

Obituary

Indiana History Answers

Richard Leland Johnson, 87, Marion, went to be with his Lord and Savior in his home at 8:45 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 3, 2020. He was born in Indianapolis on Sunday, Nov. 27, 1932, to Frank and Rose (Rohrberg) Johnson. On May 6, 1956, he married his loving wife, Norma Jeanne Beaver; and she survives.

Richard graduated from Warren Central and attended Indianapolis Electronic School. He was a 10-year veteran of the Naval Reserve, as well as a salesman at Eco Lab, Inc. for 34 years. Richard was a member at First Presbyterian Church in Jonesboro. He was a deacon, trustee, and elder when he attended Westminster Presbyterian Church in Marion. He was also a member of the Wabash Valley Sawdust Gang.

Richard enjoyed making furniture. He was involved in model railroading and, after graduation from high school, wanted to work for the railroad. Later on, though, he found out that he wasn't hired because his uncles who worked for the railroad wanted him to go to college. His mother encouraged him to become a CPA.

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However, when he entered the school in downtown Indianapolis, he walked right out the back door, which is where he discovered the Indianapolis Electronic School (IES). He would go on to attend IES for two years. In 1954, Richard was to sign a contract to play ball with the St. Louis Browns but, that same day, dislocated his shoulder and was unable to play. He was very involved with the Mt. Olive Boy Scouts Troop. He also enjoyed going on camping trips with the family and cruises with his wife. He was a frustrated fisherman and enjoyed doing jigsaw puzzles and Sudoku.

In addition to his wife, Jeanne, he is survived by his daughters, Cathryn (Tim) Taylor of Warsaw, Cynthia "CJ" (Raphael) McAbee-Reher of Marion, and Candace (Christopher) McDaniel of Kokomo; son, Ronald (Amy) Johnson of Snellville, Ga.; grandsons, Matthew (Nichole) Taylor,

David Taylor, Daniel Taylor, Spencer McDaniel, Evan Johnson, Ryan Johnson, Jonathan McAbee-Reher, and Drew (Jenna) Scott; granddaughters, Jennifer "Jay" McAbee-Reher; Emma McAbee-Reher; Barbara (Kory) Stucky, Jada McDaniel, and Emily Rios; great-grandsons, Everett Stucky, Gabriel Rios, Nick Taylor, and Keegan Taylor; and great-granddaughters, Kyra Stucky, Reagan Scott, Eleanor Scott, and Kinsey Taylor.

He was preceded in death by his parents; great-grandson, Gryffin Stucky; one brother; and one sister.

To celebrate Richard's life, the family had a private service at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion. Rev. Laurie Wolcott officiated with burial following at Gardens of Memory in Marion.

Memorial contributions may be directed to First Presbyterian Church, 601 S. Main St., Jonesboro, Ind. 46938.

Memories may be shared online at www.nsw-cares.com.

Mary Prows selected to fill school board vacancy

The Marion Community Schools Board of School Trustees has selected Mary Prows to fill the District III seat left vacant by the resignation of Chuck Griffin last month.

Prows was selected and sworn in at the Aug. 4 meeting of the Board. She will serve out the remainder of the current term, which ends Dec. 31 of this year.

She is the Executive Director of The Training Center, an academic enrichment program offering support for local students. She earned her bachelor's degree in Management and a Master's of Business Administration from Indiana Wesleyan University.

"As a member of the Marion School Board, my goal is to be an advocate and voice for families, children and other stakeholders in the community regarding the education of the precious treasure entrusted to us," Prows said. "I want to be fiscally responsible for the funds available for students and staff, to be a conduit for community



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partnerships, and continue to empower students for the purpose they were created to be."

The District III seat is one of three on the MCS School Board up for election this fall. The others are the District II seat and one of the at-large seats. You can view more detail about the districts here: <https://www.marion.k12.in.us/school-board-about>.

Anyone who is interested in running for election to one of these seats must file a CAN-34 and and a CAN-12 form with the Elections Office at the Grant County Courthouse by noon Aug. 21.

1. Marlon Bundo is a rabbit and a member of the family of Vice President Mike Pence, former Indiana Governor. Marlon's adventures are described in books written by the Vice President's daughter, Charlotte Pence Bond, and illustrated by his wife, Karen Pence.
2. Arnold Ziffel was a pig from Mooresville, Indiana, and one of the stars on the TV show "Green Acres."
3. Dan Patch, a horse foaled in Oxford, Indiana, was a world-renown star of harness racing at the turn of the last century.
4. Garfield, a mischievous cartoon cat created by Hoosier Jim Davis, can be found in the comic sections of newspapers around the world.

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at Holy Family Catholic Church, Gas City, on Saturday, August 8 at 11 am. Burial followed at Riverside Cemetery.

Richard Leland Johnson 1932-2020
A private service was held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel. Burial followed at Gardens of Memory.

Benny Joe Sevcik 1933-2020
A graveside service took place at Park Cemetery on Wednesday, August 12 at 10 am.

Martha J. Marley 1930-2020
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Wednesday, August 12 at 12 pm.

Darrell Jacob Veter 1999-2020
Funeral services were held at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, Fairmount, on Thursday, August 6 at 10 am.

Paula Jeanne Shepherd 1956-2020
In accordance with Shepherd's wishes, no services will be held.

Max E. Warren 1938-2020
Cremation will take place and graveside services will be held at a later date at Marion National Cemetery.

John David Yohler 1945-2020
A memorial mass was held on at St. Paul Catholic Church, Marion, on Monday, August 10 at 10 am. Burial with military honors followed at Estate of Serenity, Marion.



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