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Arthur Guy Johnson was born in St. Louis, MO on June 26, 1934 to Charles Arthur Johnson and Pauline Lillian Johnson. He lived in the St. Louis area until his family moved to Kansas City, MO when he was 13. After graduating from Southwest High School, he spent 4 years at the University of Missouri where he attained an undergraduate degree in Biology. At the University of Missouri, he joined the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, maintaining lifelong friends and connections.

Upon Graduation in 1956, He went to Officers Candidate School and entered the Army as a Lieutenant. He was on active duty for 2 years but remained in the reserves for several years and was officially discharged as a Captain on Nov 22, 1965. He then returned to college at the University of Missouri and received a Master of Science degree in Biology in 1960.

Upon graduation he relocated to San Jose, California where he accepted a position with General Electric in 1960. At GE he began his work as a Health Physicist. Also while at GE he worked on the experimental reactor at Vallecitos and at the Dresden Power Plant in Illinois.

In 1962, he married Jane Peterson and shortly afterwards accepted a position at the Atomic Energy Commission, (now the Nuclear Regulatory Commission). At the AEC he began his lifelong career of rules and regulations regarding nuclear radiation and making sure they were followed to the letter.

In 1966 he accepted a position at Oregon State University as the Senior Health Physicist and Assistant Professor at the Radiation Center, specifically for the new Nuclear Reactor on campus. He was instrumental in the development and beginning of the Health Physics and Nuclear Engineering curricula at OSU. At the Radiation Center he rose to full professor and taught many classes in Nuclear Engineering and Health Physics. He became the director of the Radiation Center in 1986. He worked at OSU for a total of 28 years, and upon retirement in 1994, he then worked as a consultant for the U.S. Air Force for 10 additional years.

Art was an avid fisherman, golfer, and musician, playing the guitar, mandolin, and piano by ear. He was also an all-around handyman, helping many friends, neighbors, as well as the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Kent. He is survived by his wife Jane, his daughter Jennifer of Seattle, and granddaughters, Frances of Vancouver, WA and Catherine Johnson of Sedona, Arizona.

There will be a service of remembrance 11:00 a.m., Saturday July 21, 2018, at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan, 333 NW 35th St. Corvallis, followed by a reception.

Contributions in memory of Art can be made to the Oregon Council of Trout Unlimited (www.tuoregon.org/donate) or to a charity of the giver's choice. Arrangements by www.demossdurdan.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 21. 11:00 AM (PT)

Church of the Good Samaritan
333 NW 35th Street.
Corvallis, OR 97330

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Family of Arthur Johnson,

From the family of Trout Unlimited in Oregon, we were sad to hear of his passing. I didn't personally know Art, which makes me sad. He clearly was an avid angler and thought enough of Trout Unlimited to ask that donations be sent to TU in his memory. We have received several donations in memory of Art, some significant. We will strive to use these funds to help restore and reconnect habitat. We hope to make fishing better for everyone, especially those as passionate as Art clearly was.

With warm regards to the family.

*Terry Turner
Oregon Council, Trout Unlimited
Vice Chair*

Terry Turner - December 31, 2018 at 01:26 PM

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“ *Jane and Jennifer,*

I have warm memories of Art, working with him during his first couple of years at the Radiation Center. Beyond that time, I always valued his smile and friendship whenever we came in contact with each other in the Corvallis and OSU communities.

We were sorry to learn of his passing and we send hugs to you, hoping for your comfort during this difficult time

Art will be missed.

*John and Sue Ann Irving
Hillsboro, Oregon*

John & Sue Ann Irving - July 20, 2018 at 01:47 AM



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DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory - July 16, 2018 at 06:54 PM

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“ Art was a great friend. I saw him last at a NE tailgater at our beloved Radiation Center. About 32 years ago, Art asked me to be a part of a new nuclear engineering advisory board. I proudly still serve OSU as the last charter member. It is one of the proudest things on my resume, and Art started it all. Goodbye old friend. You will be missed.

Dave Stewart-Smith

Dave Stewart-Smith - July 16, 2018 at 11:54 AM

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Art Johnson was my professor and my inspiration. His firm but friendly guiding hand on me, as well as my classmates, and his insistence on us thoroughly knowing and being totally committed to rules and regulations set a clear foundation for our future careers. We could NEVER adequately thank you, Art.

Danny Beers

Dan Beers - June 26, 2020 at 07:04 PM

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“ Dear Jane and Jennifer,

We are so, so sorry to hear of Art's passing. He was such a helpful and knowledgeable person ~ we were lucky to know him.

We are thinking of you both and sending our love.

*Very Sincerely,
And many hugs,
Carol and Peg*

Margaret Ann O'Neill - July 12, 2018 at 12:42 AM