



Richard Johnson

February 3, 1939 - March 21, 2014

Dr. Richard "Dick" Lawrence Johnson, 75, of Myrtle Beach, SC, died March 21, 2014 at the Grand Strand Healthcare Nursing Home following a long battle with Parkinson's with Dementia.

Born in Glen Dale, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Lawrence William Johnson and Margaret Ruth Seal Johnson of Bethel Park, Pennsylvania.

Richard was a 1956 graduate of Bethel Borough High School, Bethel Park, Pennsylvania. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Chemistry at Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, PA from 1956 - 1960 where he was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity; his Master's in Science Degree at the University of Kentucky in 1962; and his Doctor of Philosophy at the State University of Iowa in 1966. He began his Research career in 1966 with E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. in Wilmington, DE. He spent most of his career at the Washington Works site in Parkersburg, WV, except from 1982 to 1985 when he and his wife Terrie resided in Zwijndrecht, The Netherlands. He retired in 2001 with over 35 years of service with the DuPont Company as a Research Chemist. He and his wife Terrie moved to Myrtle Beach, SC in June, 2002.

Dick enjoyed working on his "farm" and raising cattle. In later years, he got into model railroading, creating and building a train layout while still in

Parkersburg. After moving to Myrtle Beach, SC his new loves were sitting and reading by his pool, and walking his dogs Jack and Max.

Surviving are his wife of 31 years, Teresa "Terrie" Darlene Leach Johnson of Myrtle Beach, SC; a son, Paul Edward Johnson of Nashville, TN; a daughter, Amy Grace Burger and her husband, Jim of Huntersville, NC; a step-daughter, Lori Susan Thorpe Gravley and her husband, Kevin of Myrtle Beach, SC; two grandchildren, Elizabeth Grace Burger and Daniel Joseph Burger; two step-grandchildren, Keegan Justice Gravley and Carli Jolynne Gravley; two sisters, Nancy Hallstein of Calabash, NC and Barbara Hustwit of Wooster, OH; one brother, Roger Johnson of Kensington, MD; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by an infant son, Mark Edward Johnson.

The family would like to acknowledge, with special thanks, his personal caregiver Ada Moses, and all caregivers at Grand Strand Healthcare.

Per Richard's wishes, there will be no visitation or services. Interment at Sunset Memory Gardens in Parkersburg, WV, will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Grand Strand Humane Society, 3241 Mr. Joe White Avenue, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

Funeral arrangements will be handled by Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

Tribute Wall

AB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort from your memories, as well as God's word the bible. Why do people we love die? Romans 5:12 says: "That is why, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned." How loving of God to promise what is found at Revelation 21:4 which says, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.”

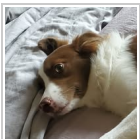
A. Bell - March 31, 2014 at 04:17 PM



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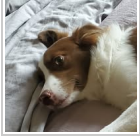
Gerry Hunt - March 26, 2014 at 07:42 AM



“ Gerry Hunt lit a candle in memory of Richard Johnson



Gerry Hunt - March 26, 2014 at 07:38 AM



“ *Dick and Terrie moved into the same 3 home cul-de-sac at the same time we did. During that 10 year period, while we grew with five children, the Johnson's adopted our family. They became the neighbors and friends you can only wish for. They adopted our energetic children and became good friends to my wife and I as well. They came over for dinner, attended plays and ballets, celebrated Halloween and Christmas, and watched our dogs when we went out of town. Whether Dick was blowing leaves out of my driveway or sharing a cold beer (he had quite the variety in his garage), he was always there for me. I will always be thankful for his friendship, especially during some very difficult times. He embodied the greatest commandment given, to love thy neighbor as I love thee.*

Gerry Hunt - March 26, 2014 at 07:36 AM



“ *Books of Love was purchased for the family of Richard Johnson.*



March 25, 2014 at 05:23 PM



“ *Terrie, I was so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. He always had a "funny" to tell me. You and he were always fun to be around. I'll keep you in my thoughts and prayers as you are going through all the motions and emotions. Take care. I'll talk to you soon. Love ya! Gloria Sellers*

Gloria Sellers - March 25, 2014 at 05:05 PM

RM

“ I've known Dick since graduate school in Iowa and we continued contact while working with the DuPont Company. I last saw him about 6 years ago but have stayed in contact with his wife, Terrie. I remember him getting one of the first Ford Mustangs in 1965-66 and the birth of his children. I remembering him barbecueing chicken but either burning it or leaving it raw. As seen in his picture, he usually had a twinkle in his eye. We had some good times together. I miss our talks together. My prayers go to Terrie, Paul, and Amy.

Richard (Dick) Morgan

Richard Morgan - March 24, 2014 at 03:49 PM

JO

“ Very sad to hear of Dick's passing. I have many good memories. Whether telling me stories of people he grew up with or hilariously personifying a bale of hay falling off the back of his pick-up truck, his wit was quick and dry. I was privileged to enjoy his company during rides in vehicles as varied as a vintage Chrysler 300 Magnum to an AMC Pacer which he took pleasure in making fun of. Prayers and tears are shared for his family.

John Olex.

John Olex - March 24, 2014 at 03:05 PM

JH

“ Terrie and family,
Sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed my "spirited" discussions with Dick -- both Parkersburg and Dordrecht. Wish you and the family the very best.

Jack & Gail Hale

Jack Hale - March 23, 2014 at 06:52 PM

TS

“ Terrie:

I was sorry to hear about Dick's passing. He was a great guy. I always enjoyed talking to him and working with him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Tom Simpson

Tom Simpson - March 23, 2014 at 10:51 AM

JL

“ Terrie

We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of grief. May the lord bless and keep you.

Jim and Linda Frey

Jim & Linda - March 23, 2014 at 06:17 AM

BK

Terrie and Family,

Bob and I were very sorry to hear of Dick's passing. It has been a rough road for both you and Dick - he is now at peace. You and the family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. God Bless you all. Maryjayne and Bob Kolouch

Bob and Maryjayne Kolouch - March 23, 2014 at 04:15 PM