



## Dr. Edward Harold Johnston

November 15, 1923 - September 16, 2015

Col. Edward Harold Johnston, USA, M.D. (Retired)

Passed away peacefully at home, on Wednesday, September 16th, 2015, at age 91.

He was born November 15th, 1923 in Acme, PA, a son of the late Frank C. and Anna Zelmores Johnston. Ed was a WW II veteran, having served in the US Army Medical Corp. He was a member of the Church of the Brethren, Orlando, FL. He attended medical school at Penn State University, The University of Pittsburg, The University of Pennsylvania, Baylor University and Cornell University.

He met the love of his life, Olga, in San Antonio, TX, and they married in 1955. During his career with the US Army, he was stationed in Korea, England, Thailand, and at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington D.C., where he was appointed as the first Chief of the Military Environmental Pathology Division. While working in D.C., he served as Associate Professor at Georgetown Medical School, and authored many published works.

After retiring from the military and relocating to Orlando, he and Dr. Ben Willard co-founded Willard and Johnston, P.A., in Orlando, providing pathology, lab and invoicing services for Orange Memorial Hospital, now

ORHS. Before and after retiring, he had earned the love and respect of friends and colleagues, and was considered kind, generous, intelligent and caring. Throughout life, he was a person who helped take care of everybody.

Ed was an avid reader, who enjoyed traveling, spending time with family, working around the house and garden, painting, and relished in maintaining his sanctuary, 'the grove'.

Ed was preceded in death by his father and mother, Frank C. and Anna Z. Johnston, his brother William Johnston, and sister Ruth Martorana. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Olga; his sister Helen Dolan of Acme, PA; 3 daughters: Joyce Shaw and husband Jeffery of Spring, TX; Lois Goddard and husband John of Belle Isle, FL; Mariann Johnston of Orlando, FL; and grandsons John E.B. and Matthew F. Goddard; and several nieces and nephews.

Edward was a son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, an officer and a gentleman devoted to his family. While having many successes, accomplishments and titles in life, he will forever be remembered by many as a wonderful person and the humble 'farmer' he considered himself at heart.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the charity of your choice and/or do a good deed in Memory of Dr. Johnston.

# Tribute Wall

MP

“ I will always remember droll, jovial Uncle Ed at family gatherings hiking all the young ones under the table well into his eighties. What a wonderful life. Thinking of you all. Love MaryBeth and David

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**MaryBeth Pereira** - September 29, 2015 at 08:29 AM

Jl

“ Great Uncle Ed and Olga made the long trip from Florida to Texas to be part of our wedding in April 2014. Nothing was going to stop Ed from attending a large family gathering. I'm so glad that he was able to do so, and that we were able to enjoy his presence one last time. Ed was always kind and friendly toward us, even when my brother and I were tiny terrors disrupting the sanctity of his home. His military bearing was paired with a great well of patience and empathy. Ed was a true gentleman.

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**Jason Idell** - September 28, 2015 at 10:46 AM

LM

“ 1975.....the year that I met Joyce Johnston and her family.

*Joyce and I were college roommates at FSU. Being from NJ and far away from home, I couldn't go to my own home for the weekend, but was always invited to spend time with Joyce and her family in Orlando. How lucky for me!*

*From the 1st time that I met them, the Johnston family instantly welcomed me into their home and treated me as if I were part of the family. And when I had a crisis, as college girls often do, they jumped right in to help! There are many examples of this, but the one that I will never forget is the time that Joyce and I had a 3rd roommate who was not a great fit for me and was causing me a lot of stress. Joyce told Mr. Johnston about the situation and his immediate response was "Joyce, I don't want anything to interfere with yours or Linda's studies. Tell her to move out and I will cover her rent!" I will never forget this gesture of caring and kindness! Not long after this Joyce and I went to Orlando for the weekend. Mr. Johnston made a point of spending time with me to talk to me about my studies and their importance. He treated me like a daughter!!!! It was a wonderful and comforting feeling.*

*Mr. and Mrs. Johnston raised 3 wonderful daughters. Marianne, Lois and Joyce. Joyce and I have been friends for 40 years and she means the world to me. She is one of the best people I know. She is her own person in every way and I know that it is because of her wonderful Mom and Dad!*

*Mrs. Johnston, Lois, Marianne and Joyce, thank you for sharing Mr. Johnston with me. What a wonderful man!!!!*

*Love,  
Linda Moser*

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**Linda Moser** - September 23, 2015 at 06:41 AM

DA

“ When I was a freshman in college I met Joyce Johnston- the eldest daughter of Dr. Johnston and his wife Olga. Dr. Johnston always put his family first. He was also very welcoming and kind to the many house guests his children brought home on holidays. Linda, another classmate of Joyce's, and I spent several holidays with the Johnstons. They had the entire congregation over Easter morning for a sunrise service. He and Mrs. Johnston took fellow students - along with his 3 daughters- out for many dinners! I will always remember the generosity and kindness he presented upon us- especially important because we were so far from home!

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**Denise Allen-Mullins** - September 21, 2015 at 10:28 PM