



Donald Alden Johnson

May 28, 1922 - October 7, 2005

Donald A. "Don" Johnson, formerly of The Valley, Syracuse, New York, Onondaga Hill, New York and The Nottingham in Syracuse, died Friday after two difficult years battling cancer.

He was born in Rochester, New York and moved to Syracuse when he was 12. He attended Eastwood High School and graduated from East Syracuse High School. He was a World War II veteran serving with the 12th Armored Division. He was married to two lovely ladies, Marion Coon who died in 1985 and Kathleen Mullally who died in 2001.

He graduated from Central City Business Institute and worked at Lincoln Bank for several years where he met Bernard Corbishley, who became a lifelong friend of over 50 years. He later worked for Blue Cross and Blue Shield, where he retired as a procedure analyst in 1987 after 33 years of employment.

Throughout his life Don was very active in volunteer work, including The Valley Little League in the late 1960's where he was a team manager for Arctic Island as well as secretary of the league for many years. He was active in Meals on Wheels and volunteered at Community General Hospital and Van Duyn Home and Hospital. He did the weekly read out program for WCNY for several years.

Don enjoyed golfing and bowling and belonged to the Onondaga Seniors Friday Morning Golf League at Orchard Vali, and Tuesday Bowling League at Syracuse Bowling Center.

Don was a communicant of St. James Church for over 40 years, where he was a Lector and Eucharistic Minister.

Don will always be remembered for his sense of humor, which carried him through adverse periods, including the illnesses of his two wives as well as his own health problems.

He is survived by three daughters and son-in-laws, Mary Ellen and Russ Zackevich of Onondaga Hill, New York, Elizabeth and Gregg Rush of Waterport, New York and Kathleen and Maynard Holt of Houston, Texas; one son and daughter-in-law Paul and Tricia Johnson of Flower Mound, Texas; eight grandchildren, Natalie Zackevich, Ken and Bradley Rush, Owen, Eliza and Ethan Holt, Kendall and Brooke Johnson; one sister and her husband, Gloria and Chuck Rogers of Brewerton, New York; a brother-in-law, Ron Coon of Winterpark, Florida; several nieces and nephews. In addition, he is survived by Kate Mullally's children, Michael Mullally, Karen Smythe, Patty Knopp, Kathy Mullally, Maureen Fekete and their families.

Services: Tuesday, October 11, 2005, 11:00 a.m. in St. James Church, 4845 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York.

Burial: White Chapel Memory Gardens, Kinne Road, Dewitt, New York.

Calling Hours: Monday, October 10, 2005, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York

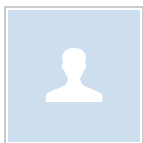
Contributions: Hospice Foundation of Central New York, 990 Seventh North Street, Liverpool, New York 13088-6148 or to St. James School, 4837 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York 13205

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Kathleen and family, I am very sorry for the loss of your dad. If I had heard sooner, I would have attended the services. I really didn't know your dad to well but I knew you and Elizabeth and he must have done allot of things right because you were always the smartest one in the class! Boy was I proud when I got an answer before you! It didn't happen very often but every once in a while, Phil Scibilia or myself put you in your place. One thing I do remember about your dad-I think a few times he stole my soup labels before my dad could get them from Campbell's diner. I think we were the Campbell soup label king and queen right!! But that's ok, it was all for the same cause! I actually lost my dad a few months ago and I know how difficult it is. I want you and your family to know that you will all be in my prayers. He is in your mind and in your heart and will always be with you. It is amazing what I hear myself telling my children. Many of the same things I was told as a child. You can't help but think of your parents. I am sure it is the same for you. Unfortunately, many of those things have to do with- go to your room, or go to bed early or sit time out or hearing my wife say "do you want me to call your father in here?" Boy that one hits home--when I heard my mom say that, I knew it was my last chance before big trouble! Just continue to teach your kids with the same morals and ethics that you were taught by your dad and you will forever see him. Sorry for all the rambling on. I'm just typing as I feel it! Again, I am very sorry and you are all in my prayers. Joe

October 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Hello, Does anyone have an extra prayer card from Dad's service? We left without one... Elizabeth Rush

October 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Don was a very special man/father. I admire his courage he had shown over the last year, always keeping his sense of humor. I'm happy I was able to get to know him with visits on my front porch.

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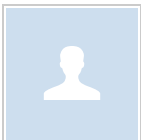
“ Dear Elizabeth and family, My Mom let me know that your Dad passed away recently. I am sorry that I was not able to attend the wake to tell you in person how sorry I am for your loss. I have many fond memories of all those Sundays seeing your family in church. Take care and I hope all is well with your family!

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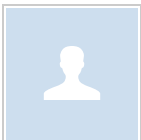
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“ To the Johnson family: My deepest sympathy goes to you regarding the loss of your father. He was a very kind man and I have some fond memories of Paul, your dad and myself playing golf. Your dad would comment that I had a sweet swing. He had a wonderful sense of humor and he will be missed. Again sorry for your loss.

October 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ We only met him once and he was a very sweet and sincere man. We know his daughter Elizabeth and she is a wonderful person who passes on his sincerity, compassion and humanity for life. One could only wish to be able to meet and know a man of his character who raised such a sweet and caring lady. Our prayers are with his family and loved ones, especially Elizabeth and Gregg, Kenny and Bradley. God bless them all.

October 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I worked with Don as a volunteer at Community General Hospital. Everyone thought Don was kind and a very nice man. I know he will be missed by many. My prayers are with his family at this very difficult time.

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