

OBITUARY FOR LYSLE CLARK JOHNSON 9/4/38 TO 10/6/24

Lysle left this earth to meet his Savior and Lord whom he dearly loved and served vocationally for 58 years at 3 Christian Camps: Center Lake Bible Camp, Tustin MI (1966-1988) Pine Ridge Bible Camp, Cedar Springs MI (1988-2004) and Camp Michawana, Hastings MI (2004 to present).

He was born to Walter Johnson and Mildred (LaFlame) Johnson/Herrera, in North Muskegon, MI, the first of 9 children. As the only son, he lived with and even supported his Mom and younger sisters several years until he married Carma Jean Lund on April 18, 1964. Throughout his high school years in Grand Haven, he worked for Franks Floral Shop, then went on for 13 years at Miller Chevrolet where he specialized in Corvair mechanics until 1969. He retired after 14 years of school bus driving in 2003.

When Lysle and Carm were called into Christian Camping in 1966, they graduated from Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music in 1969, and then became caretakers at Center Lake. One challenging time came when the CLBC dining hall was struck by lightening and burned in 1973 just after Memorial Day Family Camp. Without cancelling anything, worship and cooking/dining was held in the chapel for 3 years until a bigger, better dining hall was rebuilt. Lysle has repaired lots of small to larger engines and learned building trades over the years. Besides maintenance, he taught archery, riflery, outdoor living, sailing, nature and even rebuilt a Corvair engine with junior high campers. He had a strong desire to see campers come to know Jesus and grow in Him. He knew pastors, missionaries, and Christian workers serving around the world who had been campers or staff.

Along with Camping Conferences or church mission trips, the couple traveled inside and outside the US and served in the Philippines at SEND mission's guest house for 3 1/2 months. At Pearl Harbor, they saw the mooring where his Dad's WW1 navy ship, the Oklahoma, was bombed on 12/7/41.

Lysle gave his life to Christ at a youth rally in Muskegon MI at age 11. He had a servant's heart, and was a deeply loved family man and friend who brought smiles and joy to others. He was a member and missionary of Bella Vista Church, Rockford MI for the last 35 years. He served on the Administrative Council for 24 years.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years: Carma Jean Johnson; Children: Vonda Johnson, Nathan (Maria) Johnson, and Grandchildren: Blake (Annika) Johnson, Julian Johnson, Darren Johnson, Sisters: Loleta (David) Hoaglund of Tustin MI, Connie Whitman of St. Helens MI, Dora Bivins of Lakeland FL, and Rose (Kenneth) Helmer of Grand Rapids MI, brothers/sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome, Prayer, Obituary - *Pastor Chad Vitarelli*

Congregational Song

CAMP MEMORIES

Center Lake Bible Camp - *Duane Whitley, Former Director*

Pine Ridge Bible Camp - *Kevin Grifhorst, Director*

Camp Michawana - *Rochelle Visser, Director of Ministries*

Congregational Song

FAMILY MEMORIES

Family Representative #1 - *Pastor Rick Larman, Carm's brother-in-law*

Family Representative #2 - *Nathan Johnson, Lysle & Carm's son*

Vocalist - *Rebecca Kaufman - "Finally Home"*

Message - *Pastor Chad Vitarelli*

Closing Prayer & Blessing for Food - *Pastor Mark Pietscher*

Memorial gifts may be given to:

Center Lake Bible Camp, 15204 20 Mile Rd, Tustin, MI 49688

Pine Ridge Bible Camp, 8415 17 Mile Rd NE, Cedar Springs, MI 49319

Camp Michawana, 6475 Wilkins Rd, Hastings, MI 49058

He is predeceased by his parents, and 4 sisters: Melvina Swieringa, Margaret Mulder, Mary Campbell, and Barbara Davis; and several brothers-in-law and a sister-in-law.

Lysle has donated his body to MSU for education and research.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Bella Vista Church, 5100 Belding Rd, Rockford, MI on Sunday, October 20, 3 PM (light meal to follow).

Visitation at the Church is on Friday October 18, 7-8:30 PM and one hour prior to the Celebration service.

Pederson Funeral Home

Dr. Chad Vitarelli Officiating

(Lysle's favorite hymn)

OUR BEST

S.C. Kirk

Hear ye the Master's call, "Give Me thy best!"
For, be it great or small,
That is His test.
Do then the best you can,
Not for reward,
Not for the praise of man. But for the Lord.

CHORUS:

Every work for Jesus will be blest,
But He asks from everyone His best.
Our talents may be few,
These may be small,
But unto Him is due Our best, our all.

Wait not for men to laud,
Heed not their slight;
Winning the smile of God
Brings its delight! Aiding the good and true
Ne'er goes unblest,
All that we think or do,
Be it the best.

Night soon comes on apace,
Day hastens by;
Workmen and work must face
Testing on high.
Oh, may we in that day
Find rest, sweet rest,
Which God has promised those Who do their best.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

OCTOBER 20, 2024 3 PM

Bella Vista Church, Rockford, MI



LYSLE CLARK JOHNSON
1938-2024

Psalm 62:8

**"Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us."**