



Wendell Arthur Johnson

March 29, 1927 - April 28, 2019

Wendell A. Johnson

The family of Wendell Johnson sadly announce his passing on April 28, 2019. Wendell was born March 29, 1927 in Grove City, Minnesota to Arthur and Helen (Andersen) Johnson. He spent his youth on the farm in Minnesota and always cherished his memories of this time of his life. He graduated from Litchfield High School in 1944, and enlisted in the Navy. He served in the Pacific, bringing soldiers home from China and the Philippines. After World War II, he used the GI bill to enroll at the University of Minnesota.

He graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1949. He accepted a job with the Toledo Edison Company, where he met the love of his life, Joyce Smith. After a brief courtship, they married on Sept 9, 1950. Some said it wouldn't last, but their marriage lasted 68 years. In 1952 Wendell was drafted into the Army for the Korean War. He served two years at Aberdeen Proving Ground, until the end of the conflict.

Wendell achieved great success in his career with the Edison, including holding the positions of Vice President of Customer Services, Senior Vice President of Operations, Executive Vice President, President and COO of the Edison. He also served on the board of directors, and worked closely with the nuclear consultants in the planning of Davis-Besse. During his active career with the Edison, he found time to earn a Master's Degree from the University of Toledo. He retired in 1985, and really began enjoying his life with Joyce. They enjoyed travel, visiting many European countries, and taking many

cruises. Wendell also enjoyed golf, reading, and singing in the church choir. He was a lifetime member of Memorial Lutheran Church.

Wendell was a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, the Toledo Area Chamber of Commerce, the Toledo Humane Society, and board member of the Greater Toledo Area Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Toledo Opera Association. He was also awarded the highest honor by the Toledo Rotary.

He is survived by his wife Joyce, daughter Linda (Bill) McCall, grandchildren Steven (Kara) McCall and Maria McCall, five nieces and nephews and two great-grandchildren. Wendell was preceded in death by his parents, son Paul and brother Duane Johnson.

Friends and family are invited to a visitation on Thursday May 2nd from 4 to 7 pm at Coyle Funeral Home 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. The funeral service will be held Friday at 11am, also at Coyle Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Toledo Memorial Park. The family would like to thank the staff at Ohio Living Swan Creek who took good care of dad in his final days. Please view and sign the guest registry at coylefuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Service

MAY 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Graveside

MAY 3 (ET)

Toledo Memorial Park
6382 Monroe St
Sylvania, OH 43560

Tribute Wall

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“ Sending all of you my LOVE and GOD'S Peace.....Joyce Johnson

Joyce R Johnson - May 05, 2019 at 11:31 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Uncle Wendell's passing. I was not able to make the journey out to celebrate his life. Sending love to you all from Jon and I. Jane

Jane Kallberg - May 04, 2019 at 10:09 PM

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“ Linda and family, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He was a good man. I enjoyed the time I got to spend with him and got to know him. He never forgot his roots no matter the heights he reached in the business world. A man is never truly a success without the love and support of his family. How fortunate Wendell was to have the love of a good wife, children and grandchildren. God bless. Carl and Pam Farough.

Carl Farough - May 04, 2019 at 08:44 AM

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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - May 01, 2019 at 11:16 AM