



## Donald T. Johnson Sr.

September 24, 1926 - February 13, 2020

Donald T. Johnson, Sr. passed away on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020 at his home in Libertyville. He was born Sept. 24, 1926 in Chicago, was formerly of Evanston and Chicago, living in Libertyville since 1978. He was a graduate of Phillips High School in Chicago and received his chemical engineering degree from the University of Illinois, where he was proud to play for the football team in the Rose Bowl. Don served as a Captain in the Chicago Fire Department and was a Battalion Chief. He was also a US Navy veteran, a former altar boy and a member of St. Joseph Parish in Libertyville and loved his Jazz.

Surviving are his wife of 69 years, Carol Johnson; his son Don Johnson, Jr. and daughter Donna Johnson; 2 grandchildren, Tyler and Austin Johnson.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 pm Wednesday, Feb. 19 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. His funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 20 at the funeral home with Father John Trout, pastor of St. Joseph Church, officiating. Interment will be at Lakeside Cemetery in Libertyville. Info: 847-362-3009 or please share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home  
120 West Park Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
(847) 362-3009

## Funeral Service

FEB **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home  
120 West Park Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
(847) 362-3009

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ Dear Johnson Family,  
Wishing you peace and faith in this difficult time of transition as you  
mourn your husband and father. The following is a poem written by  
ST TERESA OF AVILA

*We bloomed in Spring.*

*Our bodies are the leaves of God.*

*The apparent seasons of life and death  
our eyes can only suffer;*

*but our souls, dear, I will just say forthright:  
they are God  
Himself,*

*we will never perish  
unless He  
does.*

*ST TERESA OF AVILA  
Spain*

*Peace be with you,  
Marie and Dan Marks*

---

Marie - February 24, 2020 at 10:34 AM

TW

“ To Carol, Donna, Donnie and family: We wish we could be with you to celebrate Don’s life. We remember all of the good times we had when we lived in Skokie. We became a blended family. We will miss Don and we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Your graciousness and hospitality made our lives in Illinois better. We loved Don as we love all of The Johnsons. God bless all of you. Tina and Leonard Washington of Lebanon, PA and their families.

Tina and Leonard Washington - February 23, 2020 at 11:16 PM

RN

“ We all will cherish the good times, the joy, encouragement and positive impact Donald, Sr. gave to all of us during his lifetime. We will remember the kind, giving, and caring love he gave to all. We thank God for him being a part of our lives and making the difference not only for us but everyone. His accomplishments for the good of others and humankind shall be forever cherished. Loved him greatly! The Nash Family (Betty, Rena and Nina)

Rena Nash - February 23, 2020 at 12:17 PM

TN

“ The Nash Family (Betty, Rena and Nina) purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Donald T. Johnson Sr..



The Nash Family (Betty, Rena and Nina) - February 23, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ We love ❤️ you Johnson family. We celebrate the wonderful life of Don Sr.  
Amber and Joseph Webb



---

**Amber Webb** - February 20, 2020 at 07:21 AM

PC

“ Dear Carole, Don, JR., & Donna Jean:  
Obviously, as you prepare to funeralize Don, SR., tomorrow, this is not a time for joy & happiness, but I hope you can find some solace in knowing that his was a life well lived & appreciated from all I know. Though my family roots from South Carolina via my parents, Sidney R. & Ruth C. Williams, & my first cousin, Valeria Howard Staley, are historically intertwined with Carole's, the especial lifelong matrimonial partnership she shared with Donald T. --for a most remarkable 69 YEARS--made him an uplifting positive presence & warmly unique anchor point in my life & that of a number of my relatives over the decades since World War II. As I told Donna Jean earlier this week, they "just don't make them," i.e., family friends & relationships," like that any more."  
For us, & others I am sure, memories of Donald T., & his life's endeavors & achievements, are priceless & indelible. Indeed, it's a gross understatement to declare that "He will be missed"! Keep the faith, good folks.  
Paul Carryon & Family, Chicago & Georgetown, SC

---

**Paul Carryon** - February 19, 2020 at 11:03 AM

SW

“ *Shelley, Matt, Finley, & Harper Weinstein purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Donald T. Johnson Sr..*



---

**Shelley, Matt, Finley, & Harper Weinstein** - February 19, 2020  
at 09:57 AM

SL

“ *Dear Johnson Family,*

*Praise God for Mr. Johnson's legacy of love, academic success, and career excellence! You must be very proud to have had such a diamond in your midst. Your loss is heaven's gain. May you always remember the essence of his wonderful being!*

*Sincerely,  
Sandra W. Leconte, EdD  
Xavier University Class of '74  
Music*



---

**SANDRA W LECONTE** - February 19, 2020 at 09:08 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald T. Johnson Sr..*



---

February 18, 2020 at 09:23 PM

Y'

“ *Your friends from the Class of '76 purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Donald T. Johnson Sr..*



---

**Your friends from the Class of '76** - February 17, 2020 at 09:54 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald T. Johnson Sr..*



---

February 17, 2020 at 10:26 AM

TF

“ *The Krasula Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Donald T. Johnson Sr..*



---

**The Krasula Family** - February 16, 2020 at 04:46 PM