



Robert "Bob" Elmer Johnston

January 19, 1926 - July 28, 2023

Robert "Bob" Elmer Johnston, 97, died peacefully at his home on July 28, 2023, in Palmetto, Florida.

He was born Jan. 19, 1926, in Balboa, Panama to Clarence Lester and Rose Catherine (Stoffell) Johnston.

Bob served in the US Air Force as a staff sergeant in World War II. He graduated from Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and was a member of Purdue Beta Chapter of the Pi Tau Sigma, honorary mechanical engineering fraternity. Bob moved to Anderson, and joined Delco Remy where he worked as an engineer for 38 years, retiring in 1987.

While living in Anderson, Bob was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and the Fellowship Masonic Lodge, F. & A.M. #681, and he loved to play tennis.

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Nancy Jane (Stephenson) Johnston of Palmetto, Florida, whom he married on Nov. 16, 1957, in Anderson, and together they have celebrated 67 wonderful years of marriage.

He is also survived by his daughter, Jill Johnston Brown of Palmetto, Florida; granddaughter, Hailey Gimenez of Tampa, Florida; and his loyal and beloved granddog, Lola and great-granddog, Bleu.

Surviving are also several nieces and nephews among whom are Cathy Rose Smith and Keith Johnston.

Preceding Bob in death was his daughter, Jan E. Johnston, who passed away on Nov. 3, 2009; his parents; and two brothers, Albert Sydney Johnston and Lester Johnston.

Bob will be inurned in the Sarasota National Cemetery at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society by visiting NationalMSSociety.org.