



Leslie Daniel Johnson

June 27, 1938 - February 10, 2021

JOHNSON, Leslie. February 10, 2021. Age 82. Beloved husband of Liz for almost 60 amazing years. Dearest father of Lisa (Steven) O'Green, Lori (Kevin) Wright, and Lynn (Steven) Hatala. Loving grandfather of Samantha, Emily (Chuck Clements), Joe, Rebecca, Kevin, Ellie, and Erin. Cherished brother of the late Raymond and the late Wesley.

Moving to Michigan from Owensboro, KY as a young boy, he and his identical twin, Wesley, and their older brother, Raymond, grew up in the Detroit area. He graduated from McKenzie High School in Detroit. He went to Wayne State University and studied architecture. He met Liz, through his best friend Bill, Liz's older brother.

They were married on June 17, 1961 at Bethany Baptist Church in Detroit. They welcomed their daughters, Lisa, Lori, and Lynn with pride and joy. He loved his family fiercely and was a devoted family man. During their 60 years of marriage, they loved traveling and celebrating a wonderful life with their daughters, grandchildren, and their large extended family.

He became a Mason in 1978 and is now a Lifetime Member. Serving others and his community was his lifetime work. He was hired at the City of Warren Building Department in November 1973. He became Building Director in 1993. He took great pride in his contribution to the growth and development of the

infrastructure of the great city of Warren. He developed many lifelong relationships and friendships that he treasured throughout his lifetime.

All remember him as giving, loyal, and immensely kind. His memory and lessons will be carried on through his children, grandchildren, and everyone that was lucky enough to know him. He was the embodiment of hard work, generosity, and compassion. He was always well-balanced, like a perfect cup of coffee.

Visitation Monday 3-7pm, with a 7pm Funeral Service at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons. 36900 Schoenherr Rd. Metro Parkway (16 Mile). The Funeral Service will be live Streamed on Monday at 7pm with the following link: <https://youtu.be/gSAno5fP6AQ>

Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" @ WujekCalcaterra.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 15. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling
36900 SCHOENHERR RD
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Funeral Service

FEB 15. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CM

“ I've known Les for almost 30 years working for the City of Warren. Everyone loved and respected him. Les made a point to check on me from time to time and offer me fatherly advice, and I was always wiser for listening. He will be missed by all.

Chris McEachran - February 15, 2021 at 07:42 PM

PM

“ Les was an extremely nice man who always had a smile on his face, and a kind word to say. He was a very devoted family man who loved his wife, his girls, and his extended family. Les had a special love for each of his grandchildren, whom he cherished. His smile got bigger the day that each of them were born. He was a true gentleman, and it is a sad day for all that he is no longer able to share his happiness with others. Fortunately, there are enough beautiful memories and stories to tell about Les that will last a lifetime. Our deepest sympathies to his family. Larry and Pam (Mertes) Rogers

pamela mertes - February 15, 2021 at 05:54 PM

CG

“ We are all so sorry to hear about the loss of Mr. Johnson. Our family sends our sincere condolences to the entire family during this difficult time and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers during the difficult days ahead.



Cindy Geier - February 15, 2021 at 03:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leslie Daniel Johnson.*



February 15, 2021 at 03:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leslie Daniel Johnson.*



February 15, 2021 at 11:35 AM



“ *I have worked with Mr. Johnson for the last 6 years an he has been a mentor for ALL who knew him. He was a very respected man in our department, "a walking encyclopedia of knowledge, and sharp as a tack!". Loved reminiscing, listening to all his great stories he shared with us, which often were hilarious. I will MISS his dearly!! God Bless You and your family Mr. J. Thanks for the memories!*



Paul

Paul Lize - February 15, 2021 at 09:20 AM

KA

“ I will miss my Uncle Les He is not technically my uncle, but as a youngster I always appreciated the knowledge Uncle Les passed along. Through the decades his wit and intelligence was always something I enjoyed. I'm a definitely a smarter person as a result of my time with Uncle Les. He was wonderful for our family and we are thankful for his compassion. I'm thankful for the many vacation trips my parents were able to share with Liz and Les. Representing the Georgia contingency, with love, Keith Adkins

Keith Adkins - February 14, 2021 at 10:50 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Leslie Daniel Johnson.



February 14, 2021 at 04:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leslie Daniel Johnson.



February 14, 2021 at 03:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leslie Daniel Johnson.



