

Mr. And Mrs. Edward Johnson celebrated their 69th wedding

Edward Johnson

Jan. 11, 1913 - Aug. 18, 2001

Edward Johnson, a Portland resident since 1943, died on Saturday, Aug. 18, 2001, of natural causes. He was 88 years of age.

Funeral services will be held at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Northeast 6th and Prescott Street, at 11 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 23. Interment in Willamette National Cem-

Mr. Johnson was born in Columbia, La. to Mr. And Mrs. Willie J. Johnson on Jan. 11, 1913.

He met his wife, Mrs. U.V. Johnson 72 years ago. As childhood sweethearts, they courted and were later married on Aug. 6, 1932, in Clarks, La. From that blessed union, 12 children were born: 7 girls and 5 boys.

During the summer of 1943, the family moved from Louisiana to Vanport in Portland. During the fall of that year, Mr. Johnson enlisted in the Navy and fought in World War II in the South Pacific. He was honorably discharged as a Steward's Mate First Class in October 1945.

On April 6, 1975, Mr. Johnson accepted Christ as his savior and was baptized Sinai Baptist Church by Rev. Ranson andreceiveda Certificate of Baptism.

Mr. Johnson was well known, loved and respected by his family and friends.

He was a supervisor at Willamette Iron & Steel Co. (Shipyard). He was a great achiever and strong believer in doing all jobs well. He cared so much for others and was always willing to give a helping hand. He was highly respected as an excellent supervisor and team player. During the 1970s, he was auditor for Laborer's Local 296 in Portland.

During 1948, Mr. Johnson joined the Laborer's International Union of North America, In 1998. he received his 50-Year Membership Certificate for his valued support of the union's goals and purposes, which represent justice, honor and strength.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, Charles of Seattle and Walter of Portland; four daughters, Audrey Black, Dorothy Harris, Juanita Lomax and Gwendolyn Roundtree, all of Portland; son-in-law Ernest Lomax; daughter-in-law Pat Johnson; brother-in-law-E.C. Burns; 35 grandchildren, 70 great grandchildren and 16 great-great grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Mary Howard, Alexandria, La.; six step-sisters and two stepbrothers and a host of relatives and friends. Threesons, Edward Jr., Willie B.and John Lewis, and three daughters, Gloria Golden, Betty Martin and astillborn daughter, preceded him in



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Mentors Lend Help to Young Entrepreneurs

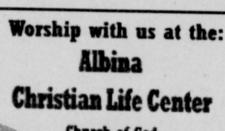
Young entrepreneurs gather with their adult mentors during Saturday's first annual Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs Business Youth Walk. The kids are benefiting from OAME's Youth Entrepreneurship Program that provides training and experience to minority youth with the support and mentorship of corporations in Oregon.

Social Club **Hosts Labor** Day Affair

Dance with D.J. Mr. Chuck Hinton

The Jack and Jill Social Club invites area residents to a dance and raffle during its "Labor Day Affair," Saturday, Sept. 1, from 9 p.m. until closing at the Elks Club, 6 N. Tillamook St. (at the corner of Tillamook and Williams Avenue).

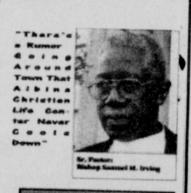
The entertainment will feature music by Mr. Chuck Hinton - D.J. The cost is \$7 for the dance and \$2 for the raffle.



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