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Carl Alfred Johnson, Jr. born March 27, 1927 in Muskegon, Michigan to Verna McCormick and Carl Alfred Johnson, Sr. passed away August 27, 2014 at the age of 87 of cancer. A 1950 graduate of Muskegon High School he served as a “Big Red” cheerleader, and played piano in the Jimmy James Orchestra Dance Band. In June 1945, Carl graduated Magna Cum Laude and Salutatorian of his class of 300. He served as President of Student Council, President of his Senior Class, and voted the most likely to succeed. One week after graduation, he was inducted into the United States Air Corps Reserve. He was processed to Keller Field in Biloxi, Mississippi where he started his training to become an Air Cadet. In December 1945, Congressman John Engel from the 9th Michigan Congressional District appointed Carl to the United States West Point Military Academy of West Point, New York. He prepared for examinations for entry while he attended Amherst College. In June 1946, he finished Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Carl received his notification papers to report to the Military Academy in July of 1946. He played piano in the West Point Cadet Dance Band. Carl was also Secretary of the West Point Honor Code System. After 4 years at the Academy, he graduated with a Civil Engineering Degree as Captain. In a class of 678 he ranked 61. After he selected to pursue the Air Force, the Korean War broke out. Carl applied for single engine jet fighter training receiving an assignment at Williams AFB in Phoenix. He received his wings in July 1951 in Phoenix, Arizona. Carl enjoyed flying solo, formation and acrobatics. He was sent to Tokyo, Japan where he flew a single seater F80 jet fighter plane. Carl flew 100 missions in the F-84. During his time as Captain, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross, 3 Air Medals, World War II Victory Medal, Korean Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation and the United Nations Service Medal. Back in the U.S. Carl became a B-57 pilot instructor. In years to come, he enjoyed his own four seater Cessna 182 in Muskegon. In 1962, Carl retired from



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the military and began a career with his father at Port City Machine and Tool in Muskegon Heights, Michigan where he would complete his years as President of the Company. During these years he built a new plant and brought the small conventional machine and tool shop into a high-technology, computer-aided design and manufacturing company. Carl was a member of Central Methodist Church, charter member of the Michigan Aviation Hall of Fame, member of the Muskegon Y.M.C.A. Men's Noon Club, Muskegon Jaycees, Grand Haven Rotary, Board of Directors/Vice President, Muskegon Chapter of the NTMA National Tooling and Machining Association Board of Directors and President. He also belonged to the West Michigan Banjo Band and played keyboard, until he retired in 2013 at the age of 86. His first wife was Rosemary Johnson of Muskegon and they had four sons: Terrance (Sherri) Johnson of New Hampshire, Curtis Johnson of Bellaire, Carl Johnson III of Muskegon and Gordon (Barbara) Johnson of Muskegon. On April 30, 1976 families were combined when he married Darlene Dewald Johnson of North Muskegon, Kevin Todd (Tonja) Dewald and Randall Jon (Cynthia) Dewald were added for a family of 6 sons. Carl also leaves the following grandchildren: Chelsie and Gavin Johnson; Amanda, Kimberly, and Jason Johnson; Jennifer Kiel, Alyssa Johnson, Laura Johnson; Elise Dewald, Jack Dewald; Erica Dewald, Amaya Dewald; and two great grandchildren: Alexander and Lily Kiel. Carl and Darlene were married for 38 years. They have traveled all over the world and for their 25 anniversary, and enjoyed a month long European cruise. FUNERAL SERVICES will be 11 AM Wednesday at The Lee Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc. 6291 S. Harvey St. 231-798-1100. VISITATION with the family will be 2-4 & 6-8 Tuesday. Burial will take place in Laketon Twp. Cemetery. Memorial Contributions to the Muskegon Y.M.C.A. – Camp Pandalouan or Central United Methodist Church will be appreciated. Share memories with the family online at www.sytsemafh.com.



