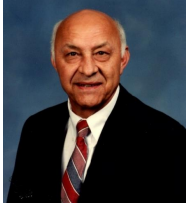


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**Charles R. "Charlie" Jorgensen**

Charles Richard Jorgensen, age 84 of Rockford, passed away on Sunday October 30, 2016. Charlie was born on March 13, 1932 in Rockford, MI the son of Elmer and Blanche Jorgensen. He graduated from Rockford High School in 1950 where lettered in basketball, football, and baseball. In June 1950 Charlie was drafted by the Chicago Cubs Minor League team where he played until 1952. He was then drafted and served in the United States Army serving in Japan during the Korean War. Charlie married Joanne Johnson on November 5, 1954 and they were married for nearly 62 years. He owned Jorgenson's Amoco in Rockford for several years. Charles was a member of the Rockford Lion's Club and served on the

Rockford City Council. He and Joanne have been active members of North Kent Presbyterian Church since 1974. Charlie was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Tim Couturier; and his brother, Donald Jorgensen. Charlie is survived by his wife, Joanne Jorgensen; his daughters, Denise Couturier, Lori and Tim Shellen, and Patti and Leon Sargent; his grandchildren, Ryan and Kelly Shellen, Danielle and Randy Coulson, Taylor Shellen and Carly Van Vleet, Brooke Sargent, and Zachary Sargent; his great grandchildren, Sophia Shellen, Caden Shellen, and Lennox Shellen; his sister, Barbara (Stephen) Smith; his sister-in-law, Lois Jorgensen; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Charles and Marlene Johnson, and Dick and Jan Johnson; and several nieces and nephews. There will be a time of visitation from 2:00 to 4:00pm and 6:00 to 8:00pm on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at the Pederson Funeral Home 127 North Monroe Street, Rockford, MI 49341. Funeral services for Charles will be held at 11:00am on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at the North Kent Presbyterian Church, 6175 Kuttshill Drive, Rockford, MI 49341. There will be a time of visitation one hour prior to the funeral service at church on Thursday. Interment will take place in Blythefield Memory Gardens. Those wishing to offer expressions of sympathy may make a memorial contributions to Kindred Hospice, the American Society, or the [charity of your choice](#) .

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