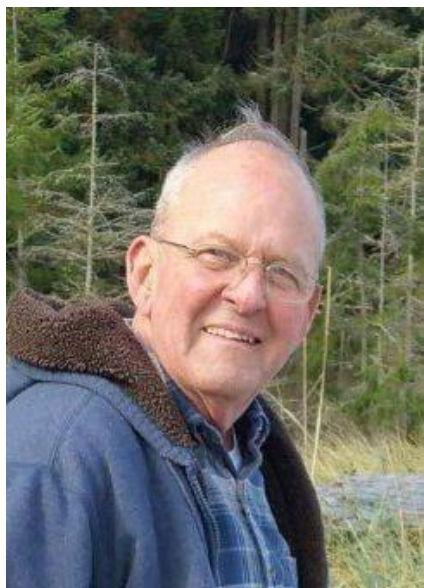


## Edward Irving Johnson



**Johnson, Edward Irving**, age 72, of Mt. Juliet, TN died on February 27, 2024, after a courageous 9-year journey with Alzheimer's Disease. A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, April 8, 2024, for LtCol Edward "Horse" Johnson, USMC, Retired. Chaplain Jamie Seales of Aveanna Hospice will officiate. An hour of visitation will begin at 4:00 p.m. until the service begins at 5:00 p.m. Ed was born and raised near Galveston, Texas. He served

proudly in the Marine Corps for 22 years, primarily as a pilot in the OV-10 Bronco. His call sign given to him in the squadron was "Horse," taken from the TV series "Mister Ed." After his military retirement in 1997, he was a financial advisor with LPL Financial for the next 18 years. Ed's favorite hobby was flying, and he owned a Mooney airplane. He also enjoyed playing golf. He was a family man and was especially proud of his son, Lee, and daughter, Sarah. Ed first met his wife, Nancy, in 1985 while they were both stationed at Camp Pendleton, California. Fast forward 26 years later, they crossed paths again and were married in 2012. They spent 12 wonderful years together. Ed enjoyed traveling in the RV and helping Nancy at dog shows. Together, they had several golden retrievers, but his favorites of their dogs were the border terriers. Most of all, Ed loved his Nancy. If you engaged him in conversation, Ed was usually quick to tell you that Nancy was "the best thing that ever happened to me." He is survived by his wife, Nancy Burke Johnson; son, Lee Edward (Shelley) Johnson of San Antonio, TX; daughter, Sarah Jean Johnson of College Station, TX; granddaughter, Hayley (Celso) Flores; brother, George (Linda) Johnson; sisters-in-law, Kathy Johnson and Marsha Johnson. In remembrance, charitable donations may be made to the "Wounded Warrior Project" or the Alzheimer's Association. Nancy has entrusted final arrangements to **Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615) 773-2663. [www.bondmemorial.com](http://www.bondmemorial.com)**