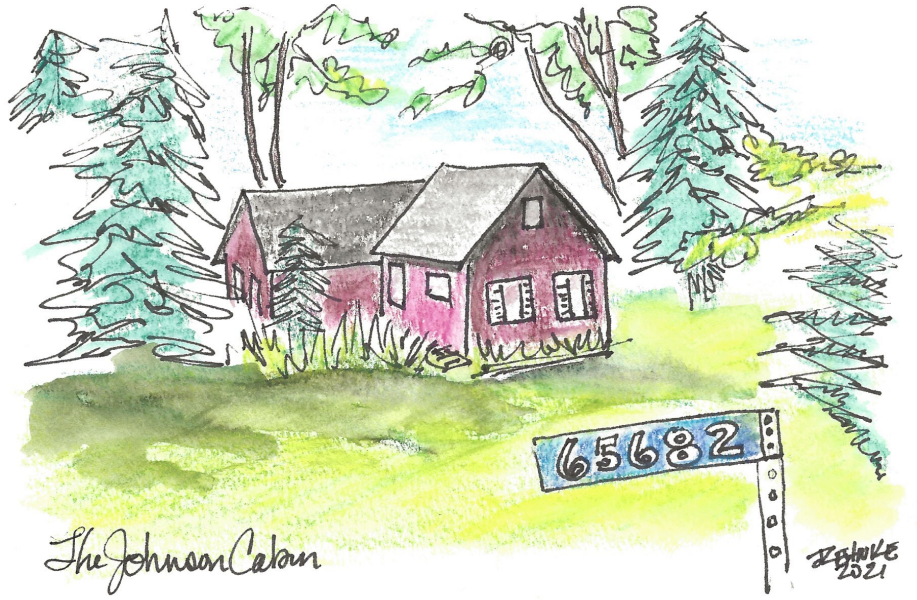




When my free spirit has escaped the
thrall
And my still body answers not your
call,
Withhold your tears, be only glad
with me
That there is peace and sweet
tranquility.

Then go your way unsorrowing.
Leave me where
Great trees lift worshipful mute
arms in prayer
And rugged hills upraise their crests
afar
An age old greeting to the first dim
star.

So I rejoin my playmates loved so
long
Out in the fields of God, the linnet's
song,
The poppy's gleam, the night wind's
kiss
The breath of nature singing -
So there is no death.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF *Kermit Wells Johnson*

WHO WAS BORN
October 18, 1929
Cottonwood County, Windom, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME
July 5 2022
Oak Park Heights, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE
Tuesday, July 12, 12:00 p.m.
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
Mahtomedi, Minnesota

OFFICIANT
Reverend Carole Lundell

MUSICIANS
Bill Chouinard, Organist
Annaeka Johnson, Oboist
Brenda Handel-Johnson, Pianist

CASKET BEARERS
Kermit's grandchildren
and great-grandchildren

INTERMENT
Wednesday, July 13, 12:30 p.m.
Assembly Area #2
Ft. Snelling National Cemetery
Minneapolis, Minnesota

APPRECIATION
Kermit's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.
Following the service, please join the family
in the church dining room for a time of food and fellowship.

ARRANGEMENTS BY
Klecatsky and Sons Funeral Home
South St. Paul, Minnesota

Kermit Wells Johnson was born on October 18, 1929, in rural Cottonwood County, near Windom, MN, to Harold C. and Henrietta (Dickers) Johnson. Kermit grew up in Windom and graduated from Windom High School in 1947. He was a good athlete, playing football and basketball. Kerm served in the US Army for three years during the Korean conflict.

Kermit married his high school sweetheart, JoAnn (Nelson), on Sept. 9, 1951. He attended the University of Minnesota and graduated as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. They moved to Milbank, SD, in 1956 where Kerm joined the Milbank Veterinary Clinic. In 1981 Kerm and JoAnn moved to Rapid City, SD, where he was employed by the SD Livestock Sanitary Board. They moved to St. Andrew's Village in Mahtomedi, MN, in 2014 to be closer to their children.

Kermit was active at American Lutheran Church in Milbank, serving on several councils and boards. He was honored to serve on the National Council of the ELCA in the mid 70's. He enjoyed bird hunting when he was younger, fishing, and golfing in Milbank and Blackduck, MN. He had a deep respect for Native American culture, honoring his children's heritage. Kermit was a hardworking large animal veterinarian, and he looked forward to spending time every summer at the family cabin on Island Lake near Northome, MN.

After his retirement, Kermit enjoyed being a volunteer at The Journey Museum in Rapid City. He showed his family what it is to live a good life by example. Kermit's legacy is the family cabin near Northome, where his grandchildren and great-grandchildren are still making memories and learning how to fish.

Kermit Johnson is survived by children, Marsha (Everett Smith) Johnson of Maplewood, MN; Andrew (Brenda Handel-Johnson) Johnson of Milbank, SD; Ann Many Birds of White Bear Lake, MN; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, JoAnn; brothers, Tom Johnson, and Bruce Johnson.

In Loving Memory



Dr. Kermit Johnson
October 18, 1929 ~ July 5, 2022