

Death is nothing at all.
I have only slipped away to the next room.
I am I and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other,
That, we still are.

Call me by my old familiar name.
Speak to me in the easy way
which you always used.
Put no difference into your tone.
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed
at the little jokes we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me. Pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word
that it always was.

Let it be spoken without effect.
Without the trace of a shadow on it.

Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same that it ever was.
There is absolute unbroken continuity.
Why should I be out of mind
because I am out of sight?

I am but waiting for you.
For an interval.
Somewhere. Very near.
Just around the corner.



Celebrating A LIFE

Grant Walter Johnson

May 17, 1943
September 8, 2025



Grant Walter Johnson, 82, of Highmore, SD, went to be with the Lord on September 8, 2025, in Oklahoma City, OK, after a brief illness and surrounded by family.

Grant was born on May 17, 1943, in Glendale, CA, to Charles and Marguerite Johnson (Langley). In 1961, at the age of 17, Grant joined the US Air Force and served until honorably discharged in 1965. Grant married Linda (Dew) Johnson on December 27, 1966, at Community Church of Palm Springs, with Dr. James Blackstone officiating. They remained married for 58 years, having two children, Laura and Matthew.

Grant began working a summer job with California Water and Telephone in 1967. He worked as an inside plant installer for several years before becoming a supervisor in that department. In 1986, he transferred to Thousand Oaks, where he helped write technical manuals. After two years, he became an engineer in Yucca Valley and then transferred to the Palm Springs Engineering office. He retired from GTE in 1993 after 25 years. He then worked as an independent telecommunications contractor for several years. His final job was at Ace Hardware in Miller, SD, where he flourished in his love of helping others.

He was a longtime member of the Community Church of Palm Springs, CA, and served as an Elder there. In later years, he and Linda attended Bethany Bible Church in Banning, CA.

He greatly enjoyed scouting. He was also a member of the Elks, Moose Lodge, and the American Legion. Grant especially loved singing in choir, playing guitar, shooting pool, and woodworking. He was known for his love of music, his sense of humor, and his calm temperament. His loyalty, optimism, and eye for detail will also be missed.

Remaining to cherish Grant's memory are his wife, Linda; children, Laura and Matthew (Jennifer); and one granddaughter, Helen.

Preceding Grant in death are parents, Charles and Marguerite; brother, Donald; and sister, Charlene.

I N L O V I N G *Memory*

Grant Walter Johnson
1943 - 2025

Memorial Service

10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 27, 2025
Luze Funeral Home
Highmore, South Dakota

Service Leader

Wayne Brock

Scripture

2 Timothy 2:15
Romans 8:28
Ephesians 2:8-9

Musical Selections

"In the Garden" - Randy Travis
"Wayfaring Stranger" - Johnny Cash
"Tears In Heaven" - Eric Clapton

*Following the service, the family warmly
invites you to join them for lunch and continued
fellowship at Willow Creek in Highmore.*

Arrangements Entrusted to
Luze Funeral Home
Highmore, South Dakota
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