

**Doug Steckel** - March 28, 2015 at 10:48 AM

LW

“ Curt:

*Curt was a great neighbor, we move in across the street from him 10 years ago, when we moved in we would sit outside by the fire with Shirley and a few neighbors have a glass of wine or a beer or soda and talk and tell stories he was always so nice to talk with, I would meet him at the mail box and just stand and talk to him it was always a pleasure and we both bought new Kia's and we would run into each other and the local dealer getting our unlimited free car washes, or at a local restaurant he would always take time to stop and talk to you!*

*Curt was a wonderful neighbor and he will be dearly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Shirley and all of his family. Lou and Pat Wahl*

**Lou and Pat Wahl** - March 27, 2015 at 05:52 PM

AF

“ *ATSV Co-Workers & Friends purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Curtis Johnson.*



**ATSV Co-Workers & Friends** - March 27, 2015 at 12:40 PM

SR

“ Curt:  
*You were like a second dad to me. You taught me a lot in the culligan commercial service field. I will miss all your stories and talking and laughing with you.  
I am going to really miss you Curt.*

*Your friend;  
Scott Ryddner*

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**scott ryddner** - March 27, 2015 at 10:39 AM



“ On behalf of the staff at Ringa Funeral Home and the Ringa Family, we would like to extend our sympathies to Curt's family and loved ones. It is our privilege to serve you during this time.



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**Ringa Funeral Home** - March 27, 2015 at 10:26 AM

CM

*Please accept my condolences at the loss of your father. I had the pleasure of being a neighbor in Arlington Heights and working with him at Culligan Water Conditioning in Wheeling. I will always remember his great smile and wonderful sense of humor. My love and prayers.*

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**Carole Mailander** - March 29, 2015 at 06:34 AM

IH

*A Great Man who will be missed by many. My deepest condolences to the family and many, many, many friends. Curt had a way of always making people feel special. Curt was loved by many.*

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**Irm Hess** - April 01, 2015 at 09:53 PM

GM

*My sincere condolences to Curt's family and close friends. Curt and I met at Hackney's on Harms and he persuaded me to sign up at NAS Glenview. Later at Hackney's in Wheeling he was the Kitchen Boss/Bartender for years. Great guy, good boss (to young and impressionable teens and young and older workers. We who knew him will smile to remember "Old Sequoia".*

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**Geege Masterson** - April 11, 2015 at 05:16 PM