



R. Philip Johnsen, M.D.

May 15, 1930 - May 6, 2018

Dr. Richard Philip Johnsen was born May 15, 1930, in Buffalo, New York, to Gladys Frew and Marshall Johnsen. He died Sunday, May 6, 2018 in Tallahassee, Fl.

Phil graduated from Warren High School, Warren, Pennsylvania in 1948 and then attended the University of Michigan from which he graduated in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. Phil later attended Temple Medical School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and received his medical degree on June 14, 1956. While attending medical school, Phil met and, on June 16, 1956, he married, his wife, Joan Kilkenny Johnsen.

Upon completing his internship at Buffalo General Hospital, Buffalo, New York, Phil joined the US Navy, studied in Pensacola, Florida, and later received a commission as a naval flight surgeon. In Pensacola Phil and Joan welcomed their first child.

For four years, Phil served his country as a flight surgeon while stationed at Barber's Point, Hawaii. While stationed in Hawaii, Phil and Joan celebrated the births of two of their six children. Phil was transferred to Philadelphia Navy Hospital where he completed a residency in anesthesia. Phil and Joan later moved to West Palm Beach, Florida, where Phil started his practice in anesthesia at Good Samaritan Hospital. Phil remained in service at Good Sam for over forty years. His sweet, calm and caring nature endeared him to many patients, peers and friends.

In 2007, Phil and Joan moved to Tallahassee where Phil pursued his interest

in duplicate bridge. Phil attained Life Master status in Duplicate Bridge quite early in life, nearly becoming a Gold Life Master.

So often Phil was called upon by his family and others to answer questions on just about any topic. He entertained the family with his knowledge of many subjects and his quick and dry wit. His numerous hobbies included fishing, shelling, cheering for his Michigan Wolverines, history, politics, reading, nature, duplicate bridge, and his precious family.

Phil was pre-deceased by his son, Richard Philip, and his daughter, Carol Ann.

Phil is survived by his wife of 62 years, Joan, four daughters, Kristen (Robert) Munson, Kelly Ann (Anthony) Peterpaul, Kathy (Walter) Podgurski, and Kimberly (William) Bachman. He was "Pop-Pop" to twenty-one grandchildren Ashley, Philip, Mary Kate, Tyler, Jorgi, Hunter, Grace, Sara, Katelyn, Amanda, Emily, Kellianne, Maggie, AJ, Brock, Ben, Kristen, Kara, Billy, Jackson, Sawyer and eleven great-grandchildren Braden, Cora, Aidan, Ava, Teagan, Tripp, Jameson, Brantley, Jackson, Weston, Emmerson. Phil is also survived by many other loving family members and friends.

A memorial mass will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church on Monday, May 21st at 10 am. Burial and reception to follow. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice. Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

MAY **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church
4665 Thomasville Rd.
Tallahassee, FL 32309

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of R. Philip Johnsen, M.D..*



May 20, 2018 at 04:49 PM



“ *Phil & Eileen Loughnane purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of R. Philip Johnsen, M.D..*



Phil & Eileen Loughnane - May 20, 2018 at 12:51 PM



“ *Fran and Brad O'Brien purchased the With Distinction for the family of R. Philip Johnsen, M.D..*



Fran and Brad O'Brien - May 16, 2018 at 07:21 PM



“ *With love and prayers Gary and Diane and boys XOXO purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of R. Philip Johnsen, M.D..*



With love and prayers Gary and Diane and boys XOXO - May 15, 2018 at 03:40 PM

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“ Dear Joan,
I am so sorry to hear of Phil's passing. My heart and prayers go out to you and your family. May God's love be with you at this time.
Carol Hoenich.

Carol Hoenich - May 13, 2018 at 12:04 PM

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“ Phil and I became friends late in life, but what a joy it was to know him. We spent hours hashing out life's problems and reminiscing about the past. Although our paths never knowingly crossed, I did spend a short time at Quantico while Phil and Joan were there. It's amazing how much were shared in common. To know Phil is to love him; I will miss him dearly. My prayers and love are with Phil and his wonderful family at this time, and always will be. May God bless and keep Phil close to His bosom.

Charlie & Larissa Imbriani

Charlie Imbriani - May 12, 2018 at 08:48 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of R. Philip Johnsen, M.D..



May 10, 2018 at 07:31 PM