



David P. Johnson

December 3, 2015

David P. Johnson, 76, of Tariffville, beloved husband of Mary M. Johnson for 41 years, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family on Dec. 3 2015 due to complications from heart surgery. He was born in Gardner, Mass. on September 22, 1939 to Harris Ceylon Johnson and Sarah Moskovit Johnson, and grew up in Hartford, Conn.

Besides his wife Mary he is survived by his sons, Scott Johnson and his wife Lisa, of West Simsbury, CT, Wayne Johnson and his wife Michelene, of Hilton Head Island, SC, Matthew Johnson of Charleston, SC, and Nicholas Johnson and his wife Katie, of Granby, CT, and his daughter Megan Johnson, of Boston, Mass. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Elaine Johnson, of West Hartford, CT, his brother-in-law, Paul Molloy of Groton, CT, and brother and sister-in-law Marshall and Anh Molloy of Duluth, GA.

He is also survived by six grandchildren: Tyler Johnson, of San Diego, CA, Connor Johnson, of West Simsbury, CT, Emily Johnson, of New Britain, CT, Nathaniel Johnson, of Rochester, NY, Gabrielle Johnson, of New York, NY, and Chloe Johnson, of Hilton Head Island, SC, and several nieces and nephews. David was pre-deceased by his brother, Arnold Johnson of West Hartford, CT.

David was a graduate of Weaver High School. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in psychology at the University of Hartford, a Master of Social Work at UCONN, and a Master of Public Health at Yale University School of Medicine. David spent the majority of his career in private practice in mental health

counseling. He continued to work full-time until the end of his life, driven by his mission to help people.

In addition to Dave's significant passion for his professional life, he had many other interests that brought him great joy. These include the Boston Red Sox, UCONN Basketball, dogs, nature, spending time in his backyard, and most importantly, spending time with his family, friends and neighbors.

To know Dave Johnson was to be a member of his tribe. In addition to his blood relatives, there were countless others he adopted throughout his life-whether his patients to whom he was endlessly devoted, or the neighbors he considered to be honorary family members. His family will carry on his memory (and amazing sense of humor) by driving up to the sidewalk, motioning for people to come over, and then speeding away. He was a kind and generous man, and we will miss him terribly.

Per David's wishes, there will be no formal funeral services. For those who wish to express their thoughts, we encourage them to visit the Molloy Funeral Home website at www.molloyfuneralhome.com. For those who wish, memorial donations can be made in his memory to Community Health Resources (formerly Genesis Center) 587 Middle Turnpike East, Manchester, CT 06040.

Tribute Wall

AS

“ It has taken me some time since i wrote this FBpost to realize how much I had needed such a wonderful person, therapist and friend... I was reading my poems from that time and thought of Dave... he had shared a few of his own poems in one of our groups and I have searched high & low for a copy of his work... i remember him working on a book of some of us difficult cases and asked our permission to share our stories as part of it, of course names were changed and for me it gave me a sense of peace in a way that my story wouldn't be forgotten somehow. I don't know if he finished it and i don't know if it was published or what the title was... but i hope he did. I still think of him from time to time. Reading the few mentions posted I realized i had not written here.

So I have copied it to save it here too...

So today I found out a little late but my longterm therapist and friend David Johnson had passed away in December. It was surreal to see his obituary as I had, had him on my mind for sometime.

He had helped me through the toughest times of my life... even after I had left CT he managed to make time for me through the hardest panic attack of my life I called Dave because I couldn't think of anyone who could explain what was wrong with me better than he could to the TSA and airport personnel who were not very empathetic to this crazy woman frantic and feeling lost because I got stuck in an airport with my then 6 month old son because my flight had been delayed then I missed my connecting flight, and there were no flights leaving til the next day

Then when my grandmother had passed away he did not hesitate to open his door to me and allowed me to come in to the office even though I hadn't been a client for a couple of years.

He just said "welcome home I am always here for you."

You never know when, or how, or why... but I guess life just keeps

going regardless of whether we're ready or not.

I thought maybe I would have found he had retired and I would have to write him at a home address.

Ironically I found his obituary.

I didn't think it would hit me as hard as it did. I found myself crying and recalling the very last time I had talked to him.

Dave was a dedicated therapist. He treated me like a daughter, and no matter what never gave up on me. Even after I was no longer in his care he still welcomed the 1st two years of occasional phone call, and the few letters I wrote.

He was a dedicated father and a proud husband. He wasn't afraid to cry with me, or just sit and listen to my rants that if ever were outlandish or ridiculous he never made me feel crazy, irrelevant, or judged.

He was a published poet and last time I met with him he was working on a book.

He was a wonderful therapist, person, friend. He treated everyone he let into his office like family.

Goodbye Dave, thank you for everything...

*With Love and Light,
Angel*

Angel S - April 23, 2025 at 04:07 AM

BS

“ I was one of Dave's patients for many years in the early 2000's. I am having severe difficulties right now so I looked him up only to find out he passed on over 2 years ago. I am so sorry for his family. My deepest sympathy and condolences.

-Robert A. Coventry Ct.

Bob Smith - December 18, 2018 at 08:41 AM

DB

“ Dave was a wonderful man. I was in to talk with him the week prior to his surgery. I was shocked to learn of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with is family. My Dad passed away last June after a year of battling cancer, I was his caregiver. Dave checked on me frequently throughout the year and came to the hospital to keep me company during on of his surgeries. I shared my father's stories of Parkville in the 30's and 40's and was able to hear Dave's own stories of his neighborhood growing up.

I will never forget him and how he changed my life.

David Bell - March 11, 2016 at 03:56 PM

Mary
Lou Hill

“*Dave you are the sensitive Angel. Fly proudly, I know you are visiting all who need a nudge. It takes a very special person to be able to help so many. Dave may not be here physically ,, "Angels" he said we have "Angels all around us" ... I believe this. I feel him when I think of him or when I need to find my way. David was able to feel what his patients were going through, he knew how hard it was for us and he cared. Sensitive souls feel all around them , others pain, sorrow, loneliness and that is what Dave was a sensitive soul. One who will always be there when you need him. WE had in depth conversations on our PURPOSE in life. "Helping others". I know why you put me in the second group Dave! I will never forget the tears we shared, the smiles. The journey of one's life is never finished. That is why I know I feel you. Thank you for being a part of my life that has given me acknowledgement of what I had been through, encouragement to go forward and understanding my purpose here in life as well.*

Mary and family I am so sorry that this Gem has moved on. I thank all of you for sharing him with Me.

Until we meet again. Angel .

Mary Hill East Hartford Ct.

Mary Lou Hill - January 03, 2016 at 04:07 PM

KL

“*Mary, my friend,*

I am so sorry to learn of the loss of your husband, David. I am holding you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. Sending you my love and my sympathy,

Kathy Lynch-Mussen

Kathleen Lynch-Mussen - December 13, 2015 at 10:53 PM

EC

“ Dave was one of the few who genuinely cared for those suffering he knew how to listen really listen that is a rare quality.

Ellen cyr - December 10, 2015 at 02:16 PM



“ David was a wonderful man he helped me out a lot, he also introduced my fiance and myself. He was generous, loving, caring. Loved his job & did it well, he was a friend to all that knew him. He will be greatly missed....Dave, thank you for all that you're done!!!



Bonnie Sargent

Bonnie Marie Sargent - December 09, 2015 at 06:46 AM

KD

“ Dave was a regular watching sporting events at our house. At some point during games he would stand up and simply say "fluid" while walking to the bathroom. 9 times out of 10 he would quietly return to his seat and on the way stick his finger, either just wet or dabbed with toothpaste, into my sons' ear. My son was usually too engrossed with activity on his phone to prevent this. Occasionally it was soap but toothpaste was definitely the worst.

Kevin Donahue - December 07, 2015 at 08:13 AM

SV

“ *My Dear Mary and Family, Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of David. He was responsible for gathering the Adam and Kent St. gang together years after we left the area, and that led to my doing two books for the Jewish Historical Society filled with stories from those of us who lived there.
Please dwell on the good times. Susan Juster Viner*

Susan Juster Viner - December 06, 2015 at 03:45 PM

FC

Susan is so correct..the reunion of our Northend community was a very special time for all of us..we reconnected with friends and neighbors of old .We all glowed for a very long time...

Fay M Clymer - December 07, 2015 at 07:02 AM

CR

“ *Dave touched the hearts and lives of so many people I am forever grateful that I knew him . He was a wonderful kind man and will be missed .*

Crickett - December 06, 2015 at 11:22 AM

FC

“ *As an old friend from Adams Street,I send my sincerest condolences on the loss of a dedicated husband,father,uncle ,brother and friend. The loss of someone so very special,at any age,diminishes us all.G-d bless you all.May David be an angel looking out for us all...ay Merkin Clymer and my family*

Fay Merkin Clymer - December 06, 2015 at 09:00 AM

FC

my oops...and to his grandchildren...how lucky you were to have him share your lives...Fay Merkin Clymer

Fay M Clymer - December 06, 2015 at 09:07 PM

JE

My sincere condolences to the Johnson and extended family. What a wonderful man, who supported his kids' passion for sports and worldly activities. They say it takes a great man to make a great son (or daughter) and he has done it.

James "Ike" Eisenhaure - December 09, 2015 at 12:18 PM