



## Robert Kenyon Johns

September 25, 2004

Robert Kenyon Johns, 86, of Boone, NC and formerly of Skaneateles, died Saturday, September 25, 2004, at Mountain Home, V. A. Medical Center in Johnson City, Tennessee, after a lengthy illness. He was born June 27, 1918, in Centerville, NY, to the late Alfred and Mary Louise Kenyon Johns. Mr. Johns taught English at Skaneateles High School for 17 years. He was an active member and former president of both the Skaneateles Teachers Association and Onondaga County Teachers Association and served as president of the Onondaga Federal Credit Union, which he helped found. A graduate of Buffalo State Teachers College, he was named Distinguished Alumnus in 1971. He earned his masters degree from Syracuse University. After retiring to Tennessee, he wrote "A History, First Presbyterian Church, Elizabethton, Tennessee". Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Lois (Larkin) Johns, of the home, originally from Syracuse; three daughters, Penelope Johns of Redondo Beach, California; Pamela Vavra of Fayetteville, NC and Priscilla Johns of Valle Crucis, NC, and three grandchildren, Kenyon Hall, Justin Hall, and Grant Vavra. A private memorial service will be held. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of CNY 990 7th North St., Liverpool, NY 13088 Local arrangements by the B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home.

# Comments

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“ Dear Mrs. Johns and Family, I too, like Bob Galusha , was involved in the early years of the teacher union movement in the Syracuse area and remember Bob fondly and with great affection. Bob Galusha was correct; he was a "warrior", but he fought his battles with class and grace. I also became a full time union rep in the area and worked closely with Bob to successfully resolve a problem that had befallen him. I thought the world of Bob and was truly sorry to read about his demise. My condolences and deepest regrets to the entire Johns family.

**Douglas Matousek** - October 19, 2004 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Lois, Penny, Pam, Pris- We have all been blessed by knowing Bob and all of you. We were talking about it at length yesterday with Heather and reminiscing. It is also significant that he joined Sam Davis who passed away only 4 days earlier - we all shared so much love. Keep in touch, we'll try to do better. Love Sally and Bill

**Sally & Bill Robinson** - October 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs. Johns and Family, I had the great pleasure of working with Bob in the late 60's in the infancy of the teacher union movement and followed him later as president of the Onondaga County Teachers Association. He was a true pioneer, leader and warrior. I have often thought of him over the past 35 years. All that knew him will be wishing you and your family deepest felt sympathy. Bob Galusha

**Bob Galusha** - October 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

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“ Penny and family, i'm so sorry about your dad.. i remember him with such fondness.. you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time. sincerely, Carol Davis McNeil SCS class 1971

**Carol Davis McNeil** - October 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

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“ To The Johns' Family, I am so sorry to hear of the recent loss of your husband, father, and grandfather. I have such wonderful memories of growing up near your family - one of my favorite stories that I tell my children involves you surprising my brother and I with a puppy on Christmas Eve. My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. Sarah

**Sarah Keller Triscari** - October 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM