



## Maxie Gene Johnson

October 9, 1927 - October 8, 2013

Maxie Gene Johnson, age 85, of Fort Collins, Colorado died Tuesday morning, October 8, 2013 at MacKenzie Place, his home for the last 5 years. His cremated remains will be interred at the IOOF Cemetery, Monett, Missouri.

Gene was born October 9, 1927 in Oregon County, Missouri, the son of Kellis Oliver and Lillie (Millsap) Johnson. After graduation from Jefferson City High School in 1945, he served in the U.S. Navy from 1946 to 1948 on Johnston Island in the Pacific. In 1952, four years after returning from his military service, Gene earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the University of Missouri at Columbia.

Gene married Betty Paul Sours on April 24, 1955 in Jefferson City, Missouri. He was employed by the Product Development Corporation in St. Louis, Missouri. In 1955, Gene was transferred to Denver, worked with the Mountain States Telephone Company and traveled throughout the western United States through 1964. Gene retired from the Colorado State Employment Service in Fort Collins having worked as an employment counselor and assistant manager from 1964 to 1987.

Gene loved being with and working with people. He loved music, especially Dixieland and played the piano and the violin. He loved to dance and sing duets with Betty. A favorite was, "There's a Warm Spot in My Heart for

Tennessee.” His hobbies over the years included taking cruises and traveling with Betty, bowling, golfing, fishing and card playing. He was also a life member of the Fort Collins Colorado Elks Lodge #804 for 44 years.

Gene is survived by his wife, Betty, of 58 years; daughter, Melanye of Maryland; sons-in-law, John and Christophe; grandchildren, Brian of Utah and Christine of Virginia. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Kenneth and Byron.

Gene’s family is grateful for the help and support provided by his caregivers and nurses. Contributions can be made in Gene’s memory to a charity of your choosing. As we close the chapters of Gene’s life, we bid Aloha to our beloved husband, father and grandfather.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Maxie Gene Johnson*

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“ *Betty,*  
*We were so saddened to hear of Gene's passing. We have missed you both all these years. We have thought about you two through out the years. God's blessings to you, Betty. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*  
*All our love,*  
*Martha Sue Morris and Kara Morris Suthoff*

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“ *We wish to say Thank You to your loved one for his service to our great country. Our sympathies are with your family.*

*Marine Corps League Auxiliary #785*  
*Fort Collins, Colorado*

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