

Nortonville, KS

Clifton (Cliff) Johnson was born June 13, 1935 in Atchison, Kansas to Fred and Esther (Hall) Johnson. Cliff had two brothers, Tom and Fred, Jr. and two sisters, Catherine and Virginia. Cliff attended Atchison High School. He enlisted in the Navy in 1952 and retired in 1973. He served 21 years, 1 month and 21 days. Cliff wed Betty Jean Fitzgerald on August 1, 1954 at Farmington Christian Church in Farmington, Kansas.

Cliff and Betty raised eight children: Cheryl Sanders (Nortonville), Cindy Edwards (Nortonville), Patty & Roger Mosby (Horton), Brenda Foster (Nortonville), Bob Johnson (Nortonville), Mickey & Sheila Johnson (Nortonville), Liz & Edward Rostetter (Circleville), and Kathy Johnson (White Bear Lake, MN).

During his Naval Career, Cliff served on the following Naval vessels: U.S.S. Klondike ARD 22, U.S.S. Cabildo LSD , U.S.S. West Milton ARD, U.S.S. Nitro AE , U.S.S. Renville APA , and U.S.S. Samuel Gompers AD ,

Cliff and Betty moved to Nortonville, Kansas in 1971. He resided in the same house until his death on June 12, 2018. Cliff is preceded in death by his parents – Fred and Esther Johnson, his siblings, his wife – Betty, his daughter – Brenda, two of his granddaughters, one grandson, and one great-grandson. He is survived by seven children, 28 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren (soon to be 39) and 5 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be 6:00 pm, Friday, June 15, 2018 at the Nortonville – Pleasant Grove Christian Church. Family will receive friends from 4:30 pm until time of service at the church. Cremation will follow the funeral service and burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery, Effingham, KS, at a later date. Memorials contributions are suggested to Jefferson County Hospice or the Pantry of Hope and may be sent to the O'Trimble Funeral Home, 329 Main St, PO Box 267, Nortonville, KS 66060. Friends may call at the O'Trimble Funeral Home from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Friday, at which time Mr. Johnson will be moved to the church. Words of sympathy and remembrance may be left online at [www.beckerdyer.com](http://www.beckerdyer.com).