



## David Johnson

November 11, 1929 - October 7, 2015

David Lynn Johnson was born on November 11, 1929, or as his father said, "11-11, eleven years after the Armistice was signed." He was the only son of Henning Frederick (Johansson) Johnson, who had come from Sweden via Ellis Island, and Evelyn Pearl (McGrail) Johnson of Calhoun County, Iowa. He ran in the Drake Relays, graduated from Rockwell City High School, attended Iowa State University, served in the Air Force and became a 32nd degree Mason. He married Bonnie Louise Ritchart in 1952. He traveled for International Harvester and worked for the Iowa State Job Service in Fort Dodge for many years in many roles including manager, until his retirement in 1992, whereupon he and his wife Bonnie moved to Spirit Lake.

He had two sons, David and Mark, whom he taught laughing, generosity and various amusing and imaginative mental gymnastics. He has five grandchildren: Elizabeth, Rebekah, Amelia, Michael and Nicholas who he taught kindness and good intentions. Mr. Johnson visited Europe four times, as well as Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico and Canada. He especially enjoyed Big Bands, the Foxtrot and the Jitterbug. He mixed a good drink. He had many friends whom he appreciated dearly.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife Bonnie, his two sons David and Mark, their wives Sarojini and Joni, and his five grandchildren Elizabeth, Rebekah, Amelia, Michael and Nicholas.

A famous person once said, "if there is a heaven, it will have champagne."  
Skol!

A celebration of David's life will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

FM

“ *David Johnson*

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**Fr. Carl Mann** - November 08, 2015 at 09:11 PM

DS

“ *It was no surprise to see the word "walleye" in David's e-mail address. He did love his fishing. He was a happy and friendly guy and always had a joke to tell. He'll be missed by many.*

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**Dale & Helen Sturgeon** - October 14, 2015 at 12:25 PM

DA

“ *David was a wonderful person and a good friend. We have fond memories of many bridge games and eating out - especially Mineral City*

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**Dick and Anita** - October 13, 2015 at 04:49 PM

DA

“ *David was a wonderful person and a good friend. We had many good times at the bridge table and eating out. We will remember the many cocktail hours at the Crossing*

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**Dick and** - October 13, 2015 at 04:44 PM

MD

“ Sven and Ole go fishing. It's such a great day, they rent a boat so they can fish from the middle of the lake. They row out, drop their lines, and before you know it, they're catching fish, one after another after another. They can't believe what a great fishing spot they found.

Sven says, "This is the best fishing spot in the county. It's just too bad we didn't bring some paint."

Ole asks, "Paint? Why should you want paint, to go fishing?"

"Well Ole, don't you see, so we can paint an "X" in the bottom of the boat, so we can find this spot next time."

Ole laughs at him. "Sven, don't be such a dummy! Next time, what if they give us a different boat?"

*Is that why Dave had his own boat. I loved his jokes and time fishing with him*

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**Mike Doye** - October 08, 2015 at 09:32 PM

JM

“ David was a true gentleman, fun to be around, witty, hard working, just a great guy. He will be missed by many Mikos', especially Melissa, John, Dick and Bill.

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**John Mikos** - October 08, 2015 at 09:05 PM

SL

“ David will be missed he was a great guy and may God hold in his arms.god bless

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**shelly lorenzen** - October 08, 2015 at 07:28 PM

SL

“ David will be missed he was a great guy

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**shelly lorenzen** - October 08, 2015 at 07:27 PM

JB

“ David and I had many laughs, jokes, and very good times. We fished together in Lake Havasu, and a little in the Horbor of West Okoboji. He was a pretty good left-handed golfer, and could always outdrive me. I will miss him. Marcia will miss him at the duplicate bridge sessions. He was what I call "A fun guy to be with at any time".

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**Jack and Marcia Bedell** - October 08, 2015 at 06:31 PM