

David Johnson

October 15, 1945 - January 17, 2022

Dr. David S. Johnson passed away peacefully in his sleep at Big Cedar Resort in Ridgedale, MO on Monday, January 17. He was born October 15, 1945 in Franklin Park, IL. He grew up in Melrose Park IL. In 1969, he married Florence Loeffler in Columbus, OH. They celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on July 5th. He was Dad to Dr. Colleen Moore (Mark) of Springfield, IL and Philip (Lori Lester) of Plano, TX. He was DavePa to Nolan and Kinley Johnson and Stuart and Elan Moore.

Upon graduation from the University of Illinois Dental School, he joined the US Army. He served in Augusta, GA and subsequently received his specialty training at University of Missouri-Kansas City in Pediatric Dentistry. He then finished his Army career with a three year assignment in Augsburg, Germany.

He settled his family in Cape Girardeau, MO in 1979. He was the first pediatric dentist between St. Louis and Memphis. During his career, he served as a Trustee for the Missouri Dental Association. He was honored as the Missouri Dentist of the Year in 1997. He was also a member of the Cape Dental Study Club, the Southeast District Dental Society and the International College of Dentists. He was caring and compassionate towards his patients and especially loved the 4-year olds.

An avid pilot, he was never happier than he was when he was in the clouds.

He served his community as a member of the Cape Noon Optimist Club and will be missed at Chili Day this year. He was an active member of the Cape Girardeau Country Club. He will be greatly missed by the Tuesday Golf League, his golfing partner and longtime fishing buddy, Dr. Bob Fox, as well as his Tuesday poker group and the Wednesday dinner group. He was always proud of his beloved Chicago sports teams, the Bears, the Cubs and the Blackhawks. He will always be remembered for his wild and colorful ties.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Stuart and Rita Johnson, and his mother-in-law, Laurene Loeffler.

Per his Irish grandmother, Lall Nolan, this joyous sendoff will begin with visitation on Thursday, January 20th from 4:00-7:00 pm at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau, MO. The funeral Mass will follow on Friday, January 21st at 10:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Catholic Charities - LifeHouse Cape (CCSOMO; 231 Main Street; Cape Girardeau, MO 63701) or St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Cape Girardeau.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
1919 Ritter Dr.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Mass

JAN **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
1919 Ritter Dr.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall

CK

“ Florence & Family. Our deepest sympathy upon your loss of David. You and your family will be in our prayers. Cathy & Dave Kapfer

catherine louise kapfer - February 17, 2022 at 03:45 PM

CK

“ Always happy always had a kind word to say and my children loved him. I never once ever heard him say anything negative he was always positive kind and compassionate

Carolyn Sandgren Kempf - January 28, 2022 at 10:17 PM

DG

“ So sorry for your loss. I have been a certified dental assistant in Cape County since 1978. I have had foster children that I took to Dr. Johnson. He was such a great dentist. His staff loved him too. Please accept my sincere sympathy.

Dotty Gholson

Dotty Gholson - January 21, 2022 at 02:25 PM



“ When my daughter Katie needed some emergency dental work Dave met us at his office well after hours. She hated dentists. He cured her of that. Wonderful, gentle service. Wonderful gentle man.

Mark Koehler - January 20, 2022 at 09:29 PM

TG

“ So many memories of Dave growing up. As my dentist, soccer coach, role model. He helped me to have confidence in myself. My heart is with you Flo, Colleen, Phil and your families. Such a great man, may he Rest In Peace.



Tim Garner - January 20, 2022 at 09:22 PM

JC

“ Our deepest condolences to the Johnson family.
The Christoforetti Family

John Christoforetti - January 20, 2022 at 07:42 PM

KT

“ Where do I even start? I truly enjoyed my time working for Dr. Johnson and Jayne. Dr J always had a joke or something outrageous to say- we laughed so much together. The Christmas parties that he and Flo hosted at their home were always so special to me, as well as the swimming parties! I loved going to surgery with him because we always had a great time with the surgery center staff as well. He was the best story teller-he would tell stories about flying adventures or about his time in Germany, he made you feel like you were right there with him at the time! The love that he had for his family was so evident in the way he spoke of them all! He was a great person and he truly had found his calling working with children. I will miss seeing him from time to time and the big hug I would get from him every time. I am so sorry I will not be able to attend his funeral, but I wanted Flo and the rest of his family to know how sorry I am that he is gone and to remind them of how blessed we all are that he was here. Prayers for acceptance and peace, Kay Thompson

Kay Thompson - January 20, 2022 at 05:58 PM

JB

“ Flo - Sorry to hear about Dave's passing. He truly was ONE-Of-A-KIND. My condolences to you and your family. Jerry Brooks

Jerry Brooks - January 20, 2022 at 05:05 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Johnson.



