



Verne Leroy Johnson

July 26, 1926 - October 21, 2015

Verne Leroy Johnson "Papa," 89, husband of Grahyl Lee Bishop, passed away in his home in Philomath on Oct. 21, 2015.

A lifelong Oregonian, he was born in Corvallis on July 26, 1926, to Dello Bren Johnson and Matilda Elizabeth Steckley.

In 1944, at age 17, Verne graduated from Corvallis High School and entered the U.S. Navy. He served in the Seabees in World War II on Guam and other Pacific islands until June 1946. He graduated from Oregon State College (now OSU) School of Business in 1952, and was the first in his family to graduate from college. On July 18, 1956, he and Grahyl were married in Seattle, Washington.

He loved Oregon State sports, hunting, crabbing and using his great sense of humor to bring a smile to the faces of others. All of Verne's family and friends loved to hear his entertaining stories. He was quick to serve and always worked hard from start to finish. He was a member of the American Legion. His career in construction leaves behind a legacy from Northern California to Alaska.

He was preceded in death by his son, Michael Newton Johnson; daughter Grahyl Anne Scott; and brothers Phillip and James Johnson.

Verne is survived by his wife of 59 years, Grahyl Johnson; sons Larry, Gary (wife Terece), and Rick (wife Sarah); 20 grandchildren, Tiffani, Jared, Ron, Jeremy, Gretchen, Sterling, Brittany, Mandy, Amber, Bryan, Emily, Lacey, Tasha, Jenaye, Kathy, Kelton, Gavin, Elayne, Karen and Breanne; 26 great-

grandchildren with two more on the way; and his first great-great-granddaughter due in March.

A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, at the Philomath LDS Chapel, 150 James St., Philomath. Burial will follow at Locke Cemetery in North Corvallis on Lewisburg Road.

Cemetery Details

Locke Cemetery

Corvallis, OR 97330

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **31**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Philomath LDS
150 James St.
Philomath, OR 97370

Tribute Wall



“ *McHenry Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Verne Leroy Johnson*



McHenry Funeral Home - November 04, 2015 at 11:21 AM

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“ *I will miss this wonderful man so much. He always treated me like his own daughter. Even up until the end, he always made sure we left with a smile on our face. I love you Papa Vern!*



Terece Johnson - November 05, 2015 at 11:02 PM

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“ *Tiffani Grahyl Scott lit a candle in memory of Verne Leroy Johnson*



Tiffani Grahyl Scott - November 04, 2015 at 10:33 PM



“ *Dad would always tell us as small children-There is no such word as can't-I love you Dad-Larry*

Larry Johnson - November 04, 2015 at 04:32 PM



“ *Larry Johnson lit a candle in memory of Verne Leroy Johnson*



Larry Johnson - November 04, 2015 at 04:31 PM