

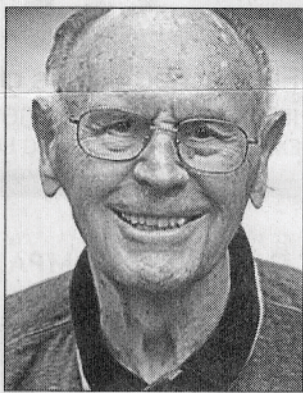
Johnston, Donald MacDuff

Donald MacDuff Johnston, age 88, formerly of 240 Woodland Drive, Wisconsin Rapids died Sunday, July 8, 2012 at Arborwood Lodge in Wisconsin Rapids after a year-long bout with cancer.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 PM, Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at the First Congregational Church -UCC in Wisconsin Rapids. Pastor Susan Stein and Dan Kirkbride, son-in-law, will co-officiate; burial will take place privately in the Wisconsin Veteran's Cemetery in King, Wisconsin. Military rites will be provided by VFW Post #2534 of Wisconsin Rapids. (Please note there will be no visitation time held prior to services at the Church on Wednesday.)

Donald was born May 21, 1924 in Providence, Rhode Island to the late Bertram Johnston and Zella (MacDuff) Mann. He married Barbara Mitchell on July 13, 1952 at Harvard University's Appleton Chapel in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He had attended Duke University for one year in 1942-43 and then, after the war, earned a bachelor's degree from Bowdoin College in business administration. He was employed as a sales distributor for Link Belt Corporation in Boston, Massachusetts and Milwaukee for 25 years. He then worked for Badger Bearing Company in Milwaukee before opening his own business, Don Johnston Inc., in Wisconsin Rapids, retiring in 1984.

Donald served his country for two years as an Army paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division in WWII where he jumped on D-Day in Normandy landing him behind enemy lines. Of the 41 men in his unit he was one of the 22 survivors. He also received the Bronze Star for his distinguished military service. The citation accompanying his medal read: "Donald M. Johnston, 3136160, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 July 1944, west of La Haye Du Puits, France. When his battalion was attempting to secure high ground west of La Haye Du Puits, Pri-



vate Johnston, Rifleman in Company "A", 508th Parachute Infantry, voluntarily moved to a position behind a house where enemy troops were endeavoring to set up a strong point. They immediately directed heavy machine gun and rifle fire against him. In spite of that fire, he delivered such effective rifle fire that the enemy was unable to establish this position, which would have held up the battalion attack and inflicted heavy casualties in our troops." Additionally, he received a Purple Heart and participated in the Battle of the Bulge.

Don was an avid championship golfer, enjoyed hunting, woodworking, cooking and loved to work in his yard. He was a WWII historian of sorts and often talked to groups and individuals about his experience as a paratrooper. In September of 2009 he traveled back to France to visit the site of his jump in Normandy with the help of historian/author Dominique Francois. Then in April, 2010, he traveled on one of the first Honor Flights to Washington, D.C., where he visited the WWII War Memorial.

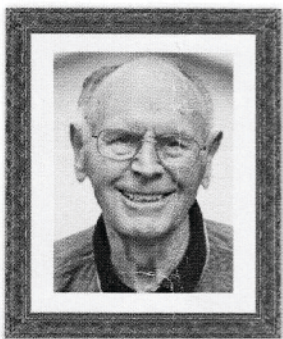
Donald is survived by his wife Barbara; son Brian MacDuff Johnston of Pewaukee, Wisconsin; daughter Lynn (Dan) Kirkbride of Chugwater, Wyoming; grandchildren Hannah (Thomas) Kranner, Jeremy (Tara) Westerman, Abby (Ben) Rasmussen, Mitchell Westerman, Charles MacDuff Westerman and one great-grandchild Beck William Westerman.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Gordon Johnston.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated in memory of Don to:

Never Forgotten Honor Flight P.O. Box 5056, Wausau, WI 54402-5056.

Ritchay
FUNERAL HOME



Taps

*Day is done, gone the sun
from the lake, from the hill,
from the sky.*

All is well, safely rest.

God is nigh.

*Thanks and praise for our days
'neath the sun, 'neath the stars,
'neath the sky.*

As we go, this we know.

God is nigh.

In Loving Memory of

Donald MacDuff Johnston

Born

May 21, 1924 in Providence, Rhode Island

Died

July 8, 2012 in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin

Services

First Congregational Church - UCC

Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin

Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at 1:00 PM

Officiating

Pastor Susan Stein

Dan Kirkbride

Burial

Wisconsin Veteran's Cemetery

King, Wisconsin

Arrangements by

Ritchay Funeral Home

Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin

August 2, 2012

Never Forgotten Honor Flight
P.O. Box 5056
Wausau, WI 54402-5056

Attn: Jim Campbell

Dear Jim, and all those of the "Never Forgotten Honor Flight"

Thanks to ALL of you for making it possible for my husband (Robert W. Miller) to go on the Honor Flight May 7th of this year. He died on July 7th of this year and we specified that all donations be given to the Honor Flight in his memory. Now, with all of the donations given to our family, we give to you, in the hopes that others will be able to go on the "Never Forgotten Honor Flight". It is such a wonderful way to honor our WW2, Korean, and all War Veterans. Thank you for providing this invaluable opportunity to honor our war Veterans. God Bless you all,

Sincerely,

Marilyn Miller (wife of Bob Miller)

And all of our family

(Total \$2550.00)

Jim, this is a list of people that donated to the Honor Flight in memory of Bob Miller

Dick and Frances Luther—Don Helgerson—Bill and Debbie Love—Anne Christensen—
Ken and Betty Sherwood--
Don Roberts—Emil Mundt—Mary Ignowski—Judy Ehlert—American Legion Post
153—Bob and Ellen Karloske—Roger and Arlene Fairbert—American Legion Auxiliary—
Diane Creola—Karen Wilson and Ron Stielbe—Jim Peterson—Howard and Carol Kohls-
Alfred and Lorraine Kreeger—Claudette and Joe Wisniewski—Tom and Mary Moody—
Bruce and Gretchen James—Marv and Sherry Kohlbeck—Louie and Libby Rosandick—
Paul and Stephana Scholzen—Scott and Windy Sutor—Al and Barb Schmidt—Leroy
and Sharon Horn—Rob and Catheryn Miller—Mike and Sue Sutor—Marilyn Miller—John
and Lois Miller—Doris Sutor—Jack and Ruth Kane—Deane Matthews—Larry and Linda
Nelson—Fred and Ruth Brueswitz—Bill and Cindy Ruchte—Dick Woiak—Arlen and
Mary Scheuneman—Dave and Noreen Guyse—Joe and Jenny Kunding—Stan and
Anola Pelot—Scott and Kim Schooley—Jim and Sally Winkels—Bud and Irene
Engelman—Bill and Eloise Nicholson—Ken and Elaine Fredrick—Jerry and Jane
Arnold—Shirley Mooney and Ed Balley—Denny and Sandy Carter—Evelyn Hewitt—
Peter and Jeanie Palmer—Bill and Anne Hahm—Shirley Gachnang—Nelson Schaller—
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Janzen—Bob and Joan Anderson—Chuck and Pat Fox—Bill and Judy Winch—Lee and
Marsha Fritz —GHC Call Center Group Madison, WI. —Paul and Janet Stichert

In Memory of
Donald McPuff Johnston

I am making a donation in
honor of Don Johnston who
flew in the 8th Airborne Division.

May generations to come never
forget the men and women who
have served so selflessly and
bravely for our and others
freedoms.

Abna M. Teigen

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Don & Barbara Johnston

From: "Don & Barbara Johnston" <barbara.johnston7197@gmail.com>
To: "Donald Johnston" <djohnston7197@charter.net>
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2012 7:04 PM
Subject: HOonor FLioght

Dear Sirs: those who started the Honor Flights , which meant so much to my husband, Don Johnston. In April in 2010, he enjoyed his moment with an Honor Flight out of Mosinee, Wisconsin.

Don died July 8th, 2010. As the Flights meant so much to him, this was our choice for his memorial.

Enclosed please find a check for the total we have recieved for this. Also many friend's have sent word they have mailed directly to you in Don's name.

We know these trips are still continuing for other veterans and wish you well on each of these.

Our prayers go with you on every one of these.

Peace and blessings ,

Barbara Johnston and family

P.S.

Old Address

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