



## Bertil "Bert" Robert Johnson

July 10, 1927 - March 26, 2020

Bertil "Bert" Robert Johnson, 92, lifelong Rockford resident died on March 26, 2020. Born July 10, 1927 in Rockford. Son of Carl Walfred and Vera Sofia (Amloh) Johnson. Graduate of Rockford East High School, class of 1945. Bert served in the United States Navy and was an active member of the Navy Club. United in marriage to Svea "Lola" Viola Olofson on February 16, 1951 in Rockford. Bert retired from Sundstrand, where he was employed as a Tool Engineer for 39 years. He was an avid golfer and member of Alpine Lutheran Church. Bert had a warm, outgoing personality and never met a stranger. He was a devoted husband and great father. Survived by his wife, Lola of Rockford; children, Gail (Dan) McConnell of Rockford, Neal (Peggy) Johnson of Cedar Rapids, IA, Todd (Lori) Johnson of Rockford, Lane (Linda) Johnson of Rockford; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Preceded in death by his parents; brother, Lennart Johnson and sister, Lillian Hagen. A celebration of Bert's life will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at Alpine Lutheran Church; 5001 Forest View Ave. Rockford. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his memory may be made to the Rockford Park District Foundation, 401 South Main St. Rockford, 61101. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. Share a memory or condolence at [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL **25**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Alpine Lutheran Church  
5001 Forest View Ave.  
Rockford, IL 61108

# Tribute Wall

GB

“ I was fortunate to work in manufacturing operations at Sundstrand for 12 years with Bert. He was a kind and considerate person. We shared our Swedish heritage with pride. One of his many talents was being a sign language interpreter for the hearing impaired. Bert always had a smile for you and went out of his way to help you get things done. I will miss my good friend Bert. May God continue to bless him and his family. George Beck

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George Beck - April 29, 2020 at 05:35 PM

CB

“ Worked with Bert for most of his years at Sundstrand. Always kind, considerate and a gentleman. He went to school with my aunt (Harriet Brown). Always talked so highly of his family. They were his pride and joy. Knew and worked with his brother-in-law Lloyd Olofson who was Lola's brother also. Loved his good-natured outlook and laugh! Felt he was like family. Will be missed but I am sure welcomed to his heavenly home. God bless!  
P.S. He always had the nicest ironed shirts (thanks to Lola!!)

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Chris Benson - April 23, 2020 at 02:05 PM

DK

“ My Grandparents Kenneth and Millie Olson lived across the street from Bert and Lola on Colorado Avenue for over 50 years. I remember that Bert kept a gorgeous yard and on more than one occasion won "Lawn of the Month" from whatever civic-minded organization took it upon itself to award such recognition. I spent a lot of time with my Grandparents, but only knew Bert from afar. He seemed like a kind soul. And I feel sorry for your loss.



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David Kenny - April 10, 2020 at 01:04 PM

JH

“ We remember Bert for his outgoing friendliness, his singing in the choir, and his personal warmth in relationships. May God's Peace and Love continue to surround Lola and the children and their families -- Pr. John and Connie Heins

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**John Heins** - April 05, 2020 at 05:00 PM

BK

“ So sorry for your loss. Bert was a big influence in my time at Sundstrand. And I always looked forward to seeing him, and you Lola, when I walked the neighborhood. He always made me laugh. Beverly Kelso

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**beverly kelso** - March 29, 2020 at 12:59 PM

BS

“ Dear Bert's family. You are each so loved by this wonderful man. We worked out, or maybe "talked out" at the Y for years. Bert always talked with such love and pride for each of you. His grandchildren are his pride. Bert was the listener I needed when things were hard for me. He always asked about my children and especially my Emma. I told her this morning to find Bert and introduce herself as they both have a love of family. Know Bert will send you signs that he is fine. God is holding him in his hand and all is good. Blessings to your family.

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**Barbara Stieglitz** - March 29, 2020 at 11:49 AM