



Lee Warren Johnson

October 25, 1938 - February 14, 2021

Lee Warren Johnson, age 82, of Blacksburg, Virginia died on February 14, 2021. He is remembered fondly by his wife of 57 years, Rochelle H. Johnson, by son and daughter-in-law Eric and Ali Johnson of Palmyra, Virginia, son and daughter-in-law Mark Johnson and Hannah Wittman of Vancouver, British Columbia, and by his four grandsons: Quinn and Casey of Palmyra, Virginia, and Noah and Eli Johnson of Vancouver, British Columbia. He is also survived by his brothers Mike of Lafayette, Louisiana, Gus of Slidell, Louisiana and Eric of Picayune, Mississippi. He was predeceased by his brother Paul, his sister Cathy, mother Violet and father Warren.

Lee was born in Appleton, Minnesota and graduated from Belle Chasse High School in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. In 1967, after completing his PhD at Michigan State, he and Rochelle moved to Blacksburg where he began teaching Mathematics at Virginia Tech. In retirement he and Rochelle spent many years creating memories together through extensive travel, spending quality time with family and friends and simply being with each other at home. He very much enjoyed his students, teaching, research and writing Mathematics books and he was a loyal Hokie to the end.

His family will miss his kind and loving demeanor, his special sense of humor and the wisdom he bestowed. A memorial service will be held later this year. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Tribute Wall

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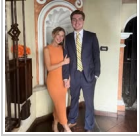
“ I will always remember how quiet Lee was in most of our Sunday School classes, but I will remember even more the morning he told a powerful story of a student who came to his office at Virginia Tech seeking to talk with Lee about matters of faith and the personal struggle he was in. I learned on that day that Lee Johnson was a humble Christian whose love for his students, and I am sure for all those lucky enough to cross his path, was unlimited. I don't remember all the details of the story, but what I clearly remember is the feeling that it created in me. I knew that I wanted to be more like Lee Johnson, and I knew that he had much to teach all of us about how to live according to God's will. While I am sure he was an excellent math professor, I will remember him as a teacher of faith.

Deanie Heath - February 23, 2021 at 10:49 PM

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“ I first met Lee during the 1960 Fall Semester at Louisiana State University during a mathematics class. The class met five days a week and on the first day, I sat in a desk next to Lee. We talked about school and living in New Orleans and in the surrounding areas. On the next class day, I again sat next to Lee and continued to sit next to him for the remainder of the class. I enjoyed talking to Lee and he had a great sense of humor. On many occasions, he made the entire class laugh at his comments. Professor Davis, the instructor, also enjoyed Lee's comments and would laugh with the class. When the semester ended, I enjoyed the class primarily because of Lee. I did not believe I would ever see Lee again after the class. I am glad we had an opportunity to reconnect after our employment at Virginia Tech. I will miss Lee and I will continue to experience happy thoughts when I think of him. My sincere condolences and sympathy to Lee's family.

GEORGE FLICK - February 17, 2021 at 08:38 AM



“ he was my grandpa and a huge reason as to why i chose to go Virginia Tech for college. he lived in blacksburg for over 50 years and i got to visit so many times. he was a professor of mathematics at Virginia Tech and i’ve forever associated the Hokies with him. you will be missed but never forgotten. i hope your leg is okay now “gumpaw” i love you.



Quinn Johnson - February 16, 2021 at 11:50 AM