



Kenneth "Wayne" Johnson

June 16, 1946 - June 30, 2018

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Kenneth "Wayne" Johnson, age 72, of Newark, DE, passed away at his residence on Saturday, June 30, 2018, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Wilmington, DE on June 16, 1946, he was a son of Kathryn (Haggerty) and the late Ralph S. Johnson. Wayne proudly served in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in England during that time. Following his service he worked in customer service for DuPont/ICI. After retirement, his passion was working with students in the Networks program for Christina School District. Wayne enjoyed painting pictures, reading and spending time at Delaware

Park. He spent his summers at Wildwood, NJ through his entire life. Above all, he will be remembered as a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather and dear friend to many.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 46 years, Claudia M. (Murray) Johnson; mother, Kathryn (Haggerty) Johnson; daughters, Janene K. Ebaugh (Eric) of Bear, DE and Shannon M. Dunn (Jonathan) of Smyrna, DE; brothers, Ralph Johnson (Sue) and Randall Johnson (Teresa); grandchildren, Delaney and Roman Ebaugh and Lachlan and Sebastian Dunn.

A visitation for family and friends will be held from 9 am until 10 am on Monday, July 9, 2018 at Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, 121 West Park Place, Newark, DE, where a Celebration of Life will begin at 10 am. Interment will follow in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 2465 Chesapeake City Road, Bear, DE.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Wayne's name to Special Olympics Delaware, 619 S College Ave, Newark, DE 19716.

Tribute Wall



“ Spicer - Mullikin Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth "Wayne" Johnson



Spicer - Mullikin Funeral Homes - August 25, 2025 at 05:19 PM

AS

“ I miss him so much he was my teacher in school

Alexandria Sawyer - July 09, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss he will be dearly missed I miss him so much the video made me cry when I watched it.

Alexandria Sawyer - July 09, 2024 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Wayne and his entire family were the best neighbors in Kiamenski Gardens. We were all one big family. None of of every got away with anything having so many parents watching over all of us. I look forward to continuing the games of our youth in Heaven. God Speed Wayne. You are well loved.

Don and Bonny

Bonny Bagnatori Krause - August 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ Thank you too all the Johnson family for the uplifting service for Wayne. The wonderful memories will remain with us.

Kemp Vye - July 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Janene,
Lil buddy! My heart goes out to you Shannon, your mom and the rest of your family in this very difficult time. May God bless all of you and keep you in his embrace. Love ya lil buddy!

Ryan Thompson - July 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I m so sorry for your loss. He was a very special person with a warm heart and caring smile.

MELANIE ZAVISHLOCK STRUB - July 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I knew Wayne as we were both Dickinson grads the same year. I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.

Marie Reber - July 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ We are at our camp in Maine for the entire summer and I check DE Obituaries on-line every couple of weeks and today I was shocked to read of Wayne’s passing. I remember him from Maple Valley Swim Club days (35 years ago)—a really nice guy. Later I knew Claudia when we worked together in the Development Office at UD and Ralph as the result of our house being burglarized. All great people for whom I feel blessed in knowing. Claudia and Ralph and the rest of the family, please accept my sincere sympathy during these difficult days. Were I in DE I would have delivered my sympathy personally. John.

John M Clayton Jr - July 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Dear Claudia, Janine and Shannon, I read with sadness the obituary for Wayne this morning. I am very sorry for your loss. I will remember Wayne as a good and fun person who always made events at MV extra fun. My thoughts are with you during this sad and difficult time. Sincerely, Madalyn

Madalyn Schultz Petit - July 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ My condolences to Claudia and the girls.

Samuel Farley - July 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ To Mrs. Johnson, Janene, and Shannon, our deepest condolences from the Strengari family. Although life has taken us in different directions, Mr. Johnson’s kindness and smile will not be forgotten. We have so many fond memories from the pool, our visits, and vacations (miss those punch blocks), it’s hard to imagine “the Johnson’s” without Wayne. Your family and Mr. Johnson will remain in our prayers, God Bless.

Steve Strengari Jr. - July 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ Claudia and family , I am so sorry to hear about Wayne passing . We worked together at Kirk’s Flowers he was an awesome man ! Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers . Elana

Elana Jackson - July 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ We will miss you neighbor. We will never forget your kind words welcoming us to the neighborhood 26 years ago. Life is so fleeting. Be with your maker. Be at peace.

Pattie and Tom Farley - July 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ He was the best teacher a student could ask for. He always said to me with an smiling face boy you getting taller and my reply was you have to keep eating your weatys you will be missed I wish we had more time together...

