



## Donald E Johnson

March 26, 1937 - April 16, 2021

Donald E. Johnson, age 84, of Kankakee, passed away Friday, April 16, 2021 at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee. He was born March 26, 1937 in Montpelier, Indiana, the son of Levi and Mildred (Borden) Johnson. Donald married Marlene Baker on June 24, 1962 in Newcomerstown, Ohio.

Donald was an Elementary School principal.

Donald was a veteran of the United States Army. He was a member of Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving is his wife, Marlene of Kankakee; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa (Rick) Dustin of Atlanta, Georgia, Rachelle (Gregg) Davis of Howell, Michigan; three brothers and four sisters-in-law, Ron (Sandy) Johnson of Huron, Ohio, Bob (Pam) Johnson of Greenfield, Indiana, Jim (Marj) Johnson of Portland, Indiana, Lottie Johnson of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; four grandchildren, Austin Wallace, Curtis Davis, Kelsie Davis, Colin Davis; and two great grandchildren, Gavin Wallace and Ivy Davis.

Preceding him in death are his parents; and one brother, Bill Johnson.

Memorials may be made to Family Wishes.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. until the Noon Funeral Service at Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene.

Pastor Gregg Davis will officiate.

Private interment will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood.

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 20. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Church of the Nazarene  
1000 N. Entrance Ave.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 933-1000  
<http://www.k1.naz.org>

## Funeral Service

APR 20. 12:00 PM (CT)

First Church of the Nazarene  
1000 N. Entrance Ave.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 933-1000  
<http://www.k1naz.org>

# Tribute Wall

RG

“ *Our sympathy to the family, your in our thoughts and prayers.  
Ron/Jan Green*

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**Ron Green** - April 26, 2021 at 09:48 PM



“ *69 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - April 19, 2021 at 11:13 AM

DH

“ *I had the good fortune to work with Don in the Herscher School District. He was an excellent principal and a fine role model for his teachers and students. Our sympathy to his family.*

*David Haebich*

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**David Haebich** - April 18, 2021 at 02:02 PM

TM

“ Don (Mr. Johnson, as we in our household respectfully called him) was quite a kind and jovial man. He was the Principal at Bonfield when both our kids were there. He was stern when he needed to be, but very fair! Marilyn and their family have our deepest sympathy. May God give them comfort and peace thru their grief. ...  
Terry & Linda Meyer

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**Terry & Linda Meyer** - April 18, 2021 at 12:37 AM

TM

*I apologize...I meant to type Marlene and mistakenly typed Marilyn.*

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**Terry & Linda Meyer** - April 18, 2021 at 12:42 AM

KS

“ Don was the first Principal I worked for at Bonfield GS. We had a great relationship and he was one guy who always backed his teachers. Being a first year teacher, Don was great at making sure I had everything I needed. He definitely helped me to become the teacher I was. I took some of his great attributes and used them myself. My sympathies to the family. Don was a great guy! I am glad I got to work with him.  
Kurt Schlaich  
Cherokee Village, AR

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**Kurt Schlaich** - April 17, 2021 at 08:41 PM

SC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Johnson was my grade school principal and he was always so kind to me. Such a great man. ❤️

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**Suzie Cleeland** - April 17, 2021 at 03:40 PM

GM

“ *My deepest sympathy to you and your family. I last saw Don when he was in Miller when my mother was there. We talked for a bit not sure if he really new who i was but it was nice chatting with him.*

*Gina McClellan Hendricks  
Linda McClellan Schoon*



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**Gina McClellan** - April 17, 2021 at 09:33 AM

MM

“ *MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald E Johnson*



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**MR MRS** - April 17, 2021 at 08:13 AM

RO

“ *Don used to bring me things to weld from time to time and he sure was a nice guy. I always looked forward to seeing him. I hadn't seen him for a few years and wondered how he was doing. Always very pleasant, always very nice. I will miss him. My prayers are with his family at this time.*

*God Bless you Don.  
Your Friend, Randy O'Connor*

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**randy j oconnor** - April 17, 2021 at 07:24 AM