



## Marvin "Pat" Johnson

February 3, 1939 - April 12, 2016

The Celebration of Life for Marvin (Pat) Johnson of Bertha will be held at 11:00AM on Saturday, April 23rd at the New Life Church of God in Bertha, MN with Pastor Ken Uhren of the Hewitt United Methodist Church presiding. Friends may call on Saturday from 9:30 AM until the time of services at the church. Lunch and fellowship will follow the celebration.

Pat was born February 3rd, 1939 to Watson and Lena (Koehler) Johnson at home in Woodside Township. He and his twin Marlyn (Mike) were born during a snow storm and family members had to fetch the doctor with a team of horses. Pat was born first. Per Mike, he kicked Pat out and enjoyed his own space for a half an hour.

Pat graduated from Bertha-Hewitt High School in 1957. He left the farm and moved to the big city of Minneapolis to work. He worked as a supervisor for Western Union for almost 20 years. During his working years, he was called to serve our country and became a company clerk in the army. Give Pat an iron and he could press the shirt on your back! He was also the care taker at the places he lived before owning his own home and loved making sure everything was neat, clean, and in order. When he moved back to Hewitt, he took seminary classes and was an assistant lay-speaker for the Methodist church for 26 years. He loved serving the Lord and others-this was his true calling!

Western Union is where Pat met the love of his life, Jean Lewko. He said they fell in love on the dance floor and were united in marriage on October, 29th, 1966 at the Constantine Ukrainian Catholic Church in NE Minneapolis.

Pat lived on his farm for almost 40 years. Everyone who visited knew that his door was always open, the coffee pot was on, and food was always on the table. He worked countless hours to keep an immaculate lawn (he walked the perimeter of the yard daily to make sure every dandelion and stick were removed). He enjoyed canning, cooking, entertaining, dancing, gardening, playing cards, reading, and most of all, visiting with friends. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family.

Pat passed away on April 12th, in the loving arms of his children and granddaughter. He took his last breath as they were saying the Lord's Prayer. He has always been ready to meet the Lord and now he is home!

He is preceded in death by his wife, Jean in 2010; parents Watson and Lena Johnson; brother Vernon; sister's Lila (Raymond) Johnson; Donna (Arndt) Hoyhtya; and granddaughter Jordan Harp.

He is survived by his daughters Jodi (Gio) Rivera of Chanhassen, MN; Alicia (Kevin) Harp of Raymond, MN; his granddaughter Te'Neil (Darryl Lee) Harp of Clara City, MN; great grandchildren Serenity, Tre' and Alivia Lee of Clara City, MN; brothers Ivan (Alice) Arndt of Blaine, MN; Mike (Verla) Johnson of Richfield, MN; Watson (Donna) Johnson of Blaine, MN; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Military honors will be provided by the William Larson American Legion Post 366 of Bertha.

Interment will be at Woodside Cemetery in Wrightstown following the luncheon.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodside Cemetery (Wrightstown)

Woodside Cemetery  
Parkers Prairie / Hewitt, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **23**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Life Church of God  
401 Main St. - West  
Bertha, MN 56437

## Service

APR **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Bertha, MN 56437

# Tribute Wall

LK

“ Always had a smile n story, the gift of gab he is gonna be missed my thoughts n prayers r with u.



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**Linda koenig** - April 24, 2016 at 08:18 AM

SP

“ Jodi, Alisha and family, the neighbor hood will not be the same without your dad, he was one of the first to welcome us into the area.

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**Steve and Paula** - April 23, 2016 at 08:35 PM

LB

“ So very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He was a great friend, I will sincerely miss visiting with him when I make the trips back to Minnesota to visit my family there. I was a Shamp ( Laura Snook's sister). My thoughts and prayers go out to the Johnson families.

*Lila Bast*

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**Lila Bast** - April 23, 2016 at 01:35 PM

VS

“ Sorry for your loss, will miss you Pat, your smile, your hugs. Know you are happy being with Jean and loved ones.



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**Valerie Shaw** - April 23, 2016 at 11:00 AM

VS

“ Pat was and is a wonderful man. He shared his passion for the Lord on his sleeve. Will never forget taking care of Jean at the Parkers care center we joked around, ate Cheetos, and danced. Pat I will always think of you and miss you . Valerie



Valerie Shaw - April 23, 2016 at 10:22 AM

 Kathy Wiirre

“ Pat was an amazing man and always so pleasant to talk with on Sunday's after church. I will miss his happy, cheerful and sweet personality. The world could use more people like Pat. Heaven is lucky to have him :) May God Bless his family through this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Much Love, Smiley and Kathy Wiirre

Kathy Wiirre - April 23, 2016 at 07:59 AM

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“ Marvin (Pat) was the first person that cut my hair when I was a little girl... I loved that hair cut, it made me feel so grown up.... Jodi and Alisha, I am so very sorry for your loss, all my thoughts and prayers are with you...

Terri (Shamp)Dahlvang - April 22, 2016 at 11:18 PM

SA

“ So sorry to hear about your Dad, Jodi and Alicia. He was such a good person. He is now with our Lord, sitting by his beloved wife. God Bless you girls, and prayers for your sadness and loss.

Sandy(Maijala)South - April 22, 2016 at 05:38 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Marvin "Pat" Johnson.*



April 21, 2016 at 06:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marvin "Pat" Johnson.*



April 21, 2016 at 01:44 PM



“ *42 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - April 21, 2016 at 11:18 AM



“ *He was a person that loved people.always would stop and talk..will be missed a lot*

Elvin. Judy shultz. - April 20, 2016 at 06:04 PM

MF

“ *Melanie Froslie lit a candle in memory of Marvin "Pat" Johnson*



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**Melanie Froslie** - April 20, 2016 at 05:57 PM

AM

“ *Pat, You were the first person we met when we moved here, and we became very good friends. Life will not be the same anymore with out you, but you are with the dear Lord now and Jean and the rest of your family in Heaven. I am sure you are working in the gardens in Heaven already, We miss you already, and give Jean a big hug and kiss from us all. Pat was a wonderful cook, he could make anything out of anything and it was always very good. Will miss your wonderful rice pudding. God Bless you, Ida and Arnold McLeod*

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**Arnold and Ida McLeod** - April 20, 2016 at 03:46 PM

GC

“ *Gary & Marcy Collins lit a candle in memory of Marvin "Pat" Johnson*



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**Gary & Marcy Collins** - April 19, 2016 at 02:41 PM

DM

“ Dear family of Pat,  
Our sincere sympathy at your/our loss of Pat. He always had a kind,  
encouraging word for everyone no matter where you met him. His  
faith in the Lord was shared with all. May you find comfort in God's  
care and hope in the resurrection.  
Ken (former pastor of Elmo Lutheran Church) & Donna Moenck

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**Donna Moenck** - April 19, 2016 at 12:31 PM

DA

“ Deb And Darrell Anderson lit a candle in  
memory of Marvin "Pat" Johnson



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**Deb and Darrell Anderson** - April 19, 2016 at 12:23 PM

BS

“ Bob And Deb Sieling lit a candle in memory of  
Marvin "Pat" Johnson



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**Bob and Deb Sieling** - April 19, 2016 at 11:14 AM

MS

“ Marvin & Kim Stokes lit a candle in memory of  
Marvin "Pat" Johnson



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**Marvin & Kim Stokes** - April 19, 2016 at 08:40 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marvin "Pat" Johnson.



April 18, 2016 at 05:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marvin "Pat" Johnson.



April 18, 2016 at 11:22 AM



“ It was such a joy to have Pat as a dear friend and part of our church and church choir. We have been missing him since he became ill. I enjoyed spending time with him and Jody and Alecia at the hospital in St. Cloud and the visit in Alexandria. He was a deeply caring person and spoke how he enjoyed people and loved his family and loved dancing. He will be missed. God Bless you all.

**Sue Boehland** - April 17, 2016 at 02:36 PM



“ Watson (Pooch) And Dinna Johnson lit a candle in memory of Marvin "Pat" Johnson



**Watson (Pooch) and Dinna Johnson** - April 17, 2016 at 08:14 AM

WJ

“ Watson (Pooch) And Dinna Johnson lit a candle in memory of Marvin "Pat" Johnson



Watson (Pooch) and Dinna Johnson - April 16, 2016 at 07:58 PM

JB

“ John And Audrey Blashack lit a candle in memory of Marvin "Pat" Johnson



John and Audrey Blashack - April 16, 2016 at 05:20 PM

DP

“ Don And Joan Payne lit a candle in memory of Marvin "Pat" Johnson



Don and Joan Payne - April 16, 2016 at 03:55 PM

DT

“ Diane Teigland lit a candle in memory of Marvin "Pat" Johnson



Diane Teigland - April 16, 2016 at 01:43 PM

GK

“ Gene & Sandy Kapphahn lit a candle in memory of Marvin "Pat" Johnson



Gene & Sandy Kapphahn - April 16, 2016 at 09:36 AM

LS

“ Larry & Becky Shultz lit a candle in memory of Marvin "Pat" Johnson



Larry & Becky Shultz - April 16, 2016 at 07:12 AM

LS

*We always enjoyed the visits and conversations with Pat. He truly loved and cared for everyone and he was always good for our egos too, he called us "the best looking couple in ottertail county". We will miss the meals, the pinochle, the snow plowing visits, the memories he shared. He deeply loved his friends and family, but he loved the Lord even more. It is comforting to know he and Jean are finally reunited in heaven. He was a one of a kind and will be truly missed. Deepest sympathies to Elisha and Jody and your families. God Bless you.*

Larry & Becky Shultz - April 16, 2016 at 07:17 AM



“ What a joy Pat was. He always had words of praise or comfort, and so appreciative of those around him. He was one of our special characters in church, and we will miss him each and every Sunday morning.

Barb Fransen - April 15, 2016 at 09:53 PM

WV

“ Wayne and Marilyn Voge



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Wayne and Marilyn Voge - April 15, 2016 at 07:14 PM

ME

“ We were weekend neighbors of Pat's for about 40 years. We always new that we could stop in to see Pat at anytime for coffee and a lot of conversation. He was the most agreeable and pleasant neighbor we could have had especially at deer hunting time. The hunters always a good visit with him as they were hunting close to his home.

Pat was very proud of his family and looked forward to any visit with them.

I am sure there are many friends that will miss him.

With Love  
Wally and Marian Esteb

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Marian Esteb - April 15, 2016 at 04:09 PM

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PAT WAS AN BLESSING FOR BETTY AND MYSELF... HE WAS AN VERY CARING MAN... WE WILL MISS HIM GOD BLESS ALWAYS

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normab201@yahoo.com - April 17, 2016 at 12:44 PM