



Robert M. Johnson

January 21, 2010

Edgewater, Florida ♦ Robert Merrill Johnson, 90, formerly of Warren, died January 21, 2010 peacefully in his sleep after a short illness. He was born February 15, 1919, the son of Howard and Pauline (Stow) Johnson. Bob was loved and respected by all his friends and always had a kind word for everyone.

He was a graduate 1937 of Warren G. Harding High School and Ohio University with degrees in management as well as industrial engineering. He was also a graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

He is survived by his wife; Florence (Mindala) Johnson, two sons, Bob Jr. of Maine and Chris of Colorado; daughter Lorraine Rosner of England; and a sister Martha Gilbert of Bristolville and six grandchildren.

His wife of 61 years is proof of his steadfastness. He was called the "Ancient Mariner" in his later years. This statement is true. We shall all miss him.

He served his country in the Coast Guard from 1942 to 1946. He received the World War II Victory Medal, the American Theater Ribbon with three stars (Africa, Sicily and Italy), the Pacific Ribbon LST 131 and the Philippines Liberation Ribbon #2.

After the war he returned to Warren to become the outside salesman for the Warren Hardware Co. He retired in 1989 and moved to Florida.

He was an active member of the U.S. Power Squadron and received his 50 year pin. He loved sailing with his family. He built a racing class comet boat and refinished many others. He taught his children honesty, hard work and the beauties of nature and God.

A line from a favorite poem of his "Sea Fever" by John Mansfield expresses his love of the sea ♦ "I must go down to the sea again, the lonely sea and sky and all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by."

Services were held in Florida.

Arrangements are entrusted to McFarland & Son Funeral Services Co., 271 N. Park Ave., Warren, Ohio 44481. Please visit www.mcfarlandfuneral.com to view this obituary and send condolences.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Florence, You have been on my mind often since I learned of your husband's death. Bonnie called to let me know.

Please accept my sympathy and prayers on the loss of your husband. I hope your own health is holding up. May God console you as only He can. With fond memories from SPPS days. Sister Agnes Knapik, OSB

March 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To Lori: I was sad to read of Bob's passing, and yet smiled to see that he continued the sailing that he had so loved. Though many years have passed since our last contact, I have always remembered your kindnesses and hope that you will be blessed with loving and concerned family and friends at this time and always. May your heart be at peace.

February 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I worked with Bob at Warren Hardware in 1951. He was the greatest guy I have ever worked for. I send my condolences to the family of a great man. He has always had my deepest respect and admiration. May God be with you

From James E. Lane

February 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Florence and family...the Eisiermann family send their deepest sympathy to you with the passing of your dear husband Bob. You had my children Kristen, Kelly, and Kurtis at St. Peter and Paul school. Kristen lives with me , Kelly lives in Atlanta, Georgia with her husband Chris and sons, Kenneth (7) and Frederick (3). Kurtis is at Kent State getting his PHD in biomedical sciences...he teaches cell biology classes at Kent State and researches prostate cancer. I am a special ed. tutor/teacher at Rootstown. Please email me and let us keep in touch. Sincerely, Kathy Eisermann and family. My husband died Aug. 1, 1995 of melanoma.

February 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May the words in John 5:28,29 be of hope and comfort to you.

February 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM