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**H**oward Vernon Johnson of Germantown, TN passed away on Friday, July 19, 2019 after 83 full years of life. Howard was born on April 1, 1936 to John Lee Johnson and Avis Fanning Johnson in the bustling metropolis of Goat City, TN near Jackson. He was the second youngest child of his parents, with older brothers James and Nathan, older sister Hilda, and younger brother Glenn constituting the Johnson herd. On October 5, 1963, Howard married the love of his life, Jan Holt, with whom he would enjoy over 55 years of mostly wedded bliss. Howard was a member of the National Guard in the 1950s, and he would go on to have a prosperous career in sales and marketing at Teepak of Danville, IL. When he wasn't working, he was an avid golfer, fisherman, and consummate family man dedicated to enriching the lives of his wife and children. After his retirement, Howard volunteered at Methodist LeBonheur Germantown Hospital and Manna House, where his warmth and compassion touched the lives of everyone with whom he crossed paths. His dedication to serving others in his community without the need for recognition served as an inspiration to his family and friends. His wisdom, amiable nature, and quirky sense of humor will be dearly missed. He was predeceased by his parents, his brothers James and Nathan, and his sister Hilda. He is survived by his wife, Jan, children Deb Schroeder (David Lemay), Nici Williford (Worthen Williford), Tari Ellery (John Ellery), Penny Turner, and Adam Johnson, grandchildren Jason Schroeder (Cuc Schroeder), Meredith Croft (Brandon Croft), Kristin Tyler (Jeff Tyler), Maddie Ellery, Bailey Turner, Jacob Williford, and Kate Ellery, and great-grandchildren Levi Croft and August Croft. Visitation will be held on Friday, July 26, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. until the time of the memorial service at 1:00 p.m. at Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5668 Poplar Avenue in Memphis. To view the memorial tribute video, please click here:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/ZNPNQHYMNCQK7G9M>



## Tribute Wall

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WK

**William Kenley** posted:

Dear Jan and Family: Thank you so much for sharing Howard with us at Methodist Germantown Hospital. He was a valued member of our team. He touched many, many lives. Not just lives of patients, families, and visitors but also our team. He was special. Personally, Howard was my friend. He was also my mentor, although he probably would say otherwise. On the many times our daily paths crossed, he would always ask about my family, my leadership, my team. He was always so sincere and consistent with message to me.... "keep the right things first". He had a knack for connecting with me in a way that it seemed like God was using him to send his message. Very special. At Methodist, we state our vision is "to improve every life we touch". Mr. Howard touched my life and definitely improved it. I am grateful to God for placing him in my life. May the Lord provide you comfort and peace.

July 25 at 6:31 AM

MD

**Mark And Ginny Devine** posted:

With deepest sympathy to Jan and the whole family. We have fond memories of Howard as a kind and generous neighbor and pillar of our community. Our sincere condolences-

July 25 at 3:50 AM

AE

**Ann Ermer** posted:

Dear Jan and Family, With sincere sympathy, I send my thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Howard was such a special person, a quality gentleman, a gentle soul. It was an honor to have known him and to have been able to work with him when I was the Volunteer Coordinator at Methodist Hospital Germantown. He certainly exemplified a servant's heart...and, he certainly brightened my day when he was there on Wednesdays. God bless you and your family. Ann and Lou Ermer

July 22 at 11:21 AM

KA

**Kim Hickerson , The Volunteers And Gift Shop Associates** posted:

Jan, Words are not enough to tell you how deeply sorry we all are not to have Howard with us. He was a delightful person to have been in our lives. We appreciate all his years of faithful Volunteering here at Methodist Germantown Hospital. It was always such a pleasure seeing Howard and Nigel here Volunteering together all those many years. He will always be remembered as one of the best !

July 21 at 7:07 AM



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