



LaVerne "Sam" Johnson

July 25, 1922 - January 28, 2015

LaVerne Alfred Johnson

"Sam"

Age 92, of Wilmington, IL, passed away Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at the Illinois Veterans Home in Manteno, IL. Born July 25, 1922 in Symerton, IL to the late Carl Alfred and Mary (nee Wallen) Johnson. Sam farmed in the Will County area most of his life. Veteran of the United States Navy, having served during WWII. He was a member of the Will County Farm Bureau and the First United Methodist Church in Wilmington. He enjoyed spending time with his family and fellow members of the "Over The Hill Gang" at the Island City Restaurant in Wilmington. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor and wit.

Surviving are one son, James (Diane) Johnson of Wilmington; and one daughter, Susan (late Wally) Evans; five grandchildren, Josh Johnson, Brett Lewis, Beth (Donnie) Smith, Jill (Glen) VanDuyne, and Jacob Evans; four great grandchildren, Catherine and Emma Smith and Jackson and Brady VanDuyne; niece, Mary (Steve) Gajcak of Joliet, IL; nephew, Tim (Rosella) Trotter of Egg Harbor, WI; and four great nieces.

Preceding him in death was his wife, Edythe Eileen "Edie" (nee Clemans), whom he married May 4, 1946 in Symerton, IL; sister and brother-in-law, Almeda and Thomas Trotter; and brother-in-law, James "Bud" Clemans.

Funeral services will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, Braidwood Chapel, Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation two hours preceding services.

Interment will follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in his name may be directed to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

For more information and to visit his online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory
401 E. Main St., Braidwood, 815-458-2336

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery-Wilmington

P.O. Box 775 700 Williams Street
Located at the intersection of Williams and
Oak Street
Wilmington, IL 60481

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home
401 East Main St.
Braidwood, IL 60408
(815) 458-2336
info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

Service

JAN 31. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home
401 East Main St.
Braidwood, IL 60408
(815) 458-2336
info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album LaVerne "Sam" Johnson Video Tribute



Sara Foote - February 09, 2015 at 02:44 PM

ML

“ Susie and family-Our deepest sympathies and prayers go out to you and your family. So sorry for your loss.
Wilmington Post Office Employees



Melany Loetscher - January 31, 2015 at 01:41 PM

HL

“ Susie, Jim, Diane and families, you have my deepest sympathies and prayers with the loss of Sammy. He was a very nice man and I am sure your Mom was happy to see him arrive in heaven with her. It is always hard to let them go no matter how old they are.

Helen Lamping - January 30, 2015 at 04:12 PM

DS

“ To Sam's entire family, so very sorry for your loss! What a fine man to have for a Father, Husband, Grandfather & Friend. He will be missed by all!

*Dean & Beth Shepherd
and Family*

Dean Shepherd - January 30, 2015 at 04:04 PM

DL

“ Jim, Diane, Suzie, and all of your family,
We were so sorry to hear of Sam's passing. No matter how old a parent is, it is never easy to say that final Good Bye to them. Now he joins his lovely wife, Edie. I am sure she was reaching out for him and beckoning him to join her. May you have many fond memories to help you get through this difficult time.

*Brian & Diane Lange
Naples, FL*

Diane Lange - January 30, 2015 at 12:42 PM

PK

“ Suzie and Jim , my entire family is saddened by the loss of your father. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers.. many hugs to you all. from my family to yours..

Pam Davis Kammann, Ida Fae Davis, Steven Davis and Kevin Davis



Pamela Davis Kammann - January 30, 2015 at 05:36 AM

AH

“ *Susie and family, So sorry to hear about your dad. My sympathy goes out to you. I will keep you in my prayers.*

Allie Ruth Hiles, Galveston, Texas

Allie Hiles - January 29, 2015 at 04:48 PM

KL

“ *So sorry to hear about Sammy. He was such a nice persona, always friendly and willing to help others. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Kathy Lewis - January 29, 2015 at 11:45 AM

KL

“ *So sorry to hear about Sammy. He was such a nice person, always pleasant and helpful and he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all*



Kathy Lewis - January 29, 2015 at 11:40 AM