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Charles Arthur “Chuck” Johnson of Ocean View, DE passed away on Tuesday, December 25, 2012 after a brief illness. Chuck was born in Olean, NY on October 2, 1937 to the late Bessie (Baker) and Arthur C. Johnson. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his son Paul Michael.

Chuck graduated Olean High School in 1955 and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1959 where he earned his degree in Chemical Engineering and was a proud member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. He served his country in the United States Navy for six years, retiring as a Lieutenant JG. After release from active duty, Chuck went to work for Atlas Chemical Industries, Inc., at the Atlas Point Plant in New Castle, DE, and continued working for ICI (Imperial Chemical Industries) when they acquired Atlas in 1971. He was transferred to the Central Engineering Department in 1975 where he remained until he took early retirement from ICI in 1991. He then worked as a consultant for Avecia, Inc. for 10 years before fully retiring to Ocean View in 2001.

Chuck is survived by his high school sweetheart and beloved wife of 54 years, Beverly (Senyk) Johnson of Ocean View, DE; his brother Larry and wife Cheryl of Holland, NY; son David and wife Holly of Ellicott City, MD; daughter Karen and husband Milton Purcell of Mays Landing, NJ; daughter Debra and husband Andrew McLean of Moultonborough, NH; daughter Suzanne and husband Benjamin Hanbicki of New Britain, PA, grandchildren Chase Johnson & his fiancée Gabriella, Jenna Johnson, Caitlin O’Hara, Reilly McLean, Kyle Hanbicki, Deiter Hanbicki, Kerry Hempel, Caitlin Purcell, and Paige Purcell; step grandchildren Steven, Heather and husband Michael; great grandchildren Jayden, Cole, Savannah, and Michael, and also by the Pass-Mitchell Clan, who have always taught the Johnson family that it is love that makes a family, not blood.

Chuck and Bev joined Christiana United Methodist Church in 1961. He served as Choir Director and Financial Secretary from 1970 until retirement. After retiring to Ocean View, they joined Epworth United Methodist Church in Rehoboth Beach, where he was active in choir, handbells and worship committee. Chuck was active in Boy Scouts for 30 years, mostly with Troop 75 in Christiana, DE, as well as The Ulster Project-Delaware, Indian Guides, Astra Zeneca Singers and



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the Pine Tones. He was often seen commanding the waters of the Indian River Inlet in his sturdy sloop, the Benjamina, schooling his children and grandchildren in the fine art of trying to catch fish, making feasts of Maryland blue crabs around a makeshift dining room table in his garage, appreciating a finely crafted beer, a well sung tune, and any joke of his own making. Chuck lived his life in service to others, as a model son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather, as a true friend, and always with deep, abiding faith.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 29, 2012 at 11:00 AM at Epworth United Methodist Church, 19285 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE. The family will receive friends at the church beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment will take place at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro on Wednesday, January 2nd at 10:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Chuck's name to Epworth United Methodist Church, at the above address or to Christiana United Methodist Church, 23 West Main Street, Christiana, DE 19702.

Please sign Chuck's guest registry at this site.

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WF

Wendy (Decker) Freshwater posted:

Dear Bev and family, May your many happy memories override the sorrow I know you all are experiencing at this difficult time. I cherish the time we spent together during my years in Christiana. We had such a wonderful extended family! Love and my deepest sympathies.

January 8 at 8:00 PM

BB

Bob & Debbie Blyman posted:

Hi Bev. Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. You may not remember me but you gave me my 1st job in banking when you worked for 1st Federal. You & Chuck are the most awesome couple and I know that the pain will eventually fade because of all the love & memories you, Chuck & your family have created and possess. He was always bigger than life, and heaven is a little more fun and laughing a lot more now that he is there. We are sorry we could not make it to the funeral. Take care & God bless all of you. Love, Bob & Debbie Blyman

January 1 at 8:00 PM

KM

Kerin Magill posted:

Bev and family: We are all heartbroken that Chuck has gone to meet his Lord, as much as we are relieved that his suffering is over. He was as fine a neighbor as anyone could ever wish for. We will miss his gentle humor, his bright smile and his kind heart. With love, Kerin, Eric, Kelsey and Nate Magill

January 1 at 8:00 PM

AC

Annamay C. Claffey posted:

Dear Bev, I was so sorry to read of Chuck's death. I was sorry that I could not be with you on Saturday. I send my sympathy to you and the family, and big hugs too! I hope to see you soon. Love, Annamay

December 30 at 8:00 PM



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DS

Dick & Barbara Snyder posted:

Dear Bev and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Chuck will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. We so enjoyed getting to know all of your family through our involvement with the Christiana UM Church. Chuck was always so tolerant of his choir members - I never saw him lose his cool! Heaven's choir will be greatly enriched by it's new member. Love and sympathy to all.

December 28 at 8:00 PM

BG

Bonnie Jones-Goldstein posted:

Dear Bev and Family, As you well know my thoughts and prayers are with you for God's comfort and peace. I am so terribly sorry I cannot be with you on Saturday as I have a funeral also but I will be thinking about you.

December 28 at 8:00 PM

JF

Jean Thorp Nieves And Family posted:

Our thoughts and prayers to the entire Johnson Family. All of us from CUMC have very fond memories of Chuck. Remember he is only a thought or memory away, and will always be with you in your heart. Hold on to those memories and know he is resting easy with the lord.J

December 28 at 8:00 PM

LR

Leonard Rissolo posted:

Dear Bev and family, we all will miss Chuck, his gentle approach to all things. His love of music and sharing of himself in the AZ singers. In peace and love, Len Rissolo

December 28 at 8:00 PM

CM

Cindy Mitchell posted:

Mrs. Johnson, David, Karen, Debbie & Suzanne: I am so so sorry for your loss. I have nothing but fond memories of Mr. Johnson - he always made me smile. You are all in my prayers & thoughts.

December 28 at 8:00 PM



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Larry R Bush posted:

Bev our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. The Bush Family Newark, DE

December 27 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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