



## Leonard E. Johnson Jr.

June 4, 1928 - May 5, 2018

Leonard "Len" E. Johnson, of Charlotte, a man of freedom and respect for both his fellow humans and the great green earth passed away. Leonard was born on the family farm on June 4, 1928. At the age of 89 Len died Saturday, May 5, 2018. This is who our husband, father and grandfather was. He understood the beauty and passion of those he loved. He was intelligent, charming, funny, kind and handsome but most of all he conducted himself with a quiet grace. He had piercing blue eyes and with his smile you felt blessed all the way through. Our parents shared a deep love. The kind of love where you are lovers and friends. They so loved to dance together. They were two halves that make a whole and they understood how rare and lovely that is. The saying, "still waters run deep" comes to mind. Yet he never missed a trick and should you need a talking to he would deliver it without you ever doubting he had your back. He will be missed.

Len is survived by his wife of 67 plus years, Donna Mae; children, Cathy (John) Roberts, Dan (Katherine) Johnson, Linda (David) Johnson Prevo and Tom Johnson; nine grandchildren, Lisa, Adam, Keith, Kara, Amelia, Caelen, Alex, Jackson and Cydne; five great-grandchildren, Samantha Donna, Caroline Grace, Lyla Mae, Henry Leonard, and Beckett Francis; siblings, Pat Langmaack, Richard Johnson; plus so many dear friends and extended family members. Leonard is predeceased by his parents, Leonard Johnson Sr. and Isabel Johnson; sister, Peggy Moon; and brother, Casey Johnson.

Len loved to read, it was common for him to read four books a week. He loved to dance, ski, and travel. He loved Meadowland Farm, having lived in both houses on the property twice. Best of all was his family. Leonard served on many boards including, The First Congregational Church Board, Olivet School Board- 17 years, 4-H Leader - Livestock, Farm Bureau, Land Bank - First of America Bank of Charlotte and also First of America Bank of Lansing, to name a few. He was named a State Farmer and also American Farmer. Len and Donna wintered in Arizona for twenty-three years and so enjoyed the many friends and fun times. They traveled far and wide, living a wonderful life together. "It may seem that I am here and you are there. But my heart knows better. You are always with me."

Friends are encouraged to support Leonard's family at visitation and memorial services. Memorial services are Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at The First Congregational Church in Charlotte with Pastor Phil Hobson officiating. Visitation is Wednesday, May 9, 2018 from 6-8:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to First Congregational Church. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Len on his Tribute Page at <http://www.PrayFuneral.com>. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Events

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**MAY**   **Memorial Service**                      11:00AM

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First Congregational Church of Charlotte  
106 S. Bostwick, Charlotte, MI, US, 48813

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - May 08, 2018 at 07:08 PM

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“ Donna, Kathy, Dan, Linda and your families.  
I was very saddened to hear of JR's passing. I wished I had heard in time to be there for his memorial to show you what tremendous respect I had for him.  
It can not be understated, what a friend he was to the Eppelheimer family and the bond he had with my father Don. When I was a young person finding my way in serving and understanding agriculture, he was one of a small handful of people I could transparently see was a pillar of the broader community. As I gained more exposure over the years, he stood out as one of a precious few. Smart, sharing, just, and not only providing for his family but looking to better those around and beyond him.  
With sadness and respect, we lost another person that created the Great Generation.  
Bob Eppelheimer

**Bob Eppelheimer, nephew** - May 10, 2018 at 10:18 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leonard E. Johnson Jr..



May 08, 2018 at 10:18 PM

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“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Leonard E. Johnson Jr..



May 08, 2018 at 07:03 PM

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“ 26 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 08, 2018 at 06:04 PM

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“ Linda, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Thinking of you and your family.  
Matt and Regi Knoll.

Regi Knoll - May 08, 2018 at 03:53 PM

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“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leonard E. Johnson Jr..



May 08, 2018 at 12:34 PM

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“ My condolences to the family. Judy Sullivan Marquardt

Judy Sullivan - May 08, 2018 at 08:06 AM

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“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Leonard E. Johnson Jr..



May 07, 2018 at 09:38 PM