

Marius Pitkin Johnson Jr.

Pit Johnson, son of the late Dr. Marius Pitkin Johnson and Mary Louise Fitzgerald, passed away on Sunday, June 24th, 2018 at his home after a long battle with MDS/ALM. Pit was born in Baltimore, MD and attended the Gilman School and then Williams College where he graduated in 1959 with a BS in mathematics. He taught at the McDonough School before realizing that dentistry was his true calling. Pit graduated from the University of Maryland Dental School in 1965. Pit met Anne Johnson (Becky) of Annapolis in 1961 and they began their 56 year marriage a year later. After Pit completed dental school in 1965, he and Becky moved to Oklahoma where Pit served as an Army dentist for 2 years at Fort Sill. After his discharge, Pit returned to Maryland and opened an office in Glen Burnie and then Pasadena, practicing dentistry for over 40 years. Pit resided in Severna Park, MD for 37 years where he and Becky raised three children. Pit served as an elder at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church and as President of the Maryland Western Shore Dental Society. Pit was an avid bridge and tennis player and continued those hobbies once he retired to Venice, Florida. He also loved to plan trips, often recruiting close friends to join his adventures. Pit is survived by his wife Becky, sisters Ann and Sue, three children, Matthew Johnson of Reisterstown, Betsy Pearce of Raleigh, NC, Cathy Boer of Draper, UT and six grand-children, Sam and Kate Johnson, Tiffany and Meredith Pearce, and Johan and Saskia Boer. A memorial service will be held at Venice Presbyterian Church on June 30th, 2018 at 1 pm with a reception immediately afterward. A second memorial service will be held in Severna Park, MD on July 14th at Woods Memorial Presbyterian. Interment will be at Center Cemetery in South Windsor, CT. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at <https://donate.lls.org/lls/donate> or to Mission of Mercy of MD & PA at <https://www.amissionofmercy.org/maryland-pennsylvania/>.

Published in The Capital Gazette on July 1, 2018
