



# Charles "Babe" Johnston

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**C**harles H. "Babe" Johnston was born in Twin Lake, Michigan on January 9, 1925 to the late Charles H. and Mildred Johnston and passed away at home on October 19, 2019. Charles was preceded in death by two wives, Betty Johnston in 2001 and Pauline Johnston in 2014. He is survived by his son, David (Jean) Johnston; step-daughters, Paula Perona, Nicki Phillips, Jorja (Bob) Creighton, Lisa (Hilton) Garner; granddaughter, Kendra (Doug) VanderLee; three great grandchildren, Alyssa, Jordyn and Mac Kynzie. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by three siblings, Fred, Alan and Charlene. Charles was a veteran of the United States Army serving during World War II. He worked many years as a heavy equipment operator before his retirement. Funeral Services will be held at Shoreline Memorial Services, Whitehall Chapel, located at 816 S. Mears Ave. on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. with Reverend George Stehle officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be next to his wife, Betty in Twin Lake Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be directed to the Harbor Hospice Foundation.

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## Tribute Wall

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**Shoreline Memorial Services** shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



December 19 at 7:06 AM



**Emily Wawrzyniak-Bray** posted:

I happened to see this as I was googling information about my Grandmother Charlene; I was unaware that Uncle Babe passed. I am so sad about that but am so grateful for all the wonderful memories we have as children living across the street from two of the best people in the world! How lucky I am that I got to live across from Uncle Babe and Aunt Betty on one side of the street; Grandma and Grandpa on the other side of the street and Great Grandma living in the apartment underneath and also living kiddy corner across the street growing up..I had the best childhood because of these people.. water skiing on the lake and tubing with Uncle Babe and Aunt Betty; being able to see Aunt Betty at Twin Lake Elementary (she was also my librarian), getting sunflowers and veggies from them.. they always had great big hugs and love for us not to mention sneaking over to all of their houses a time or two to get candy or play I will cherish these memories for the rest of my life.. Thank you Uncle Babe.. I love you..

April 25 at 8:00 PM



**John And Lisa Johnston** posted:

Your life has been a blessing to us Uncle Babe. You always made us feel so welcome with our big family when we came to Twin Lake. Once we brought a camper, and you convinced us to park it right outside your door! Some of our boys had their first fishing experience right off of "Uncle Babe's dock." Then there were the wonderful sentimental memories we shared of days when you searched for your big brother, Fred, during the war--and even though you were so far from home, you found him! You had a rose bush that had belonged to grandpa and insisted that we take a cutting from it home with us-but I'm afraid our thumb was not as green. And yes, that twinkle in your eyes we will all miss-one that was shared by grandma and all of her children. Twin Lake, Michigan was always the place John spent a summer trip with his parents--and the fun, love, and hospitality of Aunt Betty and Uncle Babe were highlights of those childhood memories. Trips from Florida or trips from Tennessee never seemed too far to make or to share memories. We miss u Uncle Babe.

October 29 at 8:00 PM



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FJ

**Fred And Sue Johnston** posted:

Even though we live in Florida, we loved our visits with our kids to Uncle Babe's house and spending time with him, and Aunt Betty before she passed on. Twin Lake is a great place to visit, and the lake always so inviting (unless it's 40 degrees on July 4th!). But they always were very welcoming and loved to reminisce about the good old days growing up in Twin Lake. What fond memories. We will miss him tremendously. RIP Uncle Babe..Mick and Sue Johnston and kids Andy, Bekki and Ryan.

October 22 at 8:00 PM

SK

**Sandy And Thom Knoll** posted:

Dave and Jeanl could never thank you enough for making Dad Johnston part of my life he truly was a blessing to my world and I enjoyed time spent with him, even tho it wasnt a long time. I will always treasure those times and will remember his wonderful stories and that special twinkle in his eyes. So thank you both and thank you Dad for accepting me

October 21 at 8:00 PM

NS

**Nicki Phillips Smith** posted:

I will never forget the excitement when my mom and dad told me we were going to Betty and Babes for the afternoon. We skied, played softball, played croquet, had great picnics, croqueted, and walked around the lake. We even listened to the Tigers on old plug in radios. . Babe has the best disposition of anyone I know. He always had a smile on his face and always loved to have company even in his aging years. We enjoyed many rides in the pontoon. I am so happy my mother got to share her later years with Babe. We will miss him greatly.

October 21 at 8:00 PM

PP

**Paula Perona** posted:

"Babe" I will forever cherish my wonderful memories of you. You blessed Scott and I with your kindness and happiness. I will always treasure the special times you, Scott, and I spent together and the laughs we shared. Rest in peace, Babe. Love, Paula

October 20 at 8:00 PM



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**Lisa Garner** posted:

Babe, your cheerfulness, sense of humor, kindness and hospitality will be missed by the many lives you touched in your 94 years! You had a sweet and happy disposition, always ready to help others, never lazy and always content. You were the most patient water skier instructor in all of Twin Lakes - or maybe all of Michigan! It was so exciting to get an invite to Betty and Babes where we would spend noon to sundown having so much fun on and off the lake. You were quite the host! I was blessed to have you in my life, both as a child and again as an adult. May you Rest In Peace. Thank you, Much Love, Lisa (Phillips) Garner

October 20 at 8:00 PM



**David And Jean** posted:

Dad Thank you for everything. I couldn't have had a better mom and dad. You were both great. I have memories that will last forever. Jean and I will miss you We love ya dad.

October 19 at 8:00 PM



## Media

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