



Edward P. Johnson

July 10, 1943 - September 13, 2023

Edward Paul Johnson (better known as “Big Ed,” “Eddie” to his dear wife), 80, of Easton, Maryland, passed away on the afternoon of September 13, 2023, with family by his side. We lost our dearest husband, Dad, brother, and friend.

Owner and founder of the Roto-Rooter of the Delmarva Peninsula, Edward Paul Johnson was born on July 10, 1943, in Baltimore, Maryland to his parents, Louis Shaler Johnson and Ruth Wilhelmina Johnson (nee Hause). They came from very modest means and were a hard-working family. He began working as a teenager to help support his family. Ed cultivated those same hard-working qualities from the time he was a teenager into his adult life.

On December 17, 1964 he married the love of his life, Lynn Carol Johnson. They have been happily married for over 58 years. In 1972, when their daughters Linnie and Lisa were 5 and 4, they moved to the eastern shore of Maryland to raise their family and start a new life, which is where their son Shane was born, in 1976.

With the loving support of his wife Lynn, Ed was able to work hard, using new ideas to create and start businesses in order to raise and support his family. While running his Johnson’s Truck Sales in Easton, Lynn called to let him know the toilet was clogged at their house. He attempted to call Roto-Rooter

to have it repaired, only to find out there was no one locally that could take care of it. Eventually, when someone else came, they were not able to fix it. Dad, with his ingenuity, was able to remove the toilet and solve the problem! It was at that point he realized he could make a living to provide for his family. That moment was the beginning of Ed and Lynn creating the Roto-Rooter of the Delmarva family business, which has been in full swing for nearly 50 years!

Ed was so much more than business. He had the largest heart and the most generous spirit of anyone we knew. He had a great love for his family, his friends, and even strangers. His nickname, "Big Ed" was an appropriate name, not only for his big heart and big stature, but also for his big personality that would light up a room. He loved boating, hosting fishing trips, inviting family and friends to their backyard parties and crab feasts, vacation visits to their condo in Ocean City, Maryland, long weekend trips to their house in Deep Creek Lake, and so much more. In 2006, Ed and Lynn became grandparents when their grandson Zachary was born, and again in 2008, when their granddaughter Roxana was born. Living across the street from their grandchildren was a blessing that Ed and Lynn cherished.

Ed and his wife, Lynn, were regular supporters of several Talbot County Maryland First Responder organizations, to name a few, and has been a life-long member of the Easton Elks Lodge #1622.

Ed is survived by his beloved wife, Lynn, his dear children, Linnie, Lisa (husband Vince), Shane (wife Lanaya), Tessa, his grandchildren Zachary, Roxana, Nathan, Kirsten, Chesley, Marshall, his siblings Charles, Ruth, Joyce, many loved nieces and nephews – Donnie, Donna, Bobby, Joey, Joyce, George, Terri, Shaler, Sherrie, Stacey, Jimmy, Jackie, Debbie, Norman and Donnie, grand-nieces and nephews – Melissa, Eric, Zakary, Gavin, Andrew, and Lauren, in-laws – Dale Clark and Steve Johnson, and other loved family

members and friends.

Ed will also be greatly missed by the hard-working Roto-Rooter and U.S. Heating & Air families and their spouses, who worked decades together along with Dad, who loved them all dearly.

Ed, Eddie, Big Ed, Dad, will be missed beyond words, until we see him again. We loved him with all our hearts, always and forever. There will never be anyone to fill his shoes. He was irreplaceable. We Love You. You are The Local Legend, and we Miss you greatly!

The visitation service is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 2023, from 6-8 pm, at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 200 S. Harrison Street, Easton, Maryland. The funeral service and Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at the Easton Elks Lodge #1622, 502 Dutchmans Lane, Easton, Maryland, at 1pm, followed by the procession to the Woodlawn Memorial Park, in Easton, Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Big Ed's memory to a local First Responder Organization.

Easton Police, 106 W. Dover St. Easton, MD 21601; Easton Volunteer Fire Department, 315 Leonard Rieck Dr., Easton, MD 21601 or Talbot County Sheriff's Office, 28712 Glebe Rd., Suite 1, Easton, MD 21601

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Park

11365 Ocean Gateway
Easton, MD 21601

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home
200 S. Harrison Street
EASTON
EASTON, MD 21601

Service

SEP 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

Easton Elks Lodge #1622
502 Dutchmans Lane
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Edward P. Johnson*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 20, 2023 at 02:08 PM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Edward P. Johnson*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 15, 2023 at 04:38 PM



“ *I fondly remember Ed. He gave me a job with Roto Rooter when I was young, around 20-21, when I really needed a job. Tough job but he gave me a shot. Fond memories and he had a great family.*
Randy Searfoss

Randy Searfoss - February 24, 2025 at 01:40 PM

KG

“ I will miss Mr Johnson dearly. He was one of the most kindest men I've ever met. I enjoyed talking baseball with him and him asking me about my grandson Jordan who is a Boy Scout. He was proud to still remember the Boy Scout oath in his later years. My most sincerest condolences and prayers to his entire family. Blessings and great memories to you all forever. RIP Mr. Johnson. 🙏🙏🙏💜
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Karen Green - September 30, 2023 at 08:55 PM

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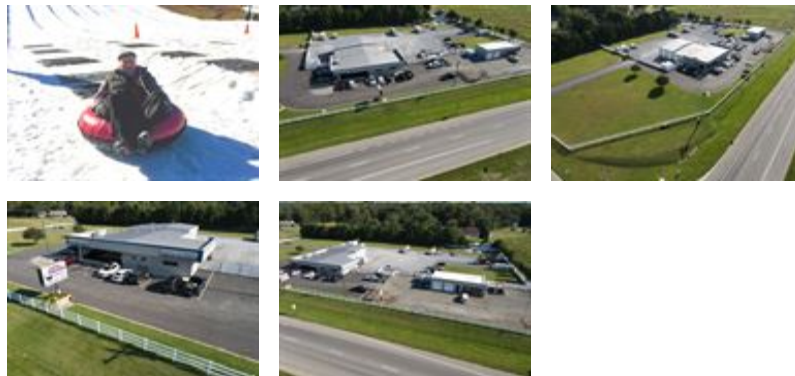
“ ROBERT & MICHELLE WEAVER lit a candle in memory of Edward P. Johnson



ROBERT & MICHELLE WEAVER - September 20, 2023 at 03:38 PM



“ 5 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 20, 2023 at 01:12 PM

JC

“ *Big Ed was an amazing and generous man. He will be very missed by his Roto Rooter and US Heating and Air family as well as the entire community. Rest In Peace Big Ed. You have made an indelible mark on the hearts of many. Until we meet again...*
Patrick and Julianne Cale

Julianne Cale - September 20, 2023 at 11:51 AM



“ *173 files added to the album LifeTributes*



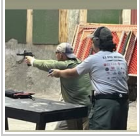
Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 20, 2023 at 11:29 AM

DP

“ *Dominic & Debbie Poligardo lit a candle in memory of Edward P. Johnson*



Dominic & Debbie Poligardo - September 20, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ I just learned about the passing of Mr. Ed Johnson. I first met Ed while working as a Maryland State Trooper out of the Easton Barracks. Ed needed the help of the MSP in recovering a stolen piece of heavy equipment. From the moment I met Ed I knew he was a straight shooter and someone I trusted. We continued our friendship through my career with the MSP and even after I retired. I would frequently drop in on Ed and even though I was unannounced, he always made me feel welcome. I loved to listen to his stories about Maryland politics and he perspective. I will miss you my friend, but know you made an impact on me and I know you made a positive impact many many others. Rest in peace.

Dan Nelson - September 19, 2023 at 03:25 PM

MR

“ Michele Wallace Rue lit a candle in memory of Edward P. Johnson



Michele Wallace Rue - September 18, 2023 at 12:01 PM

JM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man and loved his family dearly

Joy Peverill Murtha - September 18, 2023 at 08:51 AM

JM

“ from 2014...



Jeffrey M - September 17, 2023 at 08:51 PM

BK

“ Brenda Kimball lit a candle in memory of Edward P. Johnson

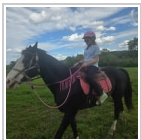


Brenda Kimball - September 17, 2023 at 04:55 PM

CL

“ Mrs. Johnson, Lynn, Lisa, Shane and family, please know you are in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this time. Sending love and prayers ❤️🙏

Carolyn Lane - September 17, 2023 at 02:17 PM



“ Carol Cummings lit a candle in memory of Edward P. Johnson



Carol Cummings - September 17, 2023 at 12:43 PM

CP

“ Ed was always so generous with his time and affection to me and my family. He really made us feel loved. He will be dearly missed.

Chris Perkins - September 17, 2023 at 09:39 AM

PF

“ Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Edward P. Johnson



Phil Foster - September 17, 2023 at 02:57 AM

MB

“ Mary Baker lit a candle in memory of Edward P. Johnson



Mary Baker - September 16, 2023 at 09:41 PM

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“ Sherrie Shaffer (Johnson) lit a candle in memory of Edward P. Johnson



Sherrie Shaffer (Johnson) - September 16, 2023 at 10:20 AM

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“ *Uncle Eddie...what a big heart! What a great guy. I'll miss our talks
Hope you and Dad are laughing and enjoying each other like old
times.*

Sherrie Shaffer (Johnson) - September 16, 2023 at 10:18 AM

KO

“ *Kathie Ostrowski lit a candle in memory of
Edward P. Johnson*



Kathie Ostrowski - September 15, 2023 at 10:38 PM