



Erwin Andrew Johnson

February 2, 2015

Erwin Andrew Johnson, 97, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Monday, February 2, 2015 at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. "Erv" was born May 19, 1917 in Deansville, Wisconsin to Andrew and Mary Hamshire Johnson. He and Elinor Roesling of Janesville, WI, were married and shared 66 wonderful years together, golfing, playing cards, parenting and traveling to all 50 states with family. In 2005, he and Elinor moved to Cape Girardeau to be closer to family and became members of Old St. Vincent Catholic Church. Erwin attended Barnes School of Business in Denver, Colorado for 3 years, becoming Controller for the Power Systems Division of Colt Industries operation in Beloit, Wisconsin, where he retired in 1982. Jokingly, he described himself as a "bean counter" for 29 years. He was an ardent fan of the Green Bay Packers and held stock certificate No. 9 issued in 1953. Erwin served with the United States Army Air Force during WWII attached to the 14th Air Force (Flying Tigers) stationed in central China. Erv lived his life joyfully, full of curiosity and with a love of knowledge. Survivors include a son, Richard Johnson of San Ramon, California; daughter, Mary (James) Maginel of Tamms, Illinois; grandchildren, Justin (Lucia) Macklin, Troy Macklin, Calvin Maginel and Katie (David Luken) Maginel; great grandchildren, Madisyn, Ethan and Jagger Macklin. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and three sisters; Marie, Beatrice and Marcella "Sally", and daughter-in-law Angela Gill-Johnson. Visitation will be from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, February 8, 2015 at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home

with parish prayers / memorial tribute at 4:00 p.m. Funeral mass will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 9, 2015 at Old St. Vincent Catholic Church with Rev. Allan Saunders officiating. Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis at 2:30 p.m. Monday, February 9 with full military honors by the Missouri Honor Guard. Memorial contributions may be given to Catholic Social Ministries (St. Mary's Food Pantry) 615 William St., Cape Girardeau, MO. 63703 or Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

Tribute Wall

DG

“ Our deepest condolences for the loss of your father and greatest hero.

Daniel & Loretta Gill - September 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CZ

“ Dick, Mary, and family, Deepest condolences for you all. The Christmas' we spent together will always be a memory. Even after I moved away, and started a family of my own, I would get a card every Christmas. I can still hear his voice today. Erwin will be missed, but I am grateful for the chance of having known him. Peace and prayers to you all.

Chris Ziegler - August 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BZ

“ Dick, Mary, and family, I'm sorry I can't be there today for Uncle Erwin's memorial. I'll always remember Erwin's zest for life, the way he saw each day as a chance to learn or experience something new, and the way his face lit up when he smiled. I can't think of a better example than the Othello game he gave me for Christmas. I barely finished opening my last present when he asked me to open that Othello box and set it up on the table so we could play. The joy on his face as we played and he learned the strategies of a new game will always hold a special place in my heart. I'm saddened by his passing and my thoughts and prayers are with you today even though I can't be.

Bill Ziegler - August 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Dick, Mary and family I enjoyed my recent phone conversations with your remarkable farther. He was not a 97 year old languishing in a nursing home but a vibrant man reading the WSJ, following sports, and politics. Kay and I were honored to have known your father who was much more than a " bean counter ".

John and Kay Clark - August 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ My sincere condolences to family and friends of Erwin . I worked in the office of Colt Industries so very long ago and near to his office. He was a true gentleman and hard worker, admired by all. It is good to know that he lived a long satisfying life as example to family , friends and associates.

marilyn shockley - July 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ To Richard Johnson and Family, My heartfelt condolences on your loss. What a celebration for a wonderful lifetime of 97 years. My deepest gratitude to your father for his service to our country. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Cathie Merry

Cathie Merry - June 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM