



Merlan G. Johnson

March 26, 1935 - June 1, 2014

Merlan G. Johnson, 79, of Kankakee, passed away Sunday (June 1, 2014) at Presence St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee.

He was born March 26, 1935, in Watseka, the son of Otto and Hilda Buhrmaster Johnson. He married Elsie Hall on Jan. 26, 1957, in Champaign.

Merlan worked for Orkin Pest Control for 41 years. He loved his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and enjoyed camping.

Surviving are his wife, Elsie, of Kankakee; sons, Dean (Darcy) Johnson, of Mahomet, and Dale (Karen) Johnson, of Bradley; daughter, Dawn (Jeff) Wendling, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; four grandchildren, Tim Johnson, Kristina Gibson, Michael Wendling, Kari Wendling; six great-grandchildren, Emily, Hanna, Leah, Carley, Oddysey, Khloe; and one great-great-granddaughter, Ella.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, JoAnne Brackameyer; and one great-granddaughter, Faith Gibson.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. Wednesday until the 7 p.m. funeral services at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. Cremation rites will be accorded after the services. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's

Research Hospital or the Kankakee County Humane Society.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children Hospital - www.stjude.org

or to Kankakee County Humane Society - k3chs.tripod.com/

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 4. 7:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
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Kankakee, IL 60901
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Tribute Wall

KW

“ *Miss you so much Grampy! Rest in peace. No more pain now. Love you always and forever!*

*Love,
Your Care-Bear*



Kari Wendling - June 08, 2014 at 08:54 PM

RB

“ *My in-laws as well as the rest of my family knew Mr. Johnson very well. He was our Orkin man for many years. Over those years he became great friends with my father-in-law and was a pallbearer at his funeral. We all thought of him as one of the family. He was never anything but a gentleman and a friend. Our sincere sympathy.*

Ron and Sharon Baron and family

Ron and Sharon Baron - June 05, 2014 at 06:21 PM

DP

“ *I had the pleasure to know and work with Merlan at Orkin 2002-2005. My condolences to his family at this time of grief.*

Diane Praxl - June 04, 2014 at 12:46 PM

BT

“ *Dawn, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayer's. May you be comforted by those who love you.*

Barb Tuthill - June 03, 2014 at 08:17 PM

BT

“ *Barb Tuthill lit a candle in memory of Merlan G. Johnson*



Barb Tuthill - June 03, 2014 at 08:15 PM

RR

“ *It is so difficult to loose such a man. I pray that God will make himself known by those who have been left behind, as the Great Comforter and the Prince of Peace.*



Rev. Hank Roso - June 03, 2014 at 07:45 PM

CW

“ *Christopher Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Merlan G. Johnson*



Christopher Wilcox - June 03, 2014 at 01:01 PM