



## Dennis "Denny" Johnson

December 1, 1937 - October 12, 2024

Dennis Johnson, 86, a man of deep faith, passed away on October 12, 2024, surrounded by family at Ascension Hospital in Racine where he was admitted the day before.

Dennis was born Dec 1, 1937, to Ray and Elsie Johnson. He grew up in Racine with his parents and older brother Thomas. He attended St John's Lutheran School, Racine Lutheran High and the University of Wisconsin. On Nov 26, 1959, he married Sharon Rae (Lueneburg) Johnson at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Racine (they were looking forward to celebrating their 65th anniversary next month). They raised three wonderful children.

Dennis was a lifelong member of Grace Lutheran Church in Racine. He served as past president of Grace and Racine Lutheran High School boards. He was in the insurance business for 60 years and owns Associated Insurers in Franksville. He was very proud that both of his sons chose to be in business with him. He was in his office, as usual, the day before he passed. Dennis was an avid hunter and fisherman, starting at a young age with his dad and brother to just three weeks ago when he caught a 26-inch walleye on Lake Caribou in Ontario. It's there where Dennis created his legacy – a beautiful log home with most everything in it crafted by his own hands. He loved sharing the home and the pristine lake of 23,000 acres with family and friends. He also enjoyed a CC around the fireplace reminiscing about his many life adventures.

Dennis was an incredibly hard worker his entire life, as evidenced by his

perseverance to build the log home aptly named Camp Courage. The land is accessible only by water, and the challenges were great over the 4 years it took to complete.

Dennis also loved to travel, go out to eat, and be with cherished family. He was always observing and smiling at the kids and, once in a while, would pipe up with a great story or joke. He had a wonderful sense of humor, even joking with the nurse taking care of him only hours before passing. He will be remembered as a friendly and kind man – a ‘gentle giant’ at 6’8” tall.

He will be so very missed by Sharon, his beloved wife of 65 years; daughter Rae Ann (Rod) Good, sons Scott (Terri) and Steve Johnson and Linda Johnson; six grandchildren Brennan (Kora) Johnson, Trevor (Gabrielle) Johnson, Bailey (Jake) Dockum; Tanner (Aleigha) Johnson, Logan Johnson and Kayla Kerkman, and Camarae Good; great grandchildren Braylin, Laken, Halston, Brody, Emersyn and Braxtyn Johnson with two more greats arriving soon! As well as his faithful canine named Lady.

Other family members who Dennis loved dearly include his late brother Tom, special cousin Dr. Al Johnson, nephew Brad Johnson, sister-in-law Linda Lueneburg (late Jim Lueneburg), brother and sister-in-law Gary and Pat Lueneburg, nieces and nephews, cousins and friends, particularly lifelong friend Vern Baumgart.

Visitation at Sturino Funeral Home, 3014 Northwestern Ave, Racine, Oct 18, 4-7 PM. (Plan for nearby road construction). Visitation Sat, Oct 19, at 9:30 AM with service at 10:30 AM at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3700 Washington Ave., Racine. Christian burial at Arlington Cemetery in Milwaukee at 1:45 PM.

The family extends a special thank you to Drs. Durbin, Choi and Bajwa and their staffs as well as Compassus nurses Fatima, Angie and Crystal for their compassionate care.

Memorials may be considered to Grace Lutheran Church.



# Cemetery Details

## Arlington Park Cemetery

4141 S 27th St  
Milwaukee, WI 53221

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home  
3014 Northwestern Avenue  
Racine, WI 53404  
(262) 632-4479  
info@sturinofuneralhome.com

## Visitation

OCT 19. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church  
3700 Washington Ave  
Racine, WI

## Funeral Service

OCT 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church  
3700 Washington Ave  
Racine, WI



# Tribute Wall



“ Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dennis "Denny" Johnson



Sturino Funeral Home - October 17, 2024 at 09:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis "Denny" Johnson.

October 28, 2024 at 11:46 AM



“ Sue (Kelley) Mccambridge, my sympathies go out to the Johnson family. Great neighbors and friends.

Sue Mccambridge - October 21, 2024 at 08:22 PM



“ Hugh and Teri Kelly purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dennis "Denny" Johnson.



