



Richard R. Johnson

April 4, 2018

Richard (“Dick”) Rudolph Johnson, family man and decorated veteran, passed peacefully away at home on April 4, 2018. He was 92 years old.

Dick was born in Manchester, CT on July 8, 1925, at his grandmother’s house. He proudly attended the church of his Swedish ancestors, Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford, CT, where he was actively involved his entire life. Dick fought in General Patton’s army, as a proud member of the 95th Infantry division during World War II, where he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic service. He next attended the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. While attending Wharton, he joined the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and met his future wife, Susan, in 1946. Dick graduated from Wharton in 1950 and married the love of his life, Susan, on June 24, 1950 in Clearfield, PA. They eventually settled in Wethersfield, CT, and he was employed as Personnel Director at the Institute of Living in Hartford, CT, for thirty years, before retiring in 1990.

Dick was extremely proud of his family and loved his children and grandchildren dearly. He was especially fond of the holidays and enjoyed playing golf and bridge, traveling, tinkering in his workshop, listening to show tunes, and spending time with the many dogs that he owned over the years. He is fondly remembered manning the grill during countless family cook-outs hosted at the Johnson house.

Dick’s family would like to extend their thanks and gratitude to VITAS Healthcare, especially his nurse Caitlin, and specifically to Dick’s kind and dedicated aide, Charlie Wilbraham.

Dick is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 68 years, Susan Bausman Johnson (Frantz), and his children Mary-Christine Johnson (Few) of Manchester, CT, Susan Johnson (Kasmarzyk) and her husband William Kasmarzyk of South Windsor, CT, and David Johnson and his wife Wendi Aiello Johnson of Wethersfield, CT. He also leaves behind nine grandchildren, Jessica, Ashley, Brendan, Jennifer, Laura, Christopher, Jacob, Luke, and Samuel, and eight great-grandchildren, Joanna, Deanna, Savanna, Sebastian, Matthias, Julian, Jazia, and Linnea. He joins his infant son, Richard Rudolph Johnson, Jr., and son-in-law Thomas Few in heaven.

A private funeral service was held by his family on Saturday, April 7 at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford, with his ashes being placed in the Memorial Garden there. In lieu of

flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children or Emanuel Lutheran Church. Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, West Hartford has care of arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.taylorandmodeen.com.