

Johnson-80 years

William J. Johnson of Bellingham celebrated his 80th birthday with family and friends at a buffet dinner at his daughter's home on March 1.

He was born March 1, 1918, in St. Anthony, Idaho. He graduated from both Coeur d'Alene High School and Utah State University at Logan and received his master's degree from the University of California at Berkeley. He served in the Navy during World War II and married Peggy Kalpakian in 1944 in Los Angeles. He later retired as a technical representative from the diagnostic division of Fisher Scientific. During the past two years, he has served as president of the Bellingham Support Group of the American Diabetes Association.

His children are Laura McCreary of Bellingham, Brian Johnson of Ferndale and Helen and Douglass Johnson, both of Southern California. He has two grandchildren.