Hugh and Teri Kelly - October 19, 2024 at 12:01 PM

HK

“ Hugh and Teri Kelly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis "Denny" Johnson.

Hugh and Teri Kelly - October 19, 2024 at 12:01 PM

RB

“ Dear Sharon and family. We were sorry to hear about Denny passing. Guess it is also time to look back on all the happy and wonderful years you had together. Sorry that Ron and I can't come down for the funeral, but you will be in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you all. Ron, Barb and Alan Barbieri.

Ron Barb and Alan Barbieri - October 19, 2024 at 10:07 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis "Denny" Johnson.



October 18, 2024 at 01:33 PM

SB

“ Shane, Gabriella and Fran Brossman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis "Denny" Johnson.

Shane, Gabriella and Fran Brossman - October 18, 2024 at 01:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis "Denny" Johnson.



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October 18, 2024 at 09:54 AM



“ Maggie Rottino planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis "Denny" Johnson.

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**Maggie Rottino** - October 18, 2024 at 09:54 AM



“ Love Sheri Perez purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis "Denny" Johnson.



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**Love Sheri Perez** - October 17, 2024 at 07:00 PM



“ 183 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Sturino Funeral Home** - October 17, 2024 at 04:44 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Dennis "Denny" Johnson.



October 17, 2024 at 03:23 PM



“ The BIW Mpls Sales Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis "Denny" Johnson.

**The BIW Mpls Sales Team** - October 17, 2024 at 03:23 PM

DD

“ Denis, Kate, Joy & Darcy purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Dennis "Denny" Johnson.



Denise, Kate, Joy & Darcy - October 17, 2024 at 09:13 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dennis "Denny" Johnson.



October 17, 2024 at 08:37 AM

DF

“ David Fliess and family. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dennis "Denny" Johnson.



David Fliess and family. - October 17, 2024 at 08:08 AM

DK

“ Sharon, I am so sorry to hear of Denny's passing. I know how much you loved him and he loved you. Please know Dr. Choi, Pat and I and the entire clinic staff is thinking of you and your family. Please let me know if there is anything we can do for you. It has truly been a pleasure getting to know you both over the last years. I will always treasure our calls especially when you shared some of your Christmas family traditions. What a beautiful legacy you and Denny created for your family. Sincerely, Debbie

Debbie Kubowski - October 16, 2024 at 08:50 PM

AH

“ Sharon and family. Dean and I are so sorry to hear of Denny’s passing. I remember the day we were working 3-11, Sharon, and Denny came to take you to dinner. You were busy so he, with good humor, got into a bed and we sent you in to tend to the “new “ patient. What a surprise you had! Please know prayers are being said for your family.

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**arlene hugdahl** - October 16, 2024 at 01:28 PM

GG

“ Dear Sharon, Rae Ann, Scott and Steve,

*How do I express my sincere sympathy on the loss of your dear husband and father*

*I have known Denny since first grade at St John's school and all thru LHS, what a guy*

*God bless all of you and Sharon, you were so blessed to have him for your husband and the 3 of you for your dad*

*Love,*

*Gail Sorenson Gotch*

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**Gail Gotch** - October 16, 2024 at 11:11 AM

TF

“ Tanya Edwards & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dennis "Denny" Johnson.



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**Tanya Edwards & Family** - October 15, 2024 at 10:46 PM

LH

“ Larry and Kathy Hogleund purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Dennis "Denny" Johnson.



Larry and Kathy Hogleund - October 15, 2024 at 09:03 PM

LH

“ Larry and Kathy Hogleund planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis "Denny" Johnson.

Larry and Kathy Hogleund - October 15, 2024 at 09:03 PM

GH

“ Greg & Jackie Hogleund purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dennis "Denny" Johnson.



Greg & Jackie Hogleund - October 15, 2024 at 07:35 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis "Denny" Johnson.



October 15, 2024 at 06:57 PM

TF

“ *The Andy Scott family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis "Denny" Johnson.*

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**The Andy Scott family** - October 15, 2024 at 06:57 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis "Denny" Johnson.*



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October 15, 2024 at 04:17 PM