



Dr. Ralph Land Johnson

December 8, 1941 - June 8, 2020

Dr. Ralph Land Johnson, 78, passed away June 8, 2020.

A native of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, son of the late Carl Edward and Marie Land Johnson, he was a retired Professor at North Greenville University and a member of Praise Cathedral.

Surviving are his wife, Jane Ann Bibbee Johnson of the home; five daughters, Donna Miller of Charleston, Deborah Brandt (Jerry) of Spartanburg, Rebecca James of Greenville, Shannon Brasher of Dover, Alabama and Stacy Lozier of Greenville; a son, Geffrey Lozier of Myrtle Beach; a sister, Carla Rosenberger (Gary) of Moore; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Dr. Johnson was predeceased by his first wife, Peggy Mayfield Johnson.

A memorial service will be held 1:00 p.m. Saturday, July 25, 2020 at Praise Cathedral.

The family would like express their sincere gratitude for the expressions of love, prayers and thoughts during this time.

Memorials may be made to Praise Cathedral, 3390 Brush Creek Road, Greer, South Carolina 29651 or North Greenville University Crusaders Club, P.O. Box 1892, Tigerville, South Carolina 29688.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Praise Cathedral
3390 Brushy Creek Road
Greer, SC 29650

Tribute Wall

PK

“ My daughter gifted me a Storyworth subscription and created questions for me to write after. One was, "Who were your favorite professors in university?"

I struggled in my major, but I had Dr. Johnson for two aquatics courses in the mid-70s. He left one of the only bright spots in my memory of those four difficult years. He taught me a firm but great lesson on responsibility while also helping me see myself as a person with value.

I am pleased but not surprised to learn he was a Christian, and I now wish I had leaned more into his wisdom and encouragement. Life might have gone a bit differently, a bit better for me.

I am pleased to have discovered him again through this sad remembrance, and I hope for perpetual bright spots of memory for all your family.

Pamela Kress

Pamela T Kress - February 01, 2025 at 12:23 PM

FA

“ *Ralph was an inspiration to many, me included. The world has been a better place for his being here, a lesser place now that he is gone.*
RIP

Fred Andres - January 30, 2021 at 06:11 PM

JJ

“ I met Ralph and Peggy at Elim Bible Institute, Lima, NY for a special event that included our son Doug and their daughter Becky who were both seniors.

Jon and I met more family at Garden City Beach shortly after. This is when I recall learning the card game of HEARTS from Ralph, who's skills made you learn quickly or learn by defeats. It was family competitiveness at its best.

We have fond memories of Peggy, including her love of playing many other games besides hearts. When Peggy passed, we were pleased to meet Carla, Gary and Scott and family. The love between Peggy and the Rosenbergers was as genuine and deep as it was for us and others she shared her true love of God with.

I recall Ralph's zeal to share God's Word in his teachings. I still have his tape series of DANIEL. His intelligence seems to live on in his daughters and their children.

We are blessed to share and enjoy our mutual grandchildren: Caitlin; Stephen; and Jared. We are thrilled when all of us can be together for Play Nine and other family games and events.

May our Almighty God bestow His utmost blessings upon the Johnson family and friends. May He shower them with an abundance of comfort and healing.

In His love,

Jon and Diana James

Jon & Diana James - July 25, 2020 at 11:48 AM

NP

“ I cherish the memories of the Johnson's while I attended IUP. They made me feel part of their family. I am proud to have swam for Ralph and serve as his graduate assistant. I am eternally grateful for his guidance in Christ. My heartfelt sympathies to Jane and especially Donna, Debbie and Becky. God Bless.

Neil Postas - July 21, 2020 at 02:33 PM

LC

“ Our sincere condolences to, e the Johnson family, especially , Donna, Deb, and Becky.

It was shocking to hear of Ralphs passing. The Lord needed a great mind on the other side. He made great contributions to the world of Aquatics at and IUP and worldwide. He has a lot of teaching to do on the other side. Praying for your family; wishing you comfort and peace. Lois and Don Clark, Indiana, Pa.

Lois Clark - July 08, 2020 at 01:00 PM

MV

“ I used to remember cutting Mr. Johnson's grass every week loving to talk to him about his John deer. Yes he was my professor, but he was a mentor I will never forget. Rest in peace doc.



Matthew Vaughn - June 23, 2020 at 07:47 PM


Colleen
Fedor

“ Please accept my most sincere sympathies. Ralph was an amazing person. I had the job of being his student secretary at IUP (while he was completing his Doctorate). I have so many wonderful memories and am so grateful to him for all of his kindness, support and toughness when it was needed. I Remember how hard we worked for each years' Aquatic School ... which wrapped up with the picnic and the best steak I have ever had! Hello to Donna, Debbie and Becky. I hope that you are all doing well.
With my prayers, Colleen O'Donnell Fedor.

Colleen Fedor - June 19, 2020 at 08:09 PM

RB

“ *Dr. Ralph Johnson was a mentor and influencer. He was one of the best professors that I studied under. He made a tremendous difference in my life. I am forever indebted to him. He brought out the best in his students, demonstrated his love, and always directed us toward the Kingdom of God. I am so privileged to have studied under Dr. J. I love and appreciate him. My prayers are with his family.*

Randy Barnett - June 12, 2020 at 08:55 AM

CC

“ *I never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Ralph in person. He and his wife Jane were on our list of seniors to pray for during the co-void. I feel like we were all one big family. I would notify the others in our group to pray fervently for Mr Ralph. He will be missed a great deal in this world, but we have the assurance that we'll meet again soon!*
Love, Carol Church

Carol Church - June 10, 2020 at 11:45 AM

DL

“ *Sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathy for the family. Love and prayers.*



Dolly Lynn - June 09, 2020 at 08:59 PM

DR

“ *Our prayers great Jane. Ralph our great friend will miss him greatly.*



DON/NANCY RHOLETTER - June 09, 2020 at 03:21 PM