January 20, 2022 at 03:24 PM

AC

“ Growing up, I have found memories of spending time with Dave, Flo, and the family at Kentucky Lake and many fishing trips. Though I was young, I distinctly remember how nice, considerate, and truly amazing the entire family is. Though I have not been able to make it back to see Dave and Flo in many years, they sent the most amazing gift for our boys. It was a small baby tooth box to keep their baby teeth in. I find it no coincidence that my oldest son happened to lose a tooth simply one day after Dave's passing. Dave was a true inspiration to many and is a great model of how to be a great father and friend. His impact on my life and others will never be forgotten. Rest In Peace Dave. You will be missed!!!

Andrew Christ - January 20, 2022 at 11:58 AM

WT

“ Dave was a beacon of light for all. As his neighbor growing up I got to see his playful side as well as professional side. He was always willing to help out. He and Flo administered Catholic marriage classes to myself and my wife. Some of the best conversations ever about life, love and patience. To his family our sincere condolences. To Dave, you are flying high in the clouds forever.

William Thorpe - January 20, 2022 at 08:43 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Johnson.



January 20, 2022 at 07:09 AM

SD

“ Dr. Johnson exuded joy wherever he went. For years, I worked side by side him to improve the smiles of so many children. These kids would come to surgery with horrendous teeth, that had been eaten by sweets or lack of care, and he would work his magic to repair their smile. His funny stories would delight us all!
Flo, you and your Dave had a marriage that was built by love and respect. He was a good and faithful servant. I know the Angels have welcomed him into Heaven. I pray you and your family will feel all the love and sympathy we send.
Susie Dufek, CRNA

Susie Dufek - January 19, 2022 at 08:05 PM

NM

“ I loved Dr. Johnson and going to the dentist. I still remember being excited as a child about going see him and picking through his bucket of treats after my visit. I looked forward to the family's holiday party every year and decorating the tree with popcorn and drinking hot cider and hot chocolate. He was a great man with a wonderful family! My deepest sympathies to you all!

Natalie (Skinner) McNutt

Natalie McNutt - January 19, 2022 at 01:41 PM

TB

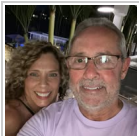
“ Prayers of peace for all of your family during this difficult time.
Gary and Theresa Boley

Theresa Boley - January 19, 2022 at 12:07 PM

LR

“ Prayers of comfort for all family and friends. Dr. Johnson was my first dentist or at least the first one I can remember in the 70s and early 80s. I remember him always being in a great mood and a big smile on his face with a warm greeting. He definitely made going to "the dentist" as fun and painless as it could be.

Lance Richter - January 19, 2022 at 11:51 AM



“ My heart is broken at the loss of this fine man. He was on the Missouri Dental Association Board of Trustees when I started working here in 1999. He was such a kind and welcoming soul and always had a smile. Flo, we will miss him dearly and are sending much love and prayers to you.

Love, Margie Kunze (MDA Governance Manager)

Margie Kunze - January 19, 2022 at 09:30 AM

JG

“ *What a great man! Condolences to his family.*

Jeanne Goodman - January 19, 2022 at 08:43 AM

JG

“ *Many great memories growing up around Dr. Johnson. Always fun loving and happy to see anyone and everyone. Many things to remember but a trip to the lake and him almost losing his swim trunks while riding a tube is one of the best! Thanks for the memories and prayers to the Phil and the family.*

Jeff Grimes - January 19, 2022 at 08:34 AM

KH

“ *Dr. Johnson sure was one of a kind. He would always have a story to tell when he came to do surgeries at the surgery center. It was usually about a vacation he recently took or somewhere he had just flown to. He always had a good joke to tell as well. Something I truly admired about him and Flo was watching them in church take communion together at the same time, this always touched my heart. Prayers for Flo and the entire family, he will truly be missed.*

Kim Hope - January 18, 2022 at 05:41 PM

KE

“ *Thank you, Dr. Johnson, for being such a blessing in the lives of so many. You were always a wonderfully skilled, caring, and patient dentist to our children. Your good humor, ready smile, and gentle manner put both your young patients and their nervous parents at ease. Your contributions to the community are too many to count. God bless you and welcome you home after a life well lived.*

Karla Essner - January 18, 2022 at 04:02 PM

EJ

Dave and Flo led our Marriage Prep class more than 30 years ago. We were their first group, and they did an amazing job! We kept in touch with Dave and Flo over the years, always looking to them as mentors and examples of what God intends marriage to be. When Eric and I returned to Cape we sought Dave to be our children's dentist until he retired. We are so blessed by both Dave and Flo, and by a chance meeting, they had a great impact on our lives. Dave and Flo will forever hold a special place in our hearts. Love and prayers forever,

Eric and Julie Schuchardt

Eric and Julie - January 19, 2022 at 07:48 AM

BD

In a world where we need Role Models and Heroes more than ever, Dave Johnson stands at the Top of the List. His love of family, friends, country, family and Fun are second to none. I thank God every day that both Dave and Flo crossed my path. I Pray that He now rests in the Arms of the Loving God, that same God he praised all his days. Rest Dear Friend, Angels are sharing the joy of someone who not only understood the Faith but LIVED IT EVERY MOMENT OF HIS LIFE.

*Peace,
Brother David*

Brother David - January 19, 2022 at 08:04 AM