



## Noel Elton Johnson

September 12, 1934 - October 7, 2023

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Noel was born in Colfax, WI, to William and Thelma Johnson. He was the seventh son in a family of 11 children. The family moved to Ladysmith, WI, where his dad farmed. They sold the farm in 1949 and moved to Ridgefield, WA, where his dad owned a grocery store. At the age of 18, Noel joined the Army and was stationed at Camp Stoneman in Pittsburg, CA, where he worked in the post bakery.

On Sept. 1, 1953, he married his sweetheart, Nancy Lee Wiedmann, and they started married life in Pittsburg off post from the Army camp. The following spring he received orders to go overseas to Japan where he served at Osaka Army hospital and later Kokura, Japan, at the post bakery. He missed the birth of his son, David, on Oct. 8, 1954. Nancy and little David met his troop ship when it docked in Seattle and Noel saw his son for the first time.

In civilian life, Noel and Nancy lived in Portland, OR, where Noel worked at Langendorf and Wonder Bread bakeries. In 1972, he was elected business agent for Bakers Union, local 114. He served in that position for 10 years. In 1982, he was elected secretary/treasurer, the union's top executive job where he served for another 10 years. He retired in 1992.

Noel and Nancy had property on the North Fork of the Lewis River in Woodland, WA, where they built their home in 1989. Noel was an avid fisherman and caught many salmon and steelhead from the riverbank of their property. Noel loved to garden and always had a beautiful yard filled with

flowers.

In 2000, Noel bought his first computer and a new career was launched. He hired a webmaster and together they formed a website called Lewis River.com. It featured all the festivals, events and tourism activities in North Clark County and vicinity. It became a business venture and became known all over the county and many world countries. Noel did all the photography for his website.

As Noel aged, he had some memory loss and was diagnosed with Lewy body dementia. He spent his last two years in assisted living and memory care battling the disease.

Noel leaves his wife, Nancy, of Vancouver, WA; son, David Johnson of Woodland; daughters, Carolyn Lehl of Salem, OR, Kathy Schreiber of Milwaukee, OR, and Susan Cameron of Kalama, WA; six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Noel will be honored with a private military internment at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

A celebration of life for family and friends will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 30 at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Clackamas, OR. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to North Clark County Historical Museum in Amboy, WA.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Noel Elton Johnson** - October 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM