

Clair Warren Johnson

(5 Jul 1914 - 2 May 1980)

Johnson, Clair Warren. On Friday, May 2, 1980, at his residence, Clair Warren Johnson, of Capitol Hill, the husband of Leone P. Johnson; father of Alan C. and Carolyn A. Johnson; brother-in-law of Gertrude P. Pope; brother of Mary E. Iverson. Funeral services will be held at Christ Episcopal Church of Capitol Hill, 620 G st. s.e., Monday, May 5, 4 pm. Interment Congressional Cemetery. Services by Lee Funeral Home, Capitol Hill, 620 G street s.e. on Monday, May 5 at 4 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery. Services by the Lee Funeral Home of Capitol Hill.

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Clair Johnson Dies; Retired News Editor

Clair Johnson, 65, who retired as assistant executive editor of U.S. News & World Report in 1977, died Friday from complications following surgery for brain cancer at his home on E street SE.

A native of Ashley, N.D., Mr. Johnson served as writer or editor for a number of publications, starting as managing editor of his college daily at the University of Oregon.

He worked as a reporter for a weekly in Ashley before becoming managing editor of the Macon Daily Telegraph in Macon, Ga. During World War II he covered Congress for the Washington bureau of the Associated Press.

Following the war, he served as executive news editor of the Salt Lake Tribune until joining Congressional Quarterly News Features as managing editor in 1949. He was credited with building the service into a leading authority on Congress with more than 300 newspaper clients.

Mr. Johnson joined the staff of U.S. News in 1954 as a news editor and served from 1957 to 1969 as editor of the spot news section of the magazine.

He subsequently held a number of administrative jobs at the magazine, as associate executive editor, assistant managing editor, and assistant executive editor.

Since his early retirement in 1977, he was editor and co-owner with his wife of Ideas Unlimited, a publication for editors of company newsletters.

A longtime member of the National Press Club, he served for three years as chairman of its publications committee and as editor of the NPC Record. He was an active member of the Sigma Delta Chi journalism fraternity.

He leaves his wife, Leone P.; a son, Alan Clair of Santa Ana, Calif.; a daughter, Carolyn Anne of Alexandria; and a sister, Mrs. Mary Earle Iverson of Cass Lake, Minn.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Monday at Christ Episcopal Church of Capitol Hill.