



Jerry Knight Johnson

August 28, 1934 - March 23, 2024

Jerry Knight Johnson, born in Harrisburg, Illinois, on August 28, 1934, passed away on March 23, 2024, in Columbus, Ohio, due to complications from Inclusion Body Myositis. He was the son of Dr. Garvies Robinson Johnson and Mrs. Violet Knight Johnson. He was married to Charlene Elizabeth (Parks) Johnson for 67 years, father to Katharine Elizabeth Johnson (husband: Chris Maliarik) and Jamie Knight Johnson (wife: Andrea Thompson), grandfather to five grandchildren, and great-grandfather to one child.

Jerry's academic journey was marked by a relentless pursuit of knowledge and a love of literature. After earning Bachelor's and Master's degrees in English Literature from Washington University in St. Louis, he went on to obtain another Master's degree in Technical Writing from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

His career encompassed roles as a First Lieutenant in the Army, an English lecturer, and later as a technical writer for Lucent Technologies. He was most proud of being promoted to Systems Engineer at Lucent Technologies prior to his retirement.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Jerry had a lifelong commitment to learning that extended beyond academia. He found solace in classical music, poetry, and nature.

“Meditation at Oyster River” by Theodore Roethke was a favorite poem and was read at his service on March 29th, 2024, at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens in Columbus, Ohio.

May he find peace in the embrace of the cosmos.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 29 (ET)

Forest Lawn
5600 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43213