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**C**arl Albert Johnson, 80, of Clearwater, FL, died on December 30, 2020 at 1:25pm. He is survived by his wife, Linda Marie Ketterer Johnson, to whom he was happily married for 57 years. They had two children, Eric Carl Johnson of Taylor, Nebraska and Donna Johnson Adams of Orlando, FL. He is also survived by Daughter-in-law Anita Johnson of Taylor, NE and son-in-law Matthew Adams of Orlando, FL and grandchildren, Ashley Simmers of Nebraska and Austin Robert Adams and Cameron John Adams of Orlando, FL.

Johnson was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on August 7, 1940, son of Swedish immigrants Oke (John) Johnson and Agda Maria Svensson Johnson. He often spoke of his earliest childhood memories including massive snow storms in Jersey City and family trips to Yankee Lake. He also spent summer breaks from school, back in Sweden where he learned to be proficient in the Swedish language. He was proud of his heritage and incorporated Swedish customs and culture into his families' everyday lives. Johnson's first job was working at a movie house in Jersey City where he filled a variety of roles, sometimes having to travel into New York City to retrieve large movie film reels to be hauled back to the cinema. He also fell in love with classical music and became a self-taught aficionado with a broad range of knowledge about the art. Johnson attended William L Dickinson High School in Jersey City. Upon graduation, he earned an engineering degree from Steven's Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ.

Johnson's first job was with Bendix where he worked on developing parts for the Apollo Space Rocket that landed on the moon in 1969, for which he always greatly enthusiastic. Johnson accepted a job with Honeywell in Clearwater, FL in March 1968. Johnson's technical skills and experience saw him work for a variety of different companies over the years with a focus on mechanical/electrical engineering.

Aside from his family, of whom he was immensely proud, Johnson's other passions



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were his church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Clearwater, FL where he served on Church Council. From a young child and through his life, Johnson had a love of trains, including model trains. Johnson also had an extensive fish collection and was a member in the SunCoast KilliFish Society. Johnson's expertise with tropical fish was only rivaled by his knowledge of history, particularly the Second World War.

Services will be private due to the COVID pandemic, although friends are invited to leave messages for his family here. In lieu of flowers, family is asking that donations be made to [www.alz.org/alzheimer\\_s\\_dementia](http://www.alz.org/alzheimer_s_dementia) (Click Link below to DONATE)

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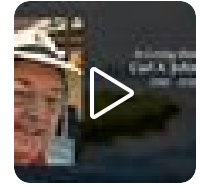
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January 7 at 6:11 AM



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I am so sorry Linda, and family, to read this news. You are in my prayers. I miss seeing you and wish I could give you a hug . Much love to you



**Gail Ihrig** lit a candle in honor of Carl.

My sympathies to you all at this time. I had just found out about Carl's passing, from a mutual friend, and was so sorry to hear this. We worked together at Vernitron/Sensor Systems many years ago, when he took over as QC Manager for my Dad, Ernie, who was retiring (and, sadly, my Dad passed away last year as well in July). I'm sure Carl is at peace, and smiling down on you all, and probably catching up on things with my Dad. God bless you all at this time. Gail Ihrig



September 12 at 1:56 PM



**Kerri Lynn Gavin** posted:

I am grateful to have known Carl, who was a very funny man, as well as super smart. I loved listening to his stories. My love for this family has only gotten stronger over the years. Linda, Donna, and Eric all hold a very special place in my heart as well. Growing up being able to go to Florida to visit The Johnson family was one of the highlights of my childhood in Tennessee. Holding the family in my heart today and forever. I love you all. ~Kerri Lynn

January 10 at 9:45 AM



**Teresa** posted:

I have two very precious memories among others. The first is the joy my teenage son had the night he went dancing at the Largo Cultural Center only to find Linda and Carl there dancing the night away. What joy it was for him to dance with people from church who he looked up to. The second is that Carl would always greet me in German. The only other person who spoke to me in German was my mom who died when I was 20 and she did it because her dad did it. She only said good morning and bless you but it was special. On Sunday's Carl would always say good morning in German and that precious greeting on a Sunday morning always connected me to my communion of saints in a very tangible way. When we return to the church I will miss that greeting, yet I trust that he has joined the saints and remains with us at the table of mercy. Peace be with you all!

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RJ

**Randall Johnson** posted:

He had an infectious laugh.. Which he loved to share with anyone around him. One of the smartest men I know, his taste in gin was dubious at best though. I loved going to the Johnson's house to talk to him for hours on any subject I could think of. I remember I found a Jeep I wanted to buy at a local dealer and was really excited about working to get enough money for down payment. I mean excited!!!! CJ7 this and that was all I spoke about. I told Carl about it and said " Carl, it has a lift kit and the word AWESOME across the front window"..(it was the 80's) he looked at Eric and me and said " Awesome you kids don't know what awesome is. I helped put a man on the moon. That was Carl...I loved him and he will be missed.

January 10 at 9:17 AM

DB

**Dennis Buthmann** posted:

Carl always sat near the choir in which Linda participated. We'd share a few words and he would say how proud he was of his actor grandson and all the grandchildren. Linda, you and your family are in my prayers. God bless. Dennis Buthmann, SPL

January 10 at 9:16 AM

WH

**William Horne** posted:

Carl and I clicked immediately when we first met. He told me many stories regarding his scientific career and work on many federal projects. He was always so genuine and had great passion for our country and freedoms as Americans. Carl loved his neighbors and reflected the highest standards of what it means to be a Lutheran Christian. Loretta feels the same way, because Carl reached out to her all the time and established their own special relationship. We will miss him, but we celebrate his life and rejoice knowing he is with God. May God comfort Linda and the Johnson family during their grief and celebration of Carl's long and blessed life. Bill and Loretta Horne

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# Memories only last if you share them

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