



## Edgar A. Johnson

February 18, 1933 - May 26, 2011

Edgar "Ed" Johnson, 78, of Fort Collins, passed away May 26, 2011. Ed was born February 18, 1933 in Chicago, Illinois to Leonard and Ingrid Johnson. He graduated as the class valedictorian from Harlem High School in Loves Park, Illinois in 1951, and married his high school sweetheart, Bonnie "Susie" Rose Swanborg, on June 9th that same year. Together, Ed and Susie have four children: Douglas Edgar Johnson, Christina Rose Stafford Jay, Mark Leslie Johnson Lynne Sterkel, and Rogena "Reggie" Sue Johnson. Their four grandchildren are Jeffrey Jay Stafford, Leslie Rose Stafford, Tara Kathleen Hood, and Isaac Alexander Soria. They also have five great-grandchildren. We remember him fondly as the patriarch, provider, and solid rock of the family. Ed began his working career with Woodward Governor in Rockford, Illinois, while he was still in high school. Ed and Susie were relocated "temporarily" to Fort Collins when Woodward began operations here in 1955, and never left. Ed's career at Woodward spanned more than 25 years, during which he held numerous positions, his favorite being personnel manager. After that time, Ed worked for Waterpik. Much of his career was spent in Inventory and Production Control, and he was APICS certified. He retired from Waterpik in 1995. Ed was president of the Fort Collins Jaycees, commissioner of the Fort Collins Little League, a volunteer fire fighter, and contributed to his community in endless ways. He enjoyed fishing, traveling, bowling, and woodworking. He had a passion for figures and card games. He wrote a book on blackjack, and enjoyed his monthly meeting with the "choir boys." He was

preceded in death by his parents, his brother Marvin Johnson, and his sister Marie Rush. A Memorial Service will be held at Bohlender Funeral Chapel on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. A reception will immediately follow the service with the family. In lieu of flowers please make contributions to the Larimer County Food Bank in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

# Tribute Wall

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**Bill and Sandy Kuhns** - June 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Reggie, My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. It's a difficult time, but there will always be the memories.

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**Starr Quam** - May 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Can't think about Ed Johnson without remembering my "greenie" days at WG and wittnessing firsthand his dedication to his work and family. Ed was a plillar and his family proves it. Our hearts are with you in Love and remembrance.

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**Douglas and Cindy Braden** - May 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Reggie and family, Lyle and I enjoyed working with your dad at the Pik. We know he will be missed. May the love, support, and compassion of family and friends give you strength and help ease your heart. In sympathy and friendship, Debby & Lyle

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**Debby & Lyle McBride** - May 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Please accept my condolences. My prayers are with all of you.

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**Trish Freeman** - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ I feel a great sadness in the loss of Ed, but what a full and interesting life he lived! I had the pleasure of knowing Ed during my 7 years at Waterpik and his spirit, humor, wisdom and support will always be cherished. He remained a good friend in the years following his retirement and I feel blessed to have crossed paths with him. He leaves a legacy of steadfast love of his family and his caring and generous spirit.

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**Connie Krosschell** - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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