Martez Harrigan - July 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ R.I.P Mr. Johnson you were like my hero I remember a month or 3 ago I was just talking to at Target by the Christina Mall how you were awesome and how you told me to keep pushing for management spot n wrestling if I was still doing n it I say trying to get back to it n you told me n things weren't going great but I told you I'm getting older and your staying younger n 1 of my higher bosses over heard us laughing about it

John Dillon - July 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Claudia, Janene, and Shannon, can't tell you how sorry I am to hear of Wayne's passing. He was such an amazing husband, father, and friend to many. I cherish the friendship and memories we had with all of you; the vacations, summers spent at Maple Valley, making gingerbread houses, and all the fun times we all had together. He will be dearly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Donna Strengari - July 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Im sorry for ur loss he was my favorite teacher from networks he will be missed

Tyler catts - July 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ So sorry to heard of Wayne's passing. He was a great friend. Both Lew and I send our condolences . God bless his family.

Ruthann Jordan - July 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Randy, Johnny and Mrs. Johnson–

Ron Brabson - July 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Claudia, so sorry for the loss of Wayne. He was such a good co worker. Always willing to help me. I won't be able to attend his service. We are in Disney with our family. He was such a nice guy.

Joan Wasylyszyn - July 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

A(

“ Fond memories of Wayne from Dickinson. My prayers are with his family.

Anne Crites (Foster) - July 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ My heart is heavy after hearing about Wayne's passing. We were classmates and he was active in the Dickinson alumni group. He made many happy memories for all his friends and classmates. I'm sure he's dancing in heaven.

Sandy Johnson - July 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ So sorry to learn of Wayne's passing. He made a great impact on our Networks students. May his family find comfort in their memories.

Patrice Park - July 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Janene I am so sorry for your loss:(my heart is heavy knowing what you are feeling right now. Your dad was a special person! I love that every visit to Brader included flowers to you ... and me!!!

Gina wedel - July 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Dear Claudia and Family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please accept my heartfelt sympathies, and I am keeping you in my prayers and thoughts while you go through this very difficult time.

Mary Ann DiSabatino - July 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ CLAUDIA, JANENE AND SHANNON, MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. ALWAYS REMEMBER WAYNE WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU IN SPIRIT. HE WILL HELP PROTECT YOU , WILL LOVE ON HIS GRANDCHILDREN FROM ABOVE. CHERISH YOUR MEMORIES AND THE LOVE YOU HAD FOR ONE ANOTHER. Love you ❤️

Donna Johnson - July 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ I am so sorry to read of Wayne's passing. I last saw him at UD helping at the Networks table for community days. I was 2 years behind him at JDHS. I know that he will be missed by many.

Linda Thornton Lakey - July 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ I remember Wayne fondly from our Dickinson days. Condolences on your loss, and may your happy memories help you through your grief.

Bonnie Decktor - July 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Janene, so sorry to hear this. It's hard to lose a parent. I remember him from our days at Maple Valley Pool. He was a nice guy.

Gail Keating - July 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Claudia & family – I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts & prayers.

Pat Correale - July 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Always a ready smile. I loved watching Wayne dance.

Annette Kissel - July 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Mrs. Johnson and family- I am very sorry to hear of Mr. Johnson's passing. I have fond memories of him at the pool and throughout the years. May your memories help you find comfort and joy during this time. My deepest sympathies, Kristin

Kristin Skurla - July 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Claudia and family, so very very sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. Even tho we hadn't seen each other in many years I have thought of you both often and have very fond memories of when we worked together. It is really hard to believe that it has been that many years ago. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and may he rest in eternal peace.

Carol Weiser - July 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ We are so sorry to hear this. Wayne and Claudia welcomed us with open arms when we joined the Maple Valley Swim Club. He was always there working and helping the team and families. What a wonderful person. Our most sincere sympathy to his beautiful family.

Kathy Deitrick - July 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ Wayne was an early childhood friend growing up together in Kiamensi Gardens, through Elementary, Junior and Senior High School. Always so much fun to be around. Kind, thoughtful to those who knew him. A true friend. Sincerest Sympathy to Wayne's family.

Nancy McVey Crowder - July 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Very sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. He was a real gentlemen in school. Condolences to the family. RIP

Earl heston - July 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Wayne was a class mate at Dickinson. Always kind to all. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family. So very sorry for your loss.... Rest in peace Wayne.
John and Elle Cram Hirneisen

Eleanor Hirneisen - July 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ Wayne was my best friend growing up. He was best man in our wedding. I owe so much of who I am to Wayne and his family.

Kemp Vye - July 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Wayne's passing. We will miss his smiling face coming to his dentist appointments!!! Also seeing him at Delaware Park and our famous saying You didn't see me!!!! Your memories will help you get through these hard days.*

Beth Saunders - July 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM