

Marvin C. Johnson

Merrillan, WI

Marvin C. Johnson, 66, of Merrillan, WI, passed away Saturday, February 14, 2015, at his home, while under the care of Black River Memorial Hospice, Black River Falls, WI. He was born September 18, 1948 to Oscar and Martha (Pritchett) Johnson in Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Marvin lived in Hoxie Arkansas and Merrillan as a young man. He was united in marriage to Joanne Comstock on June 21, 1969, at the United Methodist Church of Merrillan.

He enlisted in the United States Army in 1966, and went on to serve in Vietnam, Italy, South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky, Hawaii and Arkansas. Marvin served as a Combat Engineer and Infantryman in various units to include the 509<sup>th</sup> Airborne Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, and 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.

Marvin served in the Army for 26 years, rose to the rank of Command Sergeant Major earned a Master's degree at Boston University and during his service he was awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and earned the Senior Parachutist, Air Assault badges and Ranger tab. Joanne and Marvin returned to Merrillan in 1992 after his retirement from the Army.

Marvin enjoyed puzzles, birdwatching, traveling, and was part of Volunteer in Mission Trips through the church. He was a life member of Alma Center American VFW Post and a member of United Methodist Church of Merrillan.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Joanne; sons, Steven (Maureen) Johnson and Kenneth (Jenna Cilic) Johnson; 5 grandchildren, Kyle, Madison, Ian, Mallory, and Maxwell; brothers, Jerald (Karen) and Hulen (Laurie); sisters, Verna, Lillie, Teresa (Danny), Mary Jane, and Sharon Kay (Frank); other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Martha; brother, Ronnie Lee.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 21, 2015, 11:00 a.m., at the United Methodist Church, Merrillan. Reverend Meg Erickson will be officiating. Burial, with military honors, will follow in Oakwood Cemetery, Merrillan.

Family and friends are invited for visitation Friday, February 20, 2015, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., at the United Methodist Church, Merrillan, and also Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service at the church at 11:00 a.m.

Memorials may be given to the United Methodist Church of Merrillan.

Jensen-Modjeski Funeral Home of Hixton, WI, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences are available at [www.jensenmodjeskifuneralhome.com](http://www.jensenmodjeskifuneralhome.com).