



Wallace R. "Wally" Johnson

August 4, 1928 - December 7, 2019

Wallace R. "Wally" Johnson, 91, of Louisville, entered Eternal Life on December 7, 2019.

Wally was born in Louisville to the late Rudell and Adelaide Johnson. He was a 1946 graduate of St. Xavier High School in Louisville. He served his country as a Marine during the Korean War and played the drums in the Marine Corps Band. After serving, Wally settled back down in Louisville and was a car salesman for many years.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jane Johnson; son in law, Rick Walker; and parents.

Left to cherish Wally's memory are his children, Wayne Johnson (Mary Beth), David Johnson (Debbie), Adelaide Walker, Joyce Newton (Jerry), Larry Johnson (Barb), Paul Johnson (Martha), and Linda Johnson; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and brother, Warren Johnson (Kathy).

Funeral Mass for Wally will be at 10 AM on Friday, December 13, 2019 at St. Martha Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Cave Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2-8 PM on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at Ratterman & Sons Funeral Home, 3800 Bardstown Road.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Wally's memory to the Kentucky Humane Society. Online condolences may be shared at www.Ratterman.com.

Cemetery

Cave Hill

701 Baxter Avenue
Louisville, KY,

Events

DEC **Visitation** 02:00PM - 08:00PM

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Ratterman & Sons Funeral Home - Bardstown Road
3800 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY, US, 40218

DEC **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM

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St. Martha Catholic Church
2825 Klondike Lane, Louisville, KY, US, 40218

Comments



“ This is Bob Fields. I am Joyce Fields' son. My mother passed away last Sunday Feb 23rd in Carmel IN, where I live with my family. Her funeral will be on Monday in Louisville. When I dialed Wally's phone number a few minutes ago to see if I could find him and tell him about Mom, it was disconnected. So I checked the obituaries, and I saw that your dad had also passed away recently. Mom never knew. I remember your dad well. He and your mom Janie were a good friends of my parents, and I saw them from time to time when I was a kid. I last saw Wally at my dad's funeral in 2010. My dad sometimes told stories about their adventures when they were both young.

According to my father, your dad was a great drummer and really good at ping-pong. Dad told me that he played with some famous musicians when he was posted in Hawaii. As I recall, they went to Florida together when they were 19 or so and the car broke down on the way. I remember the picture of the front wheels of the car pointed in different directions, because they had broken a tie rod. I think they found a blacksmith who welded it back together, and they made it to their destination. They didn't have money for a place to stay, so they slept on the beach in army blankets, which must have been like sleeping bags.

Wally always had a smile and he was always kind to me. I'm sorry to learn that he is gone.

Bob Fields - February 29 at 05:34 PM



“ Your "Dad" had a special way of making me feel like part of the family. I assume he was that way with everyone. Praying for comfort & peace for the whole Johnson Clan. I love you guys!

Mona Roeten - December 12, 2019 at 01:07 PM



“ Paul, my heart goes out to you and your family. Your dad was a special person. I always enjoyed seeing him. I'm praying for everyone during this difficult time. Love you bunches!

Janice Parker - December 10, 2019 at 08:57 AM



“ Wally was a fantastic man. I always remembered how much he adored his wife Mary Jane and cared so dearly for her in her wheel chair. It was astounding how he supported a house for of children as a car salesman which I always admired his endurance . The Johnson house hold was always open to friends and many neighborhood events took place there. He will be missed but always loved. John Sandfort.

john sandfort - December 09, 2019 at 09:51 AM



“ Mr. Johnson always had a smile, a kind word and a hug for me whenever I would see him. I'm sorry for your loss and am praying that you feel God's arms of comfort wrap around you during this time of grieving.

Cindy Browning - December 08, 2019 at 05:11 PM