



## Bloyce Johnson

November 21, 1944 - July 26, 2023

Bloyce Earl Johnson, 78, of West Des Moines, died peacefully in his sleep at Ava's House in Sioux Falls, SD on Wednesday July 26th after a yearlong journey with pancreatic cancer. A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday August 5th at Plymouth United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Avenue in Des Moines. A visitation will be held from 1-2 pm Saturday prior to the 2pm service at the church. Inurnment will be held at Plymouth Church Memorial Gardens. A social will follow at the church.

Bloyce was born November 21, 1944, the son of Earl and Phrona (Bruns) Johnson, in Odebolt, Iowa. He graduated from Odebolt/Arthur High School in 1963, and the University of Iowa in 1967. Bloyce was married to Nanci (Hendrickson) in 1966 and had three sons; Troy, Trent and Todd. They later divorced. He married Gayle Johnson in 1995 at their home in New Virginia, IA.

Bloyce taught band at various high schools in Iowa and Wisconsin. He worked for many years doing different jobs including home and business security systems and eventually started his own security business. Bloyce enjoyed being a substitute band director over the years and took great joy in directing many church choirs, men's choirs, and community bands.

Bloyce enjoyed the outdoors and was active with many different groups. In his youth he was active in his local 4-H, FFA and music, winning many awards.

He was a member of the Jaycee's in Wisconsin and held many officer positions locally and at the state level. Bloyce enjoyed taking his family camping and traveled a good portion of the United States seeing sites along the way. He was active with his sons in the Boy Scouts of America and eventually became a Member of Committee for the local Troop.

Bloyce was a devout Christian all his life. He and his wife Gayle were first members of the West Des Moines Methodist Church, where he directed the church choir. Later, they found their home at Plymouth United Church of Christ, where they were members since 2011. There, he was involved with the church choir and other church activities.

His family grew when he married Gayle. They traveled all over to see each of their five kids several times a year. When more grandkids came, there were few times they could be found at home. They made it a point to go to all the sporting events, recitals, graduations, concerts, and any other special events that they could. In the last few years, he has been able to visit his two great grandsons and most recently his two great granddaughters. He blessed the lives of all of his family.

Survivors include his sons, Troy Johnson (Beth) of Madison, OH and their sons, Christopher Johnson (Vicki) and their sons, Josh and Micah Johnson and daughter Adriana; Nathan Johnson (Amber) and their daughter Adalyn; Trent Johnson (Jeanne) of Sioux Falls, SD and their children Jacob and Julia Johnson; Todd Johnson (Marie) of Rockford, IL and their son, Adrian Radabaugh; step son Steve Johnson (Heather) of Smithfield, UT and their daughter Collette; step daughter, Sandra Countryman (Lydia) of Portland, OR; sister-in-law Barb Johnson of Medford, WI, daughter Natalie Messman (Perry) and children of Medford, WI; sister Margret Anne Buller (Mervin) of Odebolt, IA, son Brad Buller of Odebolt, IA, daughter Dawn Roeder (Dean) and children of Arthur, IA, daughter Wendy Lorenzen (Bob) and children of Ida

Grove, IA; as well as Gayle's family, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife Gayle Johnson; mother, Phrona Johnson; father, Earl Johnson; brother Willard Johnson; nephew, Daryl Johnson; grandparents, aunts and uncles and other relatives.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Plymouth UCC Organ Fund or Ava's House, Hospice Care, Sanford Health, Sioux Falls, SD.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Plymouth United Church of Christ  
4126 Ingersoll Avenue  
Des Moines, IA

## Celebration of Life