



Ray M. Johnson

July 11, 2013

Ray M. Johnson, formerly of Stoystown, PA died Thursday, July 11, 2013 at Maryview Medical Center. Ray was born near Stoystown on December 15, 1927 to Louis K. and Carrie B. Johnson. After graduation from Shade high School, Ray enlisted in the US Navy and served on USS Bordelon, USS Missouri, and at Lueluelaii, Hawaii. Following completion of his naval service, Ray earned an engineering degree from Pennsylvania State University. After a few years as a math teacher at Rockwood area high School, Ray started his career at Johnstown Works of United States Steel, first as an engineer and eventually as Superintendent; he was instrumental in establishing a computer aided manufacturing capability there. In addition to his professional career and his role as son, brother, and uncle, Ray was well known as an avid and often well appreciated fan of Penn State football and attended many of the PSU Bowl Games around the country. After living most of his life in the house where he was born, Ray moved to Virginia in 2009 to be closer to family.

Ray survived his parents, his nephew Daniel, and his two sisters Florence Krajnak and Virginia Whisenant. He is survived by his two sisters Louise Lenio of Windber, PA and Vanda Sweet of Anchorage, AK; also by three brothers Ken Barbaraof Vienna, VA, Tom Judy of Williamsburg, VA, and Michael Gloria of Portsmouth, VA; and by 20 nieces and nephews and their families.

A funeral service will be held at Loving Funeral Home in Portsmouth, VA at

1:30 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2013. Interment with Military honors will follow at Albert G. Horton Memorial Veteran's Cemetery, Suffolk, VA.

Tribute Wall



“ Our condolences to Ray's family. Ray was a great friend and always kind, courteous and generous to me and my wife Bonnie. Of course, he was as much a part of Beaver Stadium as JOE-PA. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##ED SERAFIN##imported-end##

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“ Lost a great friend. Had many outstanding dinners at Ray's house. Went to 35 years of Penn State games due to Ray's generosity, including a press box experience. Tailgating with him always will have fond memories. The thoughts of Janet, Lynn, Tracy, Steve, & I are sad with Ray's passing.##imported-begin##Robert Parker##imported-end##

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“ I didn't know Ray well when I was growing up because our family wasn't around much, but when he moved down to Portsmouth in 2009, I enjoyed seeing him much more frequently. His stories about the family from the past were very enjoyable, and he was sharp right up 'til the end. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Karen Johnson Lassiter##imported-end##

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“ *Deepest sympathy to the surviving brothers and sisters of Ray. It was great that he could spend his last years close to his brothers. I recall him living at Grandma Johnson's house and the reunions held there. Growing up as kids, our families were very close and visited each other almost weekly.*###imported-begin##*John R. Johnson*###imported-end##

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