



## Paul Allen Johnson

May 22, 1947 - September 5, 2021

Paul Allen Johnson, 74, of Arnolds Park, passed away Sunday, September 5, at Lakes Regional Healthcare with family by his side.

He graduated from Shenandoah High School in 1965 and began his post-secondary studies at Peru State. Then putting his studies on hold, he enlisted in the Marine Corps in September 1966. Paul was deployed to Vietnam in June of 1967 and on September 8, 1967, while on a reconnaissance mission, Paul was shot by an enemy sniper. Paul was eventually transferred to the Naval Hospital at the Naval Station Great Lakes in Great Lakes, Illinois where he spent many months recovering from his injuries. Paul was a distinguished veteran and was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and Rifle Sharpshooter Badge.

After the war, Paul returned to Peru State, married Marianna Sober in 1969 and they raised two children (Chad and Katherine (Kate) in Farragut, Iowa. Upon graduation, Paul began working as a salesmen for Rath Packing Company and then in the fall of 1971, began a career with Eaton Corporation in Shenandoah, Iowa.

In 1989, he married Dawn E. Hanzlick and shortly after they were married, he was transferred to Eaton Corporation Spencer Division where he was a

procurement manager. Paul, Dawn and two of Dawn's three children (Justin and Keri Hanzlick) made their home on Lake Minnewashta in Arnolds Park, Iowa. Paul retired from Eaton Corporation in 2006.

Paul was an avid nature and wildlife lover and enjoyed sports. He was a huge fan of Kansas City professional teams and the collegiate play of the Nebraska Cornhuskers and all Iowa universities and colleges. He enjoyed golfing, "conservation" hunting and spending time with his many friends. Paul was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and a long standing member of the sportsman club- Twin Rivers Farm (aka- the 22 Club).

Survivors include: sister -Connie and brother-in-law Gene Pratt (Manchester, Iowa); son - Chad Johnson (Lincoln, NE) and granddaughter Samantha; daughter - Kate Livingston, husband Rob (Council Bluffs, Iowa) and granddaughters (Emma, Isabel and Greta); step-daughter - Keri M. Hanzlick and Jeff Rost (Waukee, Iowa) and grandsons (Kyle and Derrick) and step-daughter - Heather E. Hanzlick-Jaacks and husband Rick (Winona, MN).

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, wife Dawn E. Johnson and stepson Justin A. Hanzlick.

The family we will be holding a private family interment with military funeral honors ceremony on Saturday, September 11, 2021 and a celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

Memorials may be directed in Paul's name to the Humane Society of Northwest Iowa or to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV- I Help Veterans)

# Tribute Wall

SG

“ RIP my Marine brother. Recon the afterlife and let me know how you and Dawn Elizabeth are doing. See you one of these days.....miss you already.

Steve Grimes - September 12, 2021 at 09:39 PM

KR

“ Paul was my neighbor and classmate throughout our school years. I will remember many fun times together and his big smile. Love and prayers to the family.  
Karen Chesshire Ray

karen chesshire ray - September 12, 2021 at 12:21 PM

JC

“ Paul was a classmate of mine at Shenandoah High School. I will always remember him for his kindness and compassion. He always had that bigger than life smile on his face. My thoughts and prayers go out to Paul and all his family.

Janet Coudurier - September 10, 2021 at 04:23 PM

KS

“ Karen Ridenour Stoller lit a candle in memory of Paul Allen Johnson



Karen Ridenour Stoller - September 10, 2021 at 12:11 PM

WS

“ Wendy Schmitz lit a candle in memory of Paul Allen Johnson



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Wendy Schmitz - September 10, 2021 at 08:42 AM

MB

“ Paul was a fellow Shenandoah Class of '65er. As a classmate, we shared many good memories. Sympathies, Pam & Marv Belknap

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Marv and Pam Belknap - September 09, 2021 at 10:01 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Paul Allen Johnson.



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September 09, 2021 at 05:06 PM

DW

“ Paul was such a nice neighbor there on the canal off Minnewashta. My thoughts and prayers go out to Keri and all of Paul's loving family.  
Doris Welle

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Doris Welle - September 09, 2021 at 01:30 PM

BP

“ Paul lived about 2 blocks down the road from me-ran into him at the local waterhole and he had some great stories about hunting/fishing etc.with sports he was a husker [plus a lot off other teams.great guy-great pic of him-what a handsome guy and person.Bruce

bruce pflueger - September 08, 2021 at 09:19 PM

MZ

“ We are so sorry to hear of Paul's passing. RIP Paul, away from pain. Thank you for your military service and sacrifice. Thoughts of sympathy and comfort going out to all of the family. Mora/Gary Zinn.

Mora/Gary Zinn - September 08, 2021 at 06:34 PM

JB

“ Jaime Berning lit a candle in memory of Paul Allen Johnson



Jaime Berning - September 08, 2021 at 06:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Allen Johnson.



September 08, 2021 at 05:52 PM

IS

“ *Irma Schaffer lit a candle in memory of Paul Allen Johnson*



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**Irma Schaffer** - September 08, 2021 at 05:05 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Paul Allen Johnson.*



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September 08, 2021 at 05:03 PM

TH

“ *Tia Hofmeyer lit a candle in memory of Paul Allen Johnson*



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**Tia Hofmeyer** - September 08, 2021 at 02:38 PM

TH

*So sorry for your loss! He seemed so sprite the last time I saw him, this came as a surprise. Hugs!*

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**Tia Hofmeyer** - September 08, 2021 at 02:39 PM

DL

“ *Deb Lockey lit a candle in memory of Paul Allen Johnson*



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**Deb Lockey** - September 08, 2021 at 02:22 PM

KH

“ *Kae Hoppe lit a candle in memory of Paul Allen Johnson*



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**Kae Hoppe** - September 08, 2021 at 01:12 PM

JW

“ *Joey Wikert lit a candle in memory of Paul Allen Johnson*



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**Joey Wikert** - September 08, 2021 at 11:46 AM

MU

“ *Marlys Unrau lit a candle in memory of Paul Allen Johnson*



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**Marlys Unrau** - September 08, 2021 at 07:50 AM

VJ

“ Vicki Jensen lit a candle in memory of Paul Allen Johnson



vicki jensen - September 07, 2021 at 07:54 PM

VJ

*prayers to all the family and friends*

vicki jensen - September 07, 2021 at 07:55 PM

LF

“ Lenette And Family lit a candle in memory of Paul Allen Johnson



Lenette and Family - September 07, 2021 at 07:33 PM

JS

“ Sending love and hugs to Paulies family...he will be greatly missed. It is a comfort to know he is at peace, out of pain and back with Dawn. May God bless them both and the family. Judy and Dean

Judy Sitzmann - September 07, 2021 at 03:20 PM

JM

“ Sending comfort to the kids; it's been a tough year for you all. Paully will be missed, but he is with his love now. Prayers for you all.

Jennifer & Bryan Munsen - September 07, 2021 at 02:10 PM

RM

“ *Another sad passing from the Class of 65. Paul was a classmate, teammate and friend. A true warrior and hero who served his nation with pride. Paul will be truly missed. Rest In Peace my friend. Bob Mobley.*

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**Robert Mobley** - September 06, 2021 at 07:31 PM