

## Obituary

Charles "Chuck" O. Johnson, 82, passed away May 21, 2021, from a sudden illness. Chuck, a Navy veteran, lived in Cincinnati and worked at Tool Steel/XTek until he retired to Citrus Springs, FL, in 2000. He served in the US Navy aboard the USS Forrestal in the 1960s.

Bud, as he was known to family, had a big heart, a strong work ethic, and a love for cars, especially NASCAR, Indy, and Formula One, as well as any car he's ever owned. He idolized Richard Petty, and Indianapolis was a frequent vacation spot much to the chagrin of his young children. Luckily for them, he also enjoyed camping and hunting.

His love of engines also extended to tractors and airplanes. After he retired, he continued his interest in cars by driving and transporting autos for an Ocala dealership. He also enjoyed flying with his son, often from one airport to another for expensive lunches. To clarify, it was the pleasure of the trip that was expensive, not lunch.

Chuck was quick to lend a hand to others or offer advice when asked.

Chuck also enjoyed time with his family, traveling, and playing cards with friends. He is greatly loved and missed.

He is survived by his wife Patricia Johnson, of Citrus Springs; his sister, Karen Bice of Lebanon, OH, sons, Steve (Karla) Johnson of Cincinnati, and Bryan (Adriana) Johnson of Orlando; daughter, Noel Getlin of Pensacola; step-daughters, Kim Fischer and Beth Leber (Dave) of northern Kentucky; five grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

A graveside service with military honors will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 28, at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. Brown Funeral Home in Lecanto, FL., is in charge of arrangements.