February 14, 2021 at 01:41 PM

NF

“ *Mr Johnson was such a wonderful man. His advice, encouragement and kindness impacted my life immensely. His spirit lives on, woven into the lives of so many.*

Nancy Fobare - February 13, 2021 at 07:26 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons. . - February 13, 2021 at 07:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leslie Daniel Johnson.*



February 13, 2021 at 05:35 PM

BR

“ *Bette, Beverly, Bonnie and Ric purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Leslie Daniel Johnson.*



Bette, Beverly, Bonnie and Ric - February 13, 2021 at 04:30 PM

AJ

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Allen Johnson - February 13, 2021 at 03:02 PM

AJ

“ Allen Johnson lit a candle in memory of Leslie Daniel Johnson



Allen Johnson - February 13, 2021 at 03:00 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Leslie Daniel Johnson.



February 13, 2021 at 12:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leslie Daniel Johnson.*



February 13, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ *Les Johnson, a good friend and neighbor for many years. He was always willing to help me with any project on my house. I never had to ask, he just came over ready to help with anything Our kids grew up together. We shared many hours with les and Liz on the Zimmermans porch in the summer time. What a good good friend. He will be missed.*

John C.

JOHN CATALDO - February 12, 2021 at 10:48 PM



“ *I first met Les when I was hired in the Building Department. He was to a friend more than my Boss. He made me a better employee by sharing his endless supply of knowledge. He always put his family above all. He was the kindest, smartest, and Family loving man I ever met. The World is a much better place thanks to Mr. Les Johnson. Thank you Les, Steven Sternicki*

Steven Sternicki - February 12, 2021 at 07:40 PM



“ *We had such wonderful times the last three years in Florida with Les and Liz. Sitting by the pool, eating in town, watching the dancers. He will be missed very much.*

Nancy Evanish - February 12, 2021 at 06:36 PM

JK

“ Will never forget Les you will never met a kinder and gentle person I loved all of our memories we made in Florida over the years especially taco Tuesday and the fun times we had at happy hour Rest In Peace Les.

Janet Kresge - February 12, 2021 at 06:36 PM

BB

“ My first real memory of Les was him setting up bar in a Knoxville hotel room while on a DI trip to the University of Tennessee. I knew I liked him!! Our families became instant friends and spent a lot of time together. Thank you for all the laughs and memories, Les. You are already missed by so many.
Liz, Lisa, Lori, Lynn, and families... May the many wonderful memories carry you through these rough times. Love you!!!
Beth Bur

Beth Bur - February 12, 2021 at 05:20 PM

AL

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Johnson and working with him for 21 years. He had such a positive impact on so many people. He always took the time to help when needed, he respected people and treated them kind, spoke highly of his family. He will be greatly missed, What a special person! God Bless You! Annmarie LaDuke

Annmarie Laduke - February 12, 2021 at 05:00 PM

AW

“ What a beautiful man he was. I first met him a couple years ago in Florida with my sister. We spent a lot of time together for 3 weeks the last 2 years. I loved going out to eat with him and Liz. So much fun! He surely will be missed. Rest In Peace Les!!

ann woginrich - February 12, 2021 at 04:25 PM

PW

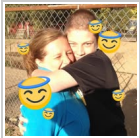
“ Thank you Sir...those simple lil words, "good morning" when I'd walk by your cubical at work always lifted my spirits! It kinda took me back to the, "Ol Days" , when everyone spoke a simple greeting and had pleasant things to say! RIP Mr. Johnson & God Speed!

pete warack - February 12, 2021 at 04:00 PM

WS

“ As a contractor and as a city employee Mr. Johnson treated me so kind. The City of Warren will truly not be the same without him.
Wendy - Sanitation Division

Wendy Sitek - February 12, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ Mr. Johnson was not only one of the more pleasant men I've had the pleasure to work with but he amazed us all with his endless knowledge, not just about the Building Dept. but so much more! He will be dearly missed.



Tina Zaleski Garmo - February 12, 2021 at 12:39 PM

AG

“ God called a good one home. Mr Johnson, 21 years I worked with this wonderful man. Wonderful is an understatement. Not only was he one of the most intelligent, sharpest humans I ever met- he had a heart of Gold. Anything you needed to know he would know the answer or spend all of his day finding it for you! Thank you! Thank you for all the years together . Spoiling me with lunch, mints from your fancy lunch meetings you always made sure to bring me. It has been an honor to know you and work with you and learn from you. He wasn't just a friend he was family to me. You did everything for your wife and family and you were so proud of them and loved your family so much! You will be greatly missed! Stinger Convouises are dedicated to you!

I'm so thankful I called him a few weeks ago. He was so happy! He truly was one of a kind and will always remain close to my heart. I will truly miss his inspiring stories and hearing what his plans are as he would excitingly tell me about his daughters house with her beautiful flowers and pool and his grandkids that he was so very proud of and most of all his loving wife Liz that he lived for. You have touched so many lives!

Love you Mr. J. -Over 40 years with City of Warren, it will never be the same. 💔



Andrea Gjokaj - February 12, 2021 at 12:36 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Leslie Daniel Johnson.* ”



February 12, 2021 at 11:48 AM