



## Melvin E. Johnson

May 11, 1929 - August 30, 2016

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Resident of Sterling Heights, Michigan and formerly Cosmos, Minnesota. Age 87, Passed away on August 30, 2016. He was born May 11, 1929 in Chokio, Minnesota to the late Raymond and Evelyn (nee Houck) Johnson. Beloved husband of Rose Johnson (nee Field). Loving father of Lane (Laura) Johnson, Nolan (Corinne) Johnson, and Klayton (Paula) Johnson. Proud grandfather of Eric, Heather, Heidi, Michael, Lydia, and Isabella. Dear brother of Elwood Johnson, Milo (Myra) Johnson, Marie (the late Lewis) Blanchard, Lonnie (Martha) Johnson, and the late Betty Johnson, Wesley (Audrey) Johnson. A Celebration of Life Visitation at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica, Thursday, September 1, 2016 from 6pm to 9pm. Interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery, 7601 34th Avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minnesota; on Friday, September 9, 2016 at 12 noon with Military Honors. Please share a memory at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## **Detroit Wilbert Cremation Services, LLC**

44481 Groesbeck Hwy.  
Clinton Township, MI 48036

# Previous Events

## **Celebration of Life**

SEP 1. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## **Burial of Cremated Remains with Military Honors**

SEP 9. 12:00 PM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery  
7601 34th Avenue, South  
Minneapolis, MN 55450-1199

# Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to the family. Death is mankind's greatest enemy, it claims the lives of those we love. Recall pleasant memories you shared with your loved one. May you draw close to God in prayer and he will sustain you.-Psalms 55:22

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**Ms. Tuffy** - September 02, 2016 at 06:43 AM

BJ

“ I have many good memories of Mel when he, John McLaughlin and I were young, single teachers in Paynesville. We lived together in at least four different locations in the five years we were together. In about 1958 we took a month long trip out to the east coast hitting every major league Baseball stadium on the way. We picked up John's brother Jim in New York and brought him back home with us. Great trip!! The threesome broke up when Mel got married, a year later Lois and I got married and John married Margaret a few years later. We all remained close friends. John died in 1982 and now Mel has gone join him. I miss both of them but still have a ton of memories. Bob Jung

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**Bob Jung** - September 01, 2016 at 08:00 PM

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“ *Mel Johnson was my Phy Ed and B-squad basketball coach. My strongest memories were as my coach. He was extremely consistent. In competition, if you made a fundamental error you knew you were headed to the bench. He would remind you what you did incorrectly and typically sent you right back into with the parting comment "now do it right". It did not matter if you were the worst player or the star everyone got this identical treatment. I always respected that. Further, when the varsity first and second teams would scrimmage Mel was called on to referee. Again, he was consistent. And, there was no arguing his call. I always wondered why his teams always had a better record than when they moved into the varsity. He should have led the program. Patrick Flanders*

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**Patrick Flanders** - September 01, 2016 at 03:16 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Melvin E. Johnson.*



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September 01, 2016 at 12:39 PM



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**Faith Shaw** - August 31, 2016 at 03:32 PM



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**Faith Shaw** - August 31, 2016 at 03:22 PM

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“ I am very sorry for your loss . Losing a loved one in death is such a difficult thing to experience . Please be comforted by the promises in the Bible . Jesus tells us at John 5 : 28 , 29 that all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out . What a loving provision put in place by the God of all comfort so we can have the assured hope of seeing our dead loved ones live again one day . Meanwhile as I pray for that day to come I ask Jehovah God to bless your family and give each of you the strength to endure this most trying time .

Michelle Nelson - August 31, 2016 at 01:02 PM



“ My family was close with the Johnsons from their Paynesville days, and we have stayed in touch to some degree since then.

My mom and I send our thoughts and prayers, and we plan on seeing the family at the Ft Snelling service.

Dave McLaughlin - August 31, 2016 at 11:50 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Melvin E. Johnson.



August 30, 2016 at 07:00 PM

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“ *Mel was a wonderful man and we will never forget how generous he was with his stories. He will be missed but will always be in the hearts of everyone who knew him. Prayers going out to his family.*  
*Love- Tony and Judy Peterson*

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**tony peterson** - August 30, 2016 at 06:04 PM