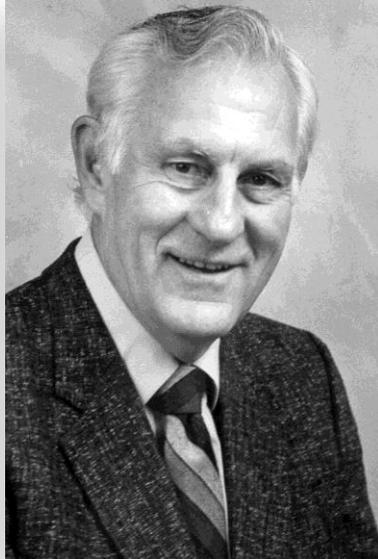


Edward H. Johnson

Edward H. Johnson, 86, of Eau Claire, WI, passed away at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 11, 2013, at Mayo Clinic Healthcare Systems.



Ed was born on April 14, 1926, at Luther Hospital in Eau Claire to Verna (Lockin) and James (Jens) Johnson. With his older sister Laura, he grew up in a house on Niagara Street and played on the shores of Half Moon Lake. In 1943, as a high school student at Eau Claire High School, he lied about his age and enlisted in the US Army Air Corp. Trained as

a communications officer, he was stationed in Brazil until the end of WWII.

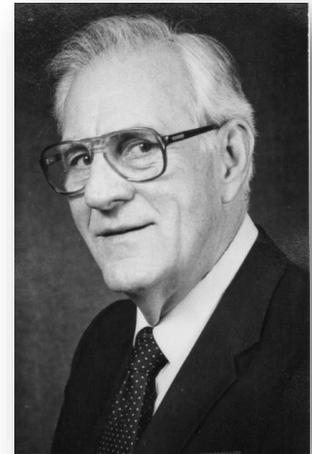
Returning home, he attended the University of Minnesota on the G.I. bill and played football for the Gophers. During his college years, he lived with the firemen at Station 11 in Minneapolis and eventually became a fireman. After finishing college in 1952, he was invited to play center with the New York Giants, but was unable to do so after being recalled by the Air Force and sent to Korea.



He married Barbara Aysta in 1952 and had two children Brian (1957) and Lisa (1967). Returning to Eau Claire, he became a certified life insurance underwriter for Old Line Life Insurance Company. In 1964, he went to work as a teacher and later a supervisor at the District One Technical Institute in Eau Claire where he stayed until he retired in 1989. Embracing technology long before anyone had heard of the personal computer, he worked part-time as a computer consultant during his retirement.

Part of the "greatest generation" Ed was an avid fisherman, a lover of whiskey manhattans and a devoted grandfather to his three grandchildren, Alex, Erin and Avalon. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Visitation will be from 3 - 5 p.m. with a memorial service at 5 p.m. on Monday at Fuller-Speckien-Hulke Funeral Home, Eau Claire. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you send donations for a student scholarship at Chippewa Valley Technical College. There will be a private family committal services at Lakeview Cemetery in Eau Claire.



Friends and family may offer condolences online at www.fullerspeckienhulke.com.

Fuller Speckien Hulke Funeral Home, 3209 Rudolph Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701, is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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