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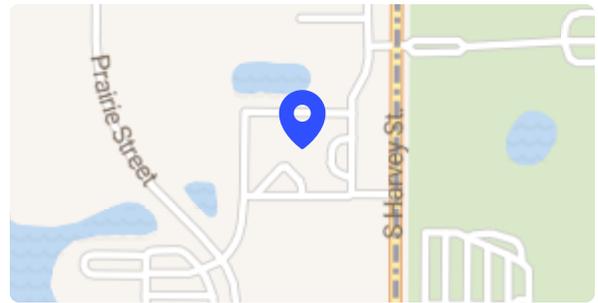
Visitation

 **Tuesday**, September 2, 2014

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



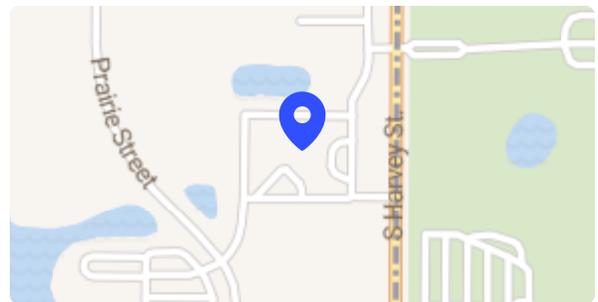
Visitation

 **Tuesday**, September 2, 2014

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

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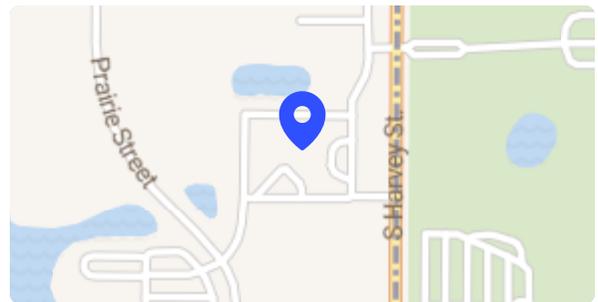
Funeral Service

 **Wednesday**, September 3, 2014

 11:00 AM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



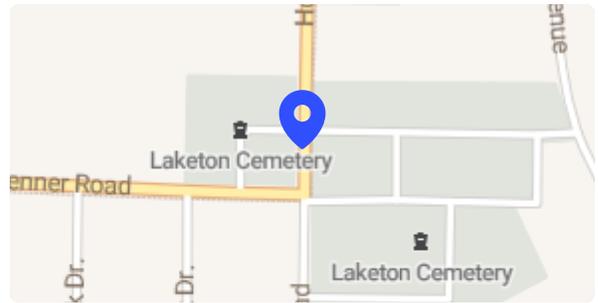


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Cemetery Details

 **Laketon Township Cemetery**
620 Horton Road, Muskegon MI 49445





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern to the Johnson family.



September 3 at 2:38 AM



Gail posted:

I got to know Carl more when I joined Banjo Club. He was an essential part of the band. I was amazed at his musical ability to hear a tune and play it. Carl was a lot of fun - he always had a smile on his face, and he made me feel very welcomed to the group. Carl will forever have a spot in my heart as one of those people that cross our paths on our life's journey who make it a joyful adventure. He will be missed by many. Gail Ringelberg

September 2 at 10:28 AM



Harry Johnson posted:

Very sorry to hear of Uncle Carl's passing, all my prayers and love go out to Darlene and all his loves ones he left behind.....With my deepest sorrow,,,,,,His favorite nephew Harry C. Johnson LOL Carl had a great sense of humor . He will be missed very much

September 1 at 3:10 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Johnson family.



August 31 at 11:03 AM



Greene Family posted:

Dear Johnson Family and Friends, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my family's sincere condolences. When someone you love dies, there is a sadness and a void that is excruciating and overwhelming. May it comfort you to know that our Creator hears our cries, empathizes with our broken hearts, and will soon act to rid us of this last enemy, death, forever. (Revelation 4:11, Psalms 34:18, 1 Corinthians 15:26, Acts 24:15)

August 30 at 9:11 AM



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Dennis posted:

Darlene, Kevin, Randy & family, Carl was an amazing man and lived every minute of his life to the fullest. We will honor his memory by living as he did. Our prayers are with you. Lauri & Dennis Rouwhorst

August 29 at 6:52 PM

KT

Karen Russell-Thomson posted:

Mr. Johnson as I called him, was my Mother Gloria's boss for 3 decades. He was always so nice to me. I always remember going to work with my Mom as a child and he would whistle and be so happy and pleasant all of the time. He didn't care that I was there because there was a half day of school or whatever was going on. He always asked if I had enough things to draw with or if I needed anything. He was so nice. He also let my Mom leave work if myself or my brother had an event that she needed to attend. Sometimes he would take us to lunch at Tony's. I thought that was really something. What a nice man. His office on Muskegon Heights on Broadway was always so clean. It was spotless. He was a great man and I am proud that I knew him. Sincerely-Karen Russell-Thomson

August 29 at 2:23 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Carl by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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