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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA**Johnson, Edmund Palmer
1895 WI – 1957 WI**

Edmund Palmer Johnson - "Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" 7 Feb 1955 p 3



(Doyle Studio, Medford)

AT TUSCANIA SURVIVORS GATHERING—These 16 survivors of the sinking of the troopship Tuscania by a German torpedo in the Atlantic Feb. 5, 1918, gathered in Medford Saturday for the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Tuscania Survivors Association. Seated, left to right, are Art Hansen, Wilhee; Martin De Boer, La Crosse; Charles Meyenberg, Stone Lake; A. R. Willey, Washburn; Oakley Parkhill, Neills-

ville, reelected president of the association Saturday; Charles M. Jonas, Washburn; Nat Carhardt, Neillsville, reelected secretary-treasurer; and Edmond Johnson, Rosholt. Standing, same order, are Fred Braem, Marshfield; O. R. Thompson, Rib Lake; William Rueschel, Shawano; Alvin W. Grambsch, Neenah; J. W. Kramer, Medford; Herb Hurd, Wausau; Hobart Edmunds, Waupaca; and Lehland McCue, Poy Sippi.

Edmund is seated at the far right in the front row

Edmund P. Johnson

Edmund P. Johnson, 62, former postmaster and rural mail carrier at Rosholt, died at 2 p.m. Thursday at St. Michael's Hospital.

Mr. Johnson, in ill health the last eight years, was admitted to the hospital the day before his death.

He was a native of Iola and a Rosholt resident for the last 27 years. From 1930-36 he operated the Johnson Coffee Kitchen in Rosholt, was postmaster for the next 11 years and then a rural carrier for nine years, retiring because of ill health on Nov. 1, 1956.

A wounded World War I veteran, he was a survivor of the sinking of the troopship Tuscania.

Mr. Johnson was born in Iola Feb. 10, 1895, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hans L. Johnson. He was married Oct. 10, 1920, to Ruth Brekke of Rosholt.

They lived at Iola until 1923, when they moved to Wausau. From 1925 to 1930 they lived in Appleton, and since then had resided in Rosholt.

During World War I, Mr. Johnson enlisted at Waupaca in June 1917, in Company C, 4th Wisconsin Infantry. When the 32nd Infantry Division was formed, he was assigned to Company A, 107th Supply Train.

He left for Europe in January 1918 on the Tuscania, which was torpedoed by a German submarine. Injured in the sinking, he was rescued and taken to Ireland. Later he was hospitalized in England. He then went to France,

serving on the Alsace-Lorraine front and the battles of Chateau-Thierry, Juvigny and Meuse-Argonne.

Following the war, he served in the army of occupation in Germany, and was discharged on May 17, 1919.

Mr. Johnson was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in the Tuscania sinking.

He was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church at Rosholt; Schumann-Heink Chapter No. 30, Disabled American Veterans, Stevens Point; the Rosholt Lions Club, of which he was a charter member; Emory J. Nelson Post No. 509, American Legion, Rosholt, and the Tuscania Survivors Club.

Surviving are his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Walter G. (Mary Ruth) Jorgensen, Waupaca, a son, Edmund B. Johnson, Madison; nine grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Clarence (Gladys) Herbert, Ogdensburg.

A sister, Mrs. Archie (Rose) Moore, preceded him in death.

The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Concordia Lutheran Church, Rosholt, with the Rev. Olaf L. Olsen officiating, and burial will take place in Our Savior's Lutheran Cemetery, Iola.

Friends may call at the Boston Funeral Home here after 3 p.m. Sunday.

Rites Set for Tuscania Vet

ROSHOLT — Funeral services for Edmund P. Johnson, 62, Rosholt, one of the survivors of the torpedoed troopship Tuscania of World War I days, will be held here Monday at 2 p. m. at Concordia Lutheran Church, with burial following in Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Iola.

Mr. Johnson, former postmaster and rural mail carrier at Rosholt, died at 2 p. m. Thursday in St. Michael's Hospital at Stevens Point. He had been in ill health the past eight years.

The deceased was born in Iola Feb. 10, 1895, and was married Oct. 10, 1920, to Ruth Brekke of Rosholt. Surviving are his wife, a daughter, a son, nine grandchildren, and a sister.

Mr. Johnson enlisted at Wau-paca in June 1917, in Company C, 4th Wisconsin Infantry. When the 32nd Infantry Division was formed, he was assigned to Company A, 107th Supply Train.

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In February, 1955, when Tuscania survivors met at Medford for their annual meeting, they numbered 16. Among the membership were residents of Marshfield, Medford, Neillsville and Withee.

Edmund Johnson Funeral

The Rev. Olaf L. Olsen, pastor of the New Hope Lutheran churches, officiated at funeral services Monday afternoon in Concordia Church in Rosholt for Edmund P. Johnson of Rosholt.

Burial was in Our Savior's Cemetery in Iola. Mr. Johnson died Thursday, Nov. 21, in St. Michael's Hospital.

The pallbearers were Ralph Colrud, Earl Dobbe, Frank Hanna, Malcolm Rosholt, Ingman Olstad and Harold Anderson.

During the services, Mrs. A. N. Nelson of Wittenberg sang, "Still With Thee" and "The Old

Rugged Cross." Mrs. Harry Hanson was her accompanist.

Military services were conducted by Emory J. Nelson Post No. 509, American Legion, of Rosholt. Mr. Johnson was a member of the post.

Legion colorbearers were Gene Taylor, Iola, and Walter Lapinske, Madison. Mr. Lapinske made the flag presentation. Donald Carter and Harold Muenchow of Amherst formed the honor guard.

Leo Tetzloff sounded Taps. R. B. Lewis and Frank Love, who had served with Mr. Johnson during World War I, represented Berens-Scribner Post No. 6, Stevens Point, at the rites.

Relatives and friends attending the funeral included the following:

George Wilson, Angelos P. Drivas and Clark Redfield, Waupaca; Mrs. Walter Anderson, New York City; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Larson, Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Selmer, Mrs. and Mrs. Allen Torgerson, Mrs. Malcolm Rae, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neff and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Haule, all of Milwaukee.

Mrs. E. R. Dornfeld, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lapinske, Miss Cassie Radcock, Dick Hanson and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wittenkamp, all of Madison.

Dr. John Albert, Stoughton; Judge and Mrs. Frank Loeffler and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lehman, Wausau; Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Rice and children, Whitehall.

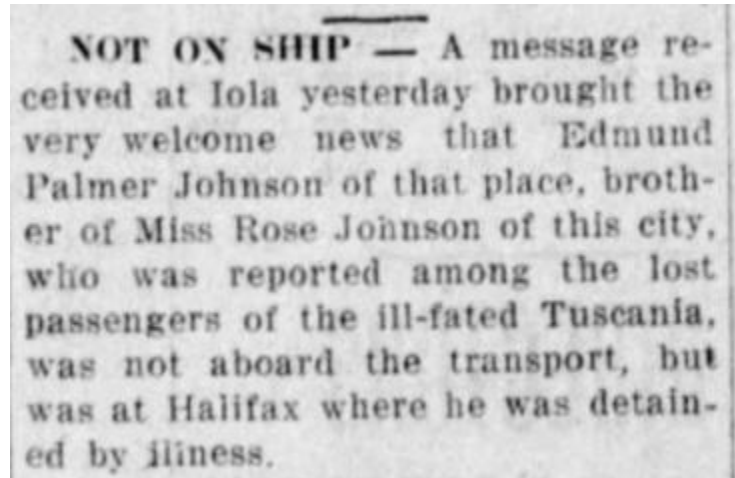
Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon Emmer-
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 rill; Mrs. Irwin Hjort, Mrs. Wil-
 liam Norien and Marion Lund,
 Grantsburg; and Mr. and Mrs.
 Morris Langdok and Mrs. Anna
 Budsberg, Appleton.

Others attended the rites from
 Waupaca, Iola, Nelsonville, Wit-
 tenberg, Galloway, Amherst, Ste-
 vens Point, Ogdensburg and Peru.

"Stevens Point (WI) Journal" Friday 29 Nov 1957 p 8



These headstones are shown at Find A Grave 132978440, which records Edmund's burial in Our Savior Lutheran Cemetery, Iola, Waupaca WI. His burial is also listed at Find A Grave 113801717, in Concordia Cemetery, Rosholt, Portage WI. BUT – his veteran headstone application asked for the tombstone to be sent to the Concordia Cemetery.



NOT ON SHIP — A message received at Iola yesterday brought the very welcome news that Edmund Palmer Johnson of that place, brother of Miss Rose Johnson of this city, who was reported among the lost passengers of the ill-fated Tuscania, was not aboard the transport, but was at Halifax where he was detained by illness.

False information that Edmund Johnson had left the ship with the other ill soldiers in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada – he was indeed on board & earned the Purple Heart for his injuries as he left the ship – “Wausau (WI) Daily News” Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 2

TUSCANIA SURVIVORS IN ANNUAL MEETING AT KENOSHA TODAY

KENOSHA, Wis., Jan. 29.—(U.P.) —Members of the national Tuscania Survivors association held their annual meeting here today on the sixteenth anniversary of the war's greatest maritime disaster.

One of the Wisconsin survivors was Edmund P. Johnson, Rocholt merchant, who after the Tuscania sank, swam about in the icy waters of the Atlantic with a broken arm and an injured back until picked up by other survivors in a lifeboat.

Story of Disaster.

He tells the story of the ship's sinking.

"As I groped about in the darkness, tossed about by towering waves, an oar was pushed to me through the water. I had heard the voice of Nathan McIntyre, Chippewa Falls, and called for help. He pulled me to his lifeboat.

"As the boat was leaking badly, the boys had to work fast, dipping water from the boat with caps and an old tin pail.

"The British destroyer 'Grasshopper' picked us up at 9 that night. The Tuscania went down seven hours before."

Johnson, one of the last to leave the ship, injured his arm when he slid down a rope into a lifeboat. The boat capsized, hurling him against the side of the large ship, breaking his arm in three places.

"Racine (WI) Journal Times" Monday 29 Jan 1934 p 2

E. P. JOHNSON

Edmund P. Johnson Rosholt merchant, has announced his candidacy for state senator from the 23d district on the Progressive ticket. He is a veteran of the 32nd division and a survivor of the Tuscania disaster.

Candidate for the WI state senate on the Progressive Party ticket – "Madison (WI) Capital Times"
Tuesday 19 Jun 1934 p 5

MEDAL IS AWARDED ROSHOLT VETERAN FOR WAR SERVICE

Postmaster Edmund Johnson of Rosholt received from the war department on Thursday the purple heart medal in recognition of World war services.

Johnson was injured on February 5, 1918, when the Tuscania was sunk off the coast of Ireland as he was enroute to overseas battlefields as a member of the 32nd division. Despite his injuries, which included a crippled hand, he went on to France and served on five different fronts during the remainder of the war.

The purple heart is issued to veterans who are injured either in line of duty by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy or for meritorious service.

Receives his Purple Heart from the War Department – “Stevens Point (WI) Journal” Friday 17 Nov 1939 p 12

Johnsons To Attend Tuscania Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Johnson, Rosholt, are planning to go to Chippewa Falls Saturday to attend a reunion of Tuscania survivors.

Mr. Johnson is the only known Portage county resident who was serving on the troop ship which was torpedoed off the coast of Ireland during World war I. Today, Feb. 5, is the 36th anniversary of the sinking of the ship.

Attended a 1954 reunion – “Stevens Point (WI) Journal” Friday 5 Feb 1954 p 3

Mrs. Hans L. Johnson

Mrs. Hans. L. Johnson, a long time resident of Iola, died Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock at the Iola hospital. She became ill on Saturday, January 23.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at Iola. Rev. A. S. Tanner will conduct services at 1:30 o'clock. Interment will follow in the parish cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson, whose maiden name was Gunhild Peterson, was born in the town of Iola on June 9, 1869, a daughter of Ranghild and Peter Peterson. She was baptized and confirmed in the Scandinavia Lutheran church and received her education in the rural schools of the town of Iola. Her marriage to Mr. Johnson took place on October 7, 1891. For two years they resided on a farm in the town of Iola and in 1893 located in the village where they have since made their home.

Mrs. Johnson was an active church worker, serving as a Sunday school teacher when Our Savior's church was first completed. She was a member of that church and a charter member of its Ladies Aid society, with which she was affiliated for 37 years.

Surviving are her husband, two children, Edmund, postmaster at Rosholt, and Mrs. Clarence (Gladys) Herbert of Waukesha, and three grandchildren, Edmund Johnson, Jr., a student at Luther college, Decorah, Iowa, Mary Ruth Johnson of Rosholt and Carol Herbert of Waukesha. A daughter, Mrs. Archie (Rose) Moore, died on March 22, 1939. Four sisters and a brother preceded her in death.

Obituary of his mother Gunhild Peterson Johnson – "Stevens Point (WI) Journal" Friday 26 Jan 1940
p 3

Ruth B. Olson

IOLA — Ruth B. Olson, 88, formerly of Marshfield, died at 10:20 p.m. Saturday at the Bethany Home in Waupaca.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Faith Lutheran Church in Rosholt. The Rev. Thomas H. McFarland will officiate. Burial will be in Our Savior Lutheran Cemetery in Iola.

Visitation will be at the Voie Funeral Home in Iola, from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday.

She was born Jan. 12, 1900, in Rosholt, to Andrew and Susan Brekke.

Her first marriage was to Edmund P. Johnson, on Oct. 10, 1920, in Concordia Lutheran Church in Rosholt. He died in 1957. Her second marriage was to Clarence Olson of Marshfield, on March 3, 1962, in Concordia Lutheran Church. He died in 1971.

During her first marriage, they operated a restaurant in Rosholt, and she was also a cook at a school there. Her husband was the former postmaster of Rosholt. During her second marriage, she and her husband owned several cheese factories in the Marshfield area. They also owned and operated the Web Tractor and Implement Service for many years.

She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church of Rosholt.

She is survived by one son, Edmund B. Johnson of Madison; two daughters, Mrs. Walter (Mary Ruth) Jorgensen of Iola, and Mrs. Willard (Gladys) Frome of Marshfield; 12 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents, two husbands, three brothers, five sisters, and two granddaughters.

Obituary of his wife Ruth Brekke Johnson Olson – “Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” Monday 18 Apr 1988 p 15

Olson-Johnson Rites At Rosholt Church

Mrs. E. P. Johnson, Rosholt, and Clarence Norman Olson, Marshfield, will be married this afternoon at 4 o'clock at Faith Lutheran Church, Rosholt. The Rev. V. H. Holton will officiate at the 4 o'clock ceremony, with Richard Dobbe, the bride's nephew as an acolyte.

Mrs. Johnson, the former Ruth Brekke, will be given in marriage by her son, Edmund B. Johnson, Madison. She will have as her matron of honor, Mrs. Willard Frome, Marshfield, daughter of the bridegroom, while Bernard Johnson will take his place as best man for Mr. Olson.

Brekke Johnson, Madison, grandson of the bride, Laverne Olson, Two Rivers, son of the bridegroom, and Walter Jorgenson, Waupaca, the bride's son-in-law, will usher the guests to their places marked with pink bows. Pink and white gladioli and carnations and candles will decorate the church chancel for the nuptials.

Preceding the ceremony Mark Stoltenberg, Rosholt, a nephew of the bride will play a prelude of organ selections including "Fugue in C Major," Buxtehude, and "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring," Bach. For the processional he will play "Trumpet Voluntary in D," Purcell, and as the recessional, Mendelssohn's "Wedding Air." Richard Bradley, Sturgeon Bay,

will sing as solos, "Sanctus," Gounod, and a benediction hymn.

For her wedding, Mrs. Johnson will wear a street-length sheath of turquoise lace, detailed with short sleeves and a bow of matching organza on the bodice with streamers extending over the skirt.

Her matching accessories will include a pillbox hat with a nose veil. She will carry a white orchid on a white beaded purse. Long white gloves will complete her ensemble.

Mrs. Frome will wear a street-length sheath of beige spring knit. Her pillbox will match and she will carry a nosegay of pink rosebuds.

Following the nuptials, about 100 relatives and friends will be entertained at a reception and buffet supper at the home of the bride in Rosholt. Pink carnations will be on the buffet table. The guests will be from Minneapolis, St. Paul, Madison, Wausau, Milwaukee, Fort Atkinson, Two Rivers, Marshfield, Waupaca, Wittenberg, White Hall, Galloway, Stevens Point, Iola and the Rosholt areas.

A three-week wedding trip has been planned by the couple. They will visit in Florida and Nassau. Upon their return they will live at 518 Magee St., Marshfield. Mr. Olson is a salesman for the Felker Oil Co. in Marshfield.

Marriage of his widow Ruth Brekke Johnson to Clarence Norman Olson – "Stevens Point (WI) Journal" Saturday 3 Mar 1962 p 6

Mrs. Archie Moore

Mrs. Archie Moore, 45, died Wednesday morning at 3 o'clock at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans I. Johnson, at Iola, with whom she had been living since her illness the past several years.

Mrs. Moore, whose maiden name was Rose Johnson, was born on July 10, 1893, at Iola, the oldest of three children. She attended the Iola High school and was graduated from the Wausau Business college. Following her graduation she was employed for several years as bookkeeper and reporter by the Wausau Pilot, weekly newspaper. Later she was employed as a bookkeeper for the Farmers state bank at Iola for three years.

Her marriage to Mr. Moore of Ogdensburg took place on January 11, 1922, at Iola. After their marriage they made their home at Oshkosh where Mrs. Moore lived until her illness several years ago. She then returned to her parents' home and was cared for by her mother until her death.

Surviving are her husband, her parents, a brother, Edmund, of Rosholt, and a sister, Mrs. Clarence (Gladys) Herbert of Waukesha, two nieces and a nephew.

Mrs. Moore was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran church at Iola.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Johnson home and at 2:30 o'clock at Our Savior's Lutheran church. Burial will follow in the parish cemetery.

Jorgensen, Mary Ruth

Mary Ruth Jorgensen, age 78, of Waupaca, passed away Sunday, August 22nd, 2004, at Alterra Clare Bridge in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. Mary Ruth was born in Appleton, Wisconsin, on April 17, 1926, she was the daughter of the late Edmund P. and Ruth I. (Brekke) Johnson. On May 26, 1945, she married

Walter Grey Jorgensen in Rosholt, Wisconsin. He preceded her in death on January 3, 2000.

Mary Ruth was a spunky, no nonsense lady who loved "her Walter" and took great pride in her family. She enjoyed nothing better than to spend time with her children and grandchildren. Life for Mary Ruth was always an opportunity. She immersed herself in their business, J & J Laundry and Dry Cleaners. In her retirement she and Walter spent hours on the golf course as snowbirds in Florida in the winter and in Iola Pines in the summer. Her hobbies – sewing, knitting, shopping and caring for her pets always kept her busy. Being the creative person that she was, at 70 plus Mary

Ruth took up the computer and designed her own greeting cards. Above all she was a devoted wife, a dear mother, an adoring grandmother "nana," an endearing sister and a loyal friend.

She is survived by daughters: Susan (Jack) Herney, Exeter, N.H.; Jean (Gary) Dorn, Dunseith, N.D.; Ann (Larry) Jensen, Eden Prairie, MN; Amy (Chris) Griesbach, Appleton, WI; sons: George (Maureen) Jorgensen, Waupaca, WI; Brian (Jan) Jorgensen, Anaheim Hills, CA; 17 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; brother, Edmund B. (Margaret) Johnson, Middleton, WI.

Memorial Service will be held at her home church Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church, Waupaca, Wisconsin, at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 27th. Interment of cremains will be in the Farmington Lutheran Cemetery Town Farmington. Visitation will be held Thursday 4-7 p.m. at Holly Funeral Home-Waupaca.

HOLLY FUNERAL HOME
526 S. Main Street
Waupaca, WI 54981

Obituary of his daughter Mary Ruth Johnson Jorgensen – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent”
Wednesday 25 Aug 2004 p 20

Margaret Barnum, Ensign E. B. Johnson
Wed in Wisconsin; Will Live in Texas

CYRUS P. BARNUM of Evanston, Ill., formerly of Minneapolis, announces the marriage of his daughter, Margaret Kellie, to Ensign Edmund Brekke Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund P. Johnson of Rosholt, Wis.

The ceremony took place Saturday at the chapel on the base at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Mrs. Johnson is a granddaughter of Mrs. John T. Barnum, 1921 Irving avenue S., and attended Carleton college, Northfield, for three years.

Ensign and Mrs. Johnson will make their home in Corpus Christi, where Ensign Johnson is an instructor at the naval air station.

Although the story clearly states US Navy Ensign Edmund Brekke Johnson married Margaret Kellie Barnum in Corpus Christi (Nueces Co.) TX, the headline states they married in Wisconsin – “Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune” Sunday 26 Sep 1943 p 54

Name:	Edmund Brekke Brekke
Gender:	Male
Death Age:	93
Birth Date:	1921
Death Date:	11 Dec 2014
Obituary Date:	22 Dec 2014
Spouse:	Margaret Barnum Johnson
Child:	Brekke Paine Johnson Hans Anders Johnson Bruce Milroy Johnson Lynne Johnson Buerstatte Katrina Benedict Claudine Valmonte Kelsey Johnson Erik Johnson Margaret Johnson Alex Johnson
Siblings:	Mary Ruth Jorgensen

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/360759102:7545>

Johnson, Margaret (Barnum) "Peg"



NOKOMIS, Fla. / MADISON—Margaret (Barnum) "Peg" Johnson passed away peacefully at her home in Nokomis on Sunday, Feb. 10, 2019. Peg was born in Minneapolis, Minn., in 1922, the daughter of Cyrus and Nettie Barnum. She graduated from Evanston Township High School in Evanston, Ill., and following graduation she attended Carleton College in Northfield, Minn. Peg married Edmund "Ed" Brekke Johnson on Sept. 25, 1943. Following their marriage, she and Ed resided in Corpus Christi, where Ed was a U.S. Navy flight instructor. When World War II ended, they moved to Madison, where she devoted her life to raising and educating her four children. Additionally, Peg was active in the League of

Women Voters and as a volunteer with the Madison public schools. She also loved traveling, reading, playing bridge and cross word puzzles.

Peg is survived by her three sons, Brekke Paine Johnson (Kathleen) of Naples, Fla., Bruce Milroy Johnson (Kay) of Jacksonville, Fla., and Hans Anders Johnson (Elizabeth) of Madison. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ed, after 71 years of marriage. She was also preceded by her parents; her three brothers, Jack, Cyrus and William Barnum; and her daughter, Lynne Johnson Buerstatte. She is survived by seven grandchildren, Brekke's three children, Katrina (Ian) Benedict of Dallas, Texas, Claudine (Michael) Valmonte of Poolesville, Md., and Kelsey (Jonathan) Winocour of Dallas; Bruce's two children, Kellie (Streeter) Lecka of Charlotte, N.C., and Erik (Paige) Johnson also of Charlotte; and Hans' two children, Margaret (Nicolas Retana) Johnson of Maple Bluff, and Alex (Emilio Sanchez) Johnson of Washington, D.C. She is also survived by thirteen great-grandchildren.

Over the last 25 years, Peg and Ed divided their time between their homes in Middleton and Nokomis. Following Ed's passing four years ago, Peg has resided at her home in Nokomis.

Peg's strong moral compass, nurturing personality, concern for others and innate common sense were characteristics that served her well as a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She was a pillar of strength and support for the love of her life, her children and grandchildren. Her legacy for her family and friends is a life built on unconditional love and respect for all. She was our shining light.

In lieu of flowers, Peg's family request that you continue to support the charity of your choice. There will be a family service at the Sarasota National Cemetery in Florida at a later date.

Obituary of his daughter-in-law Margaret Barnum Johnson, wife of son Edmund Brekke Johnson – "Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Sunday 17 Feb 2019 p C6

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ORIGINAL

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Age at Enl 22-4

1. NAME OF DECEASED—LAST—FIRST—MIDDLE (Print or type) Johnson, Edmund P.			APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER (See attached instructions. Complete and submit original and duplicate)		
2. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, Day, Year) June 15, 1917		3. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, Day, Year) May 7, 1919		12. EMBLEM (Check one) ☒ CHRISTIAN (Latin Cross) ☐ HEBREW (Star of David) ☐ NONE	
4. SERVICE NO. 250 979		5. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NO. XC-209 125		13. CHECK TYPE REQUIRED ☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE ☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER ☐ FLAT GRANITE MARKER ☒ FLAT BRONZE MARKER	
6. STATE Wisconsin		7. GRADE Pvt.		8. MEDALS PURPLE HEART	
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, AND DIVISION OR SHIP Co. A, 107th Supply Train, 32nd Division, Army			14. SHIP TO (Name and address of person who will transport stone or marker to cemetery) R.B.Lewis, Veterans Service Officer 412 Church St., Stevens Point, Wis.		
10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) February 10, 1895			11. DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) November 21, 1957		
15. FREIGHT STATION Stevens Point, Wisconsin			16. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State) Concordia Cemetery Rosholt, Wisconsin		
17. THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE OR MARKER HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT SAME TO THE CEMETERY.					
DO NOT WRITE HERE			18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Print or type) Mr. R. B. Lewis, Veterans Service Officer 412 Church Street, Stevens Point, Wisconsin		
RECEIVED DEC 6 1957			19. This application is submitted for a stone or marker for the unmarked grave of a deceased member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, soldiers of Union and Confederate Armies of the Civil War. I hereby agree to accept responsibility for properly placing the stone or marker at the grave at no expense to the Government.		
VERIFIED JAN 8 1958			SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT R.B. Lewis		
B/L 9992			DATE 12/2/1957		
ORDERED JAS H. MATTHEWS CO., PITTSBURGH, PA.			DATE 12/2/1957		

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JOHNSON EDMOND PALMER

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412 4 Av S Wausau Wis

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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
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INDEX CARD

2-12000

Name: Edmund Palmer Johnson

Name variations: Edmond Palmer Johnson (WI Veterans Museum & return voyage)

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. A - private

Serial number: 250,979

Entered service from: Iola, Waupaca WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Edmund Palmer Johnson

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Hansl. Johnson, Iola WI [i.e. Hans L.]

Returned from war on: "Leviathan" Apr 1919 - "walking cases requiring no dressings"

Sailed on return ship as: Edmond P. Johnson

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Nellie Johnson, Iola WI (pvt, 107th Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Edmund Palmer Johnson - b. 10 Feb 1895 Iola WI; res: Iola village, Waupaca WI. Single. Motor work, J I Case Plow Works, Racine WI. Medium height & build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939 roster): Rosholt WI (1939 NTSA & 1955 WI Survivors)

World War II draft registration (1942): as Edmund P. Johnson - b. 10 Feb 1895 Iola WI; res: Rosholt, Portage WI. NOK Mrs. Ruth Johnson, same address. U.S. Gov't Postal Dept., Main St., Rosholt, Portage WI. Height: 5'8" – 174 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 15 Jul 1917

Discharged 7 May 1919

Address: 412 – 4th Ave. S., Wausau WI

Rank/unit: private, Co. A, 107th Supply Train

Birth & death:

Born: 10 Feb 1895 Iola, Waupaca WI

Died: 21 Nov 1957 Stevens Point, Portage WI (St. Michael's Hospital, obituary: "Stevens Point (WI) Journal" 22 Nov 1957 p 8)

Edmund has 2 Find A Grave records, recording burials in two different cemeteries:

Find A Grave record: 113801717

Burial location: Rosholt, Portage WI

Cemetery: Concordia

Tombstone:

Find A Grave record: 132978440

Burial location: Iola, Waupaca WI

Cemetery: Our Savior Lutheran

Tombstone: military & regular. Military reads Wisconsin / Pvt Co A 1007 Sup Tn 32 Div / WWI PH [Purple Heart]

Father: Hans L. Johnson, 6 Sep 1869 Scandinavia, Waupaca WI – 24 Aug 1943 Iola, Waupaca WI.

Son of Elias Hansen & Sina Hansdatter Kolden (1847-1912). Buried in Our Savior Lutheran Church, Iola, Waupaca WI.

Find A Grave: 132978457

Mother: Gunhild ("Nellie") Peterson Johnson, 9 Jun 1869 Iola, Waupaca WI – 23 Jan 1940. Daughter of Peter & Ranghild Peterson. Buried in Our Savior Lutheran Church Cemetery, Iola, Waupaca WI.

Find A Grave: 132978456

Parents' marriage: 7 Oct 1891.

Spouse: Ruth Inga Brekke Johnson Olson, 12 Jan 1900 Alban, Portage WI – 16 Apr 1988 Waupaca, Waupaca WI. SSN 399-30-9081. Daughter of Anders (Andrew) Amundsen Brekke (1850-1910, F: 38718254) & Synneva Karine (Susan) Anderson (1855 WI – 1937 WI, F: 38661950). Ruth was 1 of 8 children.

Following Edmund's death, Ruth married Clarence Norman Olson (1900-1971, F: 115495345) on 3 Mar 1962 in Concordia Lutheran Church, Rosholt, Portage WI. Clarence is buried in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Marshfield, Wood WI with his 1st wife, Sylvia M. Vanderhoff (1902-1961), whom he married in 1919.

She is buried as Ruth Olson, sharing the tombstone with Edmund Johnson. Buried in Our Savior Lutheran Church Cemetery, Iola, Waupaca WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 132978853

Marriage: 10 Oct 1920 Rosholt, Portage WI. In Concordia Lutheran Church, Rosholt, Portage WI.

Children:

- Edmund Brekke Johnson, 22 Sep 1921 Galloway, Marathon WI – 11 Dec 2014. Baptized on the day of his birth (22 Sep 1921) at Faith Lutheran Church, Rosholt, Portage WI. When he registered for the WWII draft in 1942, he was a student at the U of WI. Husband of Margaret Kellie ("Peg") Barnum (1922 MN -1970 FL, F: 197289828), the daughter of Cyrus & Nettie Barnum. Edmund & Margaret married in Corpus Christi, Nueces TX on 25 Sep 1943 when he was an ensign in the US Navy. They were married by USNR chaplain Bruce W. Evans. They obtained their marriage license the previous day. They were married 71 years when Edmund died. Survived by 3 sons: Brekke Paine Johnson (a star wrestler at the U of WI), Bruce Milroy Johnson & Hans Anderson Johnson. Edmund & Margaret divided their time between their homes in Middleton WI & Nokomis FL. Buried in Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, Sarasota FL. F: 142265926
- Mary Ruth Johnson Jorgensen, 17 Apr 1926 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 22 Aug 2004 Eden Prairie, Hennepin MN. Baptized in 1926 at Faith Lutheran Church, Rosholt, Portage WI. Married 26 May 1945 to Walter Grey Jorgensen (1921- 2000, F: 81428479) in Rosholt, Portage WI. – "Wausau (WI) Daily Herald" Saturday 21 Jan 1922 p 5 – word was received of the marriage of Miss Rose Johnson of Iola, former resident of Wausau, to Archie Moore of Ogdensburg WI, at her home on 11 Jan 1922. The couple will live in Ogdensburg WI. - The couple operated J & J Laundry and Dry Cleaners. When they retired, they spent time in FL golfing during the winter & in Iola Pines in the summer. Survived by 4 daughters & 2 sons, plus brother Edmund B. & his wife Margaret Johnson of Middleton WI. Buried in Farmington Lutheran Cemetery, Waupaca, Waupaca WI. F: 81428478

Siblings: Edmund was the middle of 3 children & the only male.

- Rose Susanna Johnson Moore, 10 Jul 1893 Iola, Waupaca WI – 22 Mar 1939 WI. Baptized 13 Aug 1893 in Hitterdahl Lutheran Church, Iola WI. Attended Iola High School & graduated from Wausau Business College. Worked for several years as bookkeeper & reporter for the weekly "Wausau Pilot" newspaper. Later worked for Farmers State Bank at Iola WI for 3 years. Married Archie Moore of Ogdensburg WI on 11 Jan 1922 at Iola, Waupaca WI. The couple lived at Oshkosh WI until she returned to her parents' home due to illness & lived for several years until her death. Survived by her husband, brother Edmund Johnson (Rosholt WI) & sister Gladys (Mrs. Clarence) Johnson Herbert (Waukesha WI). Buried in Our Savior Lutheran Church Cemetery, Iola, Waupaca WI. F: 132978490
- Gladys E. Johnson Herbert, 22 Oct 1897 Iola, Waupaca WI – 12 Oct 1985. Wife of Clarence Elmer Herbert (1893-1972, F: 132978367). Gladys is buried with Clarence in Our Savior Lutheran Church Cemetery, Iola, Waupaca WI. F: 132978368

Notes:

The woman identified as the “daughter” of Ruth Brekke Johnson Olson – Gladys V. Olson Frome - is her stepdaughter, the daughter of Ruth’s 2nd husband, Clarence Norman Olson. She was born 3 Jul 1919 & married Willard August Frome (1914-1998, F: 115495231) on 1 Jun 1940 in Zion Lutheran Church, Colby WI. Her shared tombstone with Willard (“Bill”) Frome has no death date for her, only a birth date, inscribed on his Find A Grave record.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

“La Crosse (WI) Tribune” 11 Feb 1918 p 1 – “Trempealeau County Boys Among Probable Dead” – including Edmund Palmer Johnson, Iola WI (news of his death a bit premature)

Post-war:

“Stevens Point (WI) Journal” Friday 13 Jan 1933 p 7 – at the Rosholt Civic Club meeting on Tuesday, Edmund P. Johnson, Rosholt WI merchant, a Tuscania survivor, spoke about his war experiences. He enlisted in the 32nd Division from Iola WI & was severely injured when caught between a lifeboat & the Tuscania. He spoke about his convalescence in Ireland & England & later in France.

“Stevens Point (WI) Journal” 29 Jan 1934 p 3 - at NTSA reunion, held in Kenosha WI, Johnson, a Rosholt merchant, said he had slid down a rope to a lifeboat hurting his arm & injuring his back. The boat capsized & he was thrown against the ship hull & broke his arm in 3 places. In the dark with high waves, he saw an oar being pushed to him & heard the voice of Nathan McIntyre (Chippewa Falls WI) who pulled Edmund to his lifeboat. The men dipped water out of the lifeboat with hats & an old tin pail. Picked up by “Grasshopper” at 9 p.m. Says Tuscania sank 7 hours earlier (but the ship was not hit by the torpedo until 3+ hours earlier).

“Stevens Point (WI) Journal” Friday 7 Sep 1934 p 1 – Progressive Party candidate for WI state senator, Edmund P. Johnson, called for check-ups by the Public Service Commission of the accounts of the WI Highway Department, to be done annually. A Tuscania survivor, he said “money lenders, war lords and war merchants are the only ones who profit by war.”

“Wisconsin Rapids (WI) Daily Tribune 9 Feb 1942 p 10 - NTSA reunion held. Edmund Johnson, the Rosholt WI postmaster, has crippled fingers on left hand & had 2 fractures when his lifeboat collapsed upon launching & he was crushed between his descending lifeboat & the Tuscania hull, smashing his arm. He was picked up by the destroyer “Grasshopper” without any clothes, arriving in Ireland with no clothes on. He said “Grasshopper” was sunk at Dunkirk (not true).

Obituary:

"Stevens Point (WI) Journal" 22 Nov 1957 p 8 & 29 Nov 1957 p 8 – died at age 62. Resident of Rosholt WI. Was in ill health for 8 years, being hospitalized the day before his death. Born Iola WI. Obituaries list military attendees, relatives & friends, pallbearers. Tuscania survivor, got Purple Heart for wounds received on the ship. Landed in Ireland, hospitalized in England. Was in 4 major battles in France & served in the Army of Occupation in Germany, Born in Iola WI 10 Feb 1895, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Hans L. Johnson. Married Ruth Brekke of Rosholt WI on 10 Oct 1920. From 1930-36 operated the Johnson Coffee Kitchen in Rosholt WI, then served as the Rosholt WI postmaster

for the next 11 years, then as a rural mail carrier for 9 years. Retired due to ill health 1 Nov 1956. He lived in Iola until 1923, when he moved to Wausau WI. Lived from 1925-1930 in Appleton WI, then returned to Rosholt WI for the rest of his life. Enlisted in the Army at Waupaca WI in Jun 1917. Member of Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, NTSA. Survived by wife, daughter & son, with 1 sister predeceasing him.

Social Security number: 396-38-7350

Censuses:

1900 Iola, Waupaca WI

Hans L. Johnson, 33 WI, Oct 1866, parents b. Norway, married 8 years, hardware clerk
 Nellie, 31 WI, Jun 1868, parents b. Norway, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living
 Rosa S., 6 WI, Jul 1893 WI
 Edmund P., 5 WI, Feb 1895
 Gladdis E., 2 WI, Oct 1897
 & 3 boarders: Hans Norby (36 WI), Adolph Torbinson (22 WI) & Loy Larson (21 WI)

1905 WI state census – Iola, Waupaca WI

Hans L. Johnson, 36 WI, parents b. Norway, clerk (store)
 Nellie, 35 WI, parents b. Norway
 Rose, 11 WI
 Edmund, 10 WI
 Gladys, 7 WI

1910 Iola, Waupaca WI – Main St.

Hans L. Johnson, 40 WI, parents b. Norway, married 17 years, salesman, implements
 Gunhild, 40 WI, parents b. Norway, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living
 Rosa, 16 WI
 Edmund, 15 WI
 Gladys, 12 WI

1930 Appleton, Outagamie WI

Edmund JOHNSTON, 35 WI, parents b. WI, age 25 at 1st marriage, supply clerk, tag (?) & farm (?)
 co., WWI veteran
 Ruth, 30 WI, parents b. WI, age 20 at 1st marriage
 Edmund B., 9 WI
 Mary Ruth, 3 WI

1940 Rosholt, Portage WI – same house in 1935

Edmund P. Johnson, 45 WI, postmasters, second class US Post Office
 Ruth B., 40 WI
 Edmund B., 18 WI
 Mary Ruth, 14 WI