



Paul M. Johnson

May 23, 1945 - December 2, 2013

JOHNSON

Paul M. Johnson, 68, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Dec. 2, 2013 at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He was born May 23, 1945 in Jackson, AL, was formerly of Houston, TX and has lived in Libertyville for the past 29 years. Paul attended The Chapel in Libertyville and enjoyed golf, fishing and traveling.

He was a graduate of Fitzgerald High School in Fitzgerald, GA and received his degree from Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, TN. He was employed by ITW Paslode and Scotsman Ice Systems, both in Vernon Hills, retiring in June 2013. He was currently working part time for International Foods and Ingredients, Inc. in Gurnee.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Marcia Johnson; his brother, Comer (Judy) Johnson of Sacramento, CA and sisters, Carol Mihlfeld and Connie Johnson of Lakeland, FL. He also left behind many cousins, relatives, neighbors and dear friends across the country and around the world whom he met through his work. Paul leaves a legacy of friendliness, warmth and love that no one will ever forget.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Sat. Dec. 7, 2013 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. Interment will follow at Lakeside Cemetery. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday. Memorial contributions can be made to either the American Heart Assn. or American Diabetes Assn.

Info: 847-362-3009 or sign the guest book at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ I cannot begin to express how profoundly saddened I am about my cousin Paul. Paul was a very special person, and I will always treasure the time I spent with him and remember him fondly, especially his generous spirit and love. Paul was loved by many and will be missed by all. We're all blessed to have known him.

Jane (Davison) Sacerich - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

LC

“ Our prayers are with you in this time of loss. I remember well, Paul's time at Trevecca. May God grant His grace and strength for all. In Him, Lowell

LOWELL T.. CLYBURN - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

CS

“*When I am gone, release me. Let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.
Be happy that we had so many beautiful years.
I gave to you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.
So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must.
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart,
You'll hear all my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say welcome home...”*

Our sincere condolences to family and friends! Paul will be missed!

Columbia Restaurant & Bar Supply - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

CN

“*Our warmest thoughts and prayers go out to Marcia and family. Paul and Marcia are wonderful neighbors. We will miss Paul's cheerfulness and kindness. God bless you.*

Christy Niemeyer - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

DL

“ My prayers are with you and your family. I have a lot of great memories of Paul singing with Carol and the rest of the family at our church in Lakeland Florida. I have always had a special place in my heart for the Johnson family. Love you guys!

Delinah Lewis - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

DS

“ Paul was always a gentleman, and an outstanding man. Whenever I would see him at Pride Conference he always had a big smile on his face and greeted me like I was the only person there. My condolences go out to the Johnson family.

Dave Hummel, Saratoga Restaurant Equipment Sales - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

EH

“ My husband Paul and I had a wonderful time with Paul in July at the cousins reunion - the family is in our prayers. May God's peace and love with you!

Elizabeth (Johnson) Hale - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

KN

“ So many wonderful memories of Paul! He was gifted and a gift to all who knew him. Though I had not seen him in years, I can hear his voice and his laughter. My heart is so sad today but I look forward to seeing him in heaven. Praying for Marcia.

Keith Newman - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

JE

“ Rip Paul! You were a very kind gentleman. We enjoyed meeting with you at the Pride conferences! May your family find peace during this difficult time!

Jessica Parish @ Complete Restaurant Equipment - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

CM

“ Mere words cannot express how sad I am at the unexpected passing of my brother Paul. He will always be alive and vibrant in my memories. How I loved him! Please continue to pray for our family. We are broken hearted.
Loving sister, Carol

Carol Johnson Mihlfeld - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

AF

“ Paul was one of those people you looked forward to seeing at the PRIDE conference and PEAK trainings. He greeted you with a smile, a hug and always remembered your name. He was a true gentleman and will be missed.

His family is in my prayers, may you find peace in knowing he touched so many lives in such a positive way.

Angie Fellers-Beard - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

EM

“ I have known Paul throughout his tenure with Scotsman. He was to say the least the ultimate ambassador. Paul not only listened, he cared, his openness and warm personality set all around him at ease. He will be truly missed. My sincere condolences to the Johnson family.

Ed Marks - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

BA

“ I have known Paul since 1997. I have seen Paul each year at the ISE convention. He was the BEST professional in our industry. We are saddened by his sudden passing. We grieve with his family and host of friends. Our Prayers are with you all during this most difficult time. He will be missed.

Bill Almquist
CEO
Almcoe Refrigeration Company

Bill Almquist - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

SL

“ Dearest Marcia, my heart is broken in the loss of my precious cousin who was the one who was so greatly loved by all of us. I know Paul is rejoicing in being with his mom and dad and all of the Johnsons who have gone on before us. There is a vacancy in our big Johnson family of cousins that can never be filled. Much love to Paul's siblings who are heartbroken in this loss. You are special to us, too.

Always in my heart, Paul! Love you forever, Susan

Susan Thompson Loftin - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

NW

“ Paul had a unique way of making dreary business conferences enjoyable. He was sincere, kind, and genuine. He never forgot a name and was a delight to be around. Paul was a true class act and will be missed.

Nate Wiener - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

DM

“ I was saddened yesterday when I learned of Paul's passing. Paul was a mentor to many in the foodservice equipment industry. I am glad that I had Paul as a mentor, I am a better salesman and a more educated salesman because of the time that he invested in me.

I don't need to tell the story but each time Paul and I were together he always asked me how my daughter was doing and I know he really cared.

You will be missed and we are all better people because of you.

David Maxwell - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

SC

“ Paul was the epitome of what a gentleman should be. I always looked forward to seeing him and visiting with hi at the PRIDE conferences. He was one of those special people who could light up the room with his smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Paul will be greatly missed, but always remembered. I am Blessed to have known him.

Shaleen Tillman, Waco Hotel Supply Company - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

KS

“ I am very sorry for your loss. Although I did not know Paul extremely well, when our paths did cross at industry events, it was always a pleasure to see him. He was always the gentleman and I will remember his smile and welcoming ways.

Kristin Sedej
S2O Consultants

Kristin Sedej - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

JS

“ I am still in shock over the news of Paul's passing. My sincerest condolences to the Johnson family.

Paul was a person that took interest in other people's lives and you knew it was genuine as he would always remember and broach prior conversations again, regardless of time elapsed between meetings. He was the most caring and pleasant person to work with I have experienced and he will surely be missed by me.

Everyone in our company that met Paul, even once, remember him as a kind and sincere person and share in my sadness over his loss.

*Sincerely,
John Smith
Empire Marketing Group*

John Smith - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

CM

“ One more thing! Paul, Marcia, Connie, and I were together last week for our annual Nashville Thanksgiving trip. That trip was Paul's gift to us girls, and he would do whatever we wanted to without complaining. We laughed, prayed, watched football, ate at some of our favorite restaurant, shopped, went to a movie, and just enjoyed being together. On Saturday morning, we ate breakfast at McDonald's before we began our separate journeys home. I kissed Paul goodbye, not knowing that it would be the last time I would see him here on earth, but I have the blessed assurance that I will see him in Heaven. Love ya, Paul

Carol Johnson Mihlfeld - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

TT

“ Still having a hard time believing that Paul is no longer with us. Always a kind word to say and a smile on his face. I worked with Paul at both ITW Paslode and Scotsman, and there are many things I will never forget. When I asked him where he grew up, he said LA. I replied, that's not possible. He laughed and said Lower Alabama. When I'd try to imitate his accent, he told me Now you're talking normal. He taught me southern slang, the many meanings of bless your heart. The way he would say "W" was more like "dubya". I would tease him and say "it's double u, for Illinois Tool Works, say it like a yankee." He was always so sweet when talking to Marcia on the phone. And his laughter when talking to his cousins on the phone was infectious. He was always so calm which was helpful because I was usually stressed out at work the past 4 years. Whenever we would go out to lunch, Paul knew all the people who worked at the restaurant. People would constantly come over to say hello to him. One of the flights I was on with Paul, after we got off the plane, the flight attendants mentioned to me how nice Paul was to them and asked if he was always like that. I said oh yes he is. On that particular flight he brought thin mint girl scout cookies on the flight to share with them. I've missed not working with Paul the past few months, but was happy that he was working with Shelly at IFI. Shelly worked at Scotsman with Paul and I for a few years. I thought it was great that he had someone he knew at his new workplace and they could look out for one another, like Paul and I did at Scotsman and ITW. I miss you Paul. You've left your mark. All the best to his family.

Terry Toth - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

SK

“ I am still in shock that Paul is not with us anymore. I had just bought him a monitor stand for his computer, excited to see him on Tuesday to show him his new "organized desk" and waiting to hear about his trip down south to see his sisters.

There is a void here that cannot be filled. He brought a light heartedness to the workplace that cannot be copied. He was always bringing in goodies for the girls in the office, always saying a kind word just to be complimentary, and always in a good mood. His laughter was contagious, his stories- outrageous. In fact, there is a biology lesson he taught us a couple weeks ago that is still making us laugh and shake our heads.

He loved hearing about the history of Libertyville (I was born and raised, third generation). He loved hearing other people's stories and was genuinely interested in what you had to say.

Since I sit right next to him, I would hear him talk to Marcia on the phone and he was so sweet and so loving to her, it made me think that I should be that kind to the ones I love every day too. That is what he did. Inspired you to be more positive in your life.

When I was working at Scotsman, he would saunter over to my desk and start with "Why Shelly, you're as pretty as the honeysuckle on a July mornin'.." I would stop him right away and say "Okay, what do you need Paul?" and He would laugh and say "Shelly, you know me so well."

He will be missed. That is for sure.

Shelly Kreml - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

LM

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Paul's passing even though it has been years since I saw him last. I remember him from Spring Branch Nazarene Church in Houston. What a beautiful voice and infectious personality! I especially remember the time he was our choir director and we were singing Victory in Jesus to canned music for some visiting "Big Wigs". We got so far off track that all he could do was have us sit down. Marcia, I'm praying for you and your family. May God's peace and love surround you in the coming days.

Linda Mason - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

TG

“ I have had the great pleasure of serving with Paul on the Board of the FCSI Educational foundation for the past two years. I am honored to have been associated with Paul and to call him a friend. I will remember Paul as one of the nicest people that I have ever met both professionally and personally. My sincerest condolences to Paul's Family and friends. Todd Guyette

Todd Guyette - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

DR

“ Those of us that grew up with Marcia at church and grade school through college knew it would take a very special young man to make Marcia his bride. Paul was that exceptional man in every way! It was an honor to be in their wedding and a privilege to meet and know Paul. Paul and Marcia made it a point to stop at Seymour and visit my elderly mother on their way to their annual family Thanksgiving celebration. How Paul and Marcia would lift her spirits! Who could have imagined that my mother at 93 and Paul at 68 would go to be with our Lord in the same calendar year?

Dan Reames - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

JJ

“ *What a blessing this mans life has been to anyone who had the honor to know. My prayers ate with all of you the family. I call you my family. With love to you all*

Jo Ann Johnson - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

RM

“ *I got to know Paul from doing business together. I have to say he was a true gentlemen and he had a special quality about him and I believe it to be his faith in God. I know Paul is in the comfort of heaven.*

Richard Manias - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

SS

“ *Paul was that special person that made you light up when you saw him. And since I only saw him 2 or 3 times a year it was always like seeing a dear friend, not just a colleague. My heart goes out to all his Family , friends and industry colleagues. Paul we are all better for knowing you and will miss your greatly!*

Susan Spicer - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

RJ

“ *It's just hard to believe Paul Moffet (that's what I grew up calling him) has left us, but what a great time he's having now. I'll just always remember his smiling face and positive outlook - always happy and smiling when I'd see him at the reunions. What an example of how we should reflect Jesus in our lives.*

Richard Johnson - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

KM

“ I met Paul while working together at Scotsman. He was always a friendly guy and could make you smile and laugh easily. I was sad to see him retire. We've missed him around the office. Now, I even more sad to learn of his passing. My deepest sympathies go out to Marcia and the rest of his family.
Kurt Mueller - Scotsman Ice Systems

Kurt Mueller - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

SJ

“ I have read pages of comments from friends, business associates and family and I am not surprised to learn that Paul had one set of values that he exercised whether at work, home, neighborhood or church. What a wonderful testimony he leaves. The love and kindness he exhibited was true and came from deep in his heart. We now have a hole in ours until he welcomes us Home. Love you Paul and Marcia.

Shirley Ann Johnson - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

JP

“ As so many have already said, Paul was a role model to us all. How to be positive & happy & just radiate goodness. I never saw Paul in a bad mood. I think he was incapable of it. He was always smiling & happy & paying a compliment to everyone he passed. It was a blessing to have known him & he will be missed. My deepest sympathy to the family.

Jennifer Perez - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

NJ

“ As all who knew Paul can attest, he immediately made you feel good when you were around him. Upon initially meeting Paul at Scotsman, he was the first to welcome me aboard and make me feel comfortable there. In the outpouring of notes I have received over the last several days from fellow business colleagues that knew Paul, a common theme was spread across them in that he was a genuinely good friend to all those he interacted with. Upon coming home from what was a particularly challenging day at work early this year, I remarked to my wife that I never realized how flawed I was until seeing how Paul consistently cared about all those around him. He was the definition of a good man and serves as a great example for us all. Will miss you Paul.

Nate Jackson - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

FW

“ "Paul" My brother from another Mother. When God needed a true southern gentleman he knew right where to go. Paul of all the time we would talk at work or even after you retired you were my best friend threw and threw and when I would have a bad day we would laugh and talk to remind me how life should be worry free. When I would fall you would know what to say to pick me up. You will always be in heart I love and going to miss ya! My heart goes out to Marsha for loosing such a great man.

Fred Weishaupt - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

CD

“ I stayed alot at the Johnson,s home when we lived in Lakeland. The one thing i remember most was his smile when he'd come home. Iwas friends with Connie but always felt like I was at home there.

I'm sorry for the family, I know he'll be missed on this earth but heaven now rejoices.

Cindy Ellison(Dorothy Smith daughter) - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

DG

“ I had the good pleasure of working with Paul over the past eight years. Every time I met with Paul, I felt his kindest. I loved his smile and laughter. My heart goes out to his family, friends, and all of the business people that were touched by Paul Johnson.

my friend - you will be missed

Denis Griesmer - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

DE

“ I was so sad to hear about the passing of Paul. I worked at Duo-Fast for 20 years and became very good friends with him. He always had a smile and a wonderful hug for me. He will be missed

Debbie - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

CD

“ What an amazing legacy my uncle Paul leaves behind in all of us. It warms my heart to read page after page of how much Paul meant to everyone he met. Most of us would be hard pressed to even muster up half of his grace and charm. My family will miss Paul, we will miss looking forward to an upcoming visit and we will miss his undivided attention that he would give when we talked to him. Uncle Paul, help Grandma keep Grandpa in line up there in heaven and give them both a kiss from me. Love you, Cara

Cara Davis - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

AK

“ Hi Marcia,
We've never met but I knew Paul from our days at Duo-Fast in the late 80's and 1990's. I'm very sad to hear of his passing at such a young age and want to send my condolences to you at this dreadful time. Paul was a much loved guy who was always such great fun to be with. When I talked to ex-colleagues in the UK and Australia we all had great memories and a smile on our face from times past together. Will be remembering Paul on Saturday. Kind regards,
Andy King

Andy King - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

DS

“ As I reminisce along with others in Shawmut, Al we laugh and we cry. We think of one thing when he weighted the same chicken twice, while working in The Little Store. There was only one and she decided to take both. He was one of the finest men I have ever known.
Love and Prayers.
Dorothy and Gene Smith
Valley, Al

Dorothy Smith - June 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

DM

“ Paul was a true gentleman and will be dearly missed. I was most fortunate to have known Paul and everyone in our company had great respect for him.

David Mincks - April 27, 2018 at 06:12 AM

ER

“ I was very saddened and shocked to hear of Paul's passing. I knew Paul for only about 5 years and interacted with him mostly though emails and phone calls. I was fortunate to finally meet him in person at an ISE meeting in Orlando, FL a couple of years ago. He was such a courteous person and always very appreciative of any assistance I could offer. I still have one of his emails that I saved to read and lift my spirits on days when I am feeling down.

He will truly be missed!

Elaine Rosario

Elaine Rosario - April 27, 2018 at 06:12 AM

EG

“ So sorry to hear of Paul's passing. He has touched all his classmates when we were together in high school. He was a true gentleman and we will all miss him.

Emily Dee Younginer Goode - April 27, 2018 at 06:12 AM

RA

“ How shocked and saddened when I heard the news of Paul's passing today, 12/17/13. Paul, Bill Garrison and I started a Men's Trio at Central Nazarene many years ago. It was a sad day when he and Marsha moved away to Texas but we continued the trio for 20 more years. It's a much sadder day today in my heart today but I know where to find him when my time is done here on earth (I'm sure I'll hear him before I see him). God's richest Blessings and Healing to you Marsha. We will keep you in our prayers daily. Love you . Ray

Ray Aduddell - April 27, 2018 at 06:12 AM



“ *Marcia - just heard of your loss. I am so sorry. Esther Aduddell Beeson*

April 27, 2018 at 06:12 AM



“ *My heart has been comforted by all the kind words left in the condolences. The family is still in shock and disbelief that our dear Paul is no longer on this earth but we stand on the promise that we will meet again. In the meantime we covet your prayers during this very difficult time. Thank you to everyone.*

Marcia Johnson - April 27, 2018 at 06:12 AM



“ *Knowing the holidays have to b very difficult, I am praying for you as you face this new year Marsha. When the light at the end of the tunnel is only a pin hole , remember God is still God and is good all the time. Love and prayers, Ray Aduddell*

Ray Aduddell - April 27, 2018 at 06:12 AM

BG

“ Hello Dear Marsha,

It's been a couple of months now, but still difficult to grasp, for me even, so I can't imagine for you.

People around here still tell me that the original Cornerstone Trio was the BEST! I'd have to agree. We weren't the most polished, but we had the most fun, for sure.

Paul was definitely one-of-a-kind, never duplicated in any way. Great memories of you guys over the years.

Nita and I will never forget you. (Remember our middle son is named Jonathan Paul, after your man.) :o)

Bill Garrison - April 27, 2018 at 06:12 AM

CM

“ Paul,

It's been 2 years now, and the grief is still with us. I would love to talk to you again, and hear that sweet laugh, and hear you say, "hey, sister!" We all still miss you so much. You were and are very much loved. See you again! Love ya! Carol

Carol Mihlfeld - April 27, 2018 at 06:12 AM



“ *My darling Paul, it has been three years since you've been gone. I still miss your sweet smiling face and the laughter. Oh, how we did laugh. It is taking a long time for our broken hearts to begin to heal but I think you would be proud of the way we are getting on. My love is with you forever.*

April 27, 2018 at 06:12 AM

DS

“ Paul was one of the nices guy I've ever meet , always made you feel good about life. he will be missed by all . I got to know Paul thought I.S.E. And I always look forward sein him ever year .he was love by all . My prayers go out to all his family. God bless you all.

Dale stroud - December 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ My sincere sympathy to the Johnson family. I knew Paul quite well over the years while working with him at Scotsman. I know eveyone that knew him loved him. He was as good as they come. He will be sorely missed Very sorry for your loss.
Dale Mills

Dale Mills - December 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ My dear Marcia, how sorry I am to hear of Paul's death! From reading all of the memorial messages Paul was a wonderful friend, co-worker, neighbor, brother, uncle, and a GREAT husband! My heart hurts so much for you Marcia! What a sad time for you. The sorrow will fade (it will take a time) but Paul's memories will last forever!
I will call you soon.

Katie Garvey - March 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Paul and his precious wife, Marcia have become lifelong friends years ago. We have laughed together, cried together, and shared both good times and bad times. The best word that I can give to describe Paul is encourager. He always left everyone, with whom he spoke, feeling better about themselves. He showed genuine concern about the things that mattered most. He loved to sing the words of his favorite song, "Hold on my child. Joy comes in the morning. Weeping only lasts for the night. Hold on my child. Joy comes in the morning. The darkest hour means dawn is just in sight." Two things he always expressed gratitude for - his Lord who he served, and his precious wife, Marcia who he adored and loved more than life itself. We are going to miss you, Paul, but we look forward to the day when faith becomes sight.

Sam Harrison - March 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM