



Harry Robert Johns

June 5, 1929 - May 19, 2026

Harry Robert Johns, age 96, of Greenbrier, passed away Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at The Waters of Springfield. Mr. Johns' wishes were to be cremated and there are no services scheduled at this time.

Mr. Johns was born June 5, 1929, in Malden, Massachusetts, to the late Harry Orsmund Johns and the late Eunice Elizabeth Caron Johns. He was lovingly known as "The Bread Man", having worked and delivered for the Wonder Bread Company for over 30 years.

Harry was a sweet, kind soul, and a true gentleman in every sense of the word. He always kissed the back of every lady's hand, had a firm handshake for every man, and a hug for all. He positively touched the lives of everyone he met in his long, full life, and was dearly loved by everyone who knew him.

His character can be summed up with a quote from the Wizard of Oz when he spoke to the Tin Man, "A heart is not judged by how much you love, but by how much you are loved by others."

The last few months of his life, he was often heard saying, "I love you. Give me a hug."

In addition to his parents, Mr. Johns was preceded in death by his loving wife,

Patricia Elizabeth Nielsen Johns.

He is survived by his children, Harry Niels Johns and his wife Carol, Michael Barry Johns and his wife Denise, Kathleen "Kathy" Johns and her husband Jim Breckels, and Russell Thomas Johns.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Greenbrier is in charge of these arrangements.

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Tribute Wall

RJ

“ My Dad...

What an incredible influence he was for me. All my adult life, I've strived to model his best attributes, which were many.

He was meek, yet fearless. He was responsible, yet carefree. He was determined, yet patient. He was highly personable and supportive, yet non-intrusive. He would celebrate, laugh or cry with you, whatever the occasion called for. He was not to proud to kiss his son. Above of those, I loved his sense of humor and his hugs.

I could go on and on...

Dad, I will continue to model my character after yours, for the rest of my days. I hope to finish this life, having impacted the lives of others as well as you had. Until we hug and kiss again, enjoy your rest in our Lord's presence.

Russ Johns - May 25 at 11:13 AM

KA

“ *I always remember my Uncle Harry's warm hugs when visiting at their home or at ours as a child I remember swimming in their pool was always a fun day. I remember him as a Wonder bread delivery man and sometimes he had given my Mom a loaf or two. May he R.I.H. ❤️*

Karen - May 23 at 09:11 AM

KA

“ Karen lit a candle in memory of Harry Robert Johns



Karen - May 23 at 09:05 AM

LB

“ I have only lovely memories of a kind gentle uncle. A lovely person. May the beautiful memories of this wonderful man live long in his loved ones heart.

Laura Jo Busch - May 22 at 08:47 PM

KA

“ My condolences to Harry's daughter Kathy, and his sons..Harry had a unwavering kindness, to know him was to love him...May he RIP..

Kathy - May 22 at 05:24 PM

JC

“ Jennifer Crane Crenshaw lit a candle in memory of Harry Robert Johns



Jennifer Crane Crenshaw - May 22 at 04:18 PM

RO

“ I only knew Mr.Johns for a short while but that’s all it took for me to see how good of a guy he was! He taught me so much even if he didn’t know it! From our conversations about literally everything (nothing was off limits) to teaching me how to play card games and beating me at Yahtzee! He never held back in making sure he would win! His favorite thing was him thinking he had convinced me to fix him peanut butter and jelly(everyday) little did he know I was ahead of him on that! Especially with the extra popcorn (sorry Jim) ❤️ I’m glad I got to know you and pray someday I’ll get to see you up in heaven. I’ll miss you always and forever. PS I’ll make sure to not experiment with peanut butter rolls again 😂

Rosa - May 22 at 03:24 PM

CG

My Dear Uncle Harry, you will be missed. I will always have the memories of meeting you at the bar after work at least once a week. You were the my favorite drinking buddy. I remember even introducing you to my husband at that bar. Oh the good ole days. Love you so much

Cynthia Griffus - May 22 at 05:13 PM

HJ

“ *My dearest Dad, You were always there for me. I will never forget the times we spent together. I love you Dad more than anything on this planet. I salute you. I love you so much. Your oldest son, Harry*

Harry Johns - May 22 at 12:48 PM

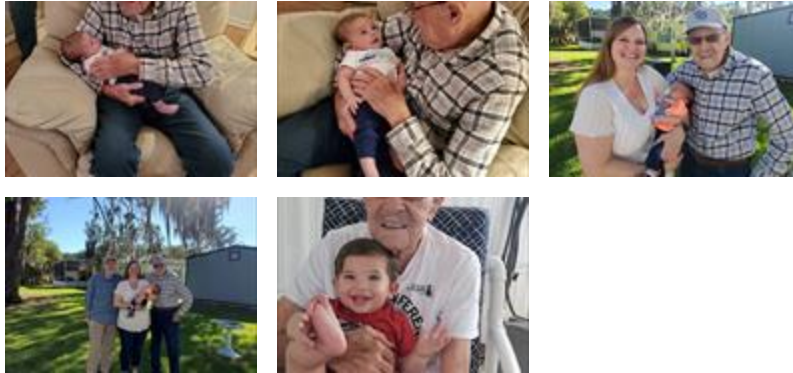
KJ

“ *I love you Papason! I will miss you until the day I can dance with you again in Heaven. Give Mom my love and a big hug.
Your Precious Daughter, Kathy*

Kathy Johns - May 22 at 12:22 PM

SL

“ 8 files added to the album Grandpa and Owen



Starr Lockwood - May 22 at 11:28 AM

SL

To say my grandpa was a wonderful man doesn't begin to capture who he truly was. No matter the time or distance between us, I always felt his love, and he always had mine. I am so grateful he was able to meet my son and love him, even if only for a short time. It breaks my heart that Owen won't get to know him the way I did, but I will carry those memories with me forever and share them with him. My grandpa gave me so many memories, lessons, and love that will live in my heart for the rest of my life.

Starr Lockwood - May 22 at 11:36 AM

MJ

The word congeniality is synonymous with my Father. He was as gracious as he was loving and caring. He was so dedicated to life and the betterment of those around him. He was a selfless and special Human being that left an imprint of kindness on anyone who he came in contact with. I will miss you Dad. I will mourn your departure continually. I was not only blessed to be your Son, but extremely proud as well. I will see you again my Father. Give Mom my love. Your Son Michael.

Michael Johns - May 23 at 11:02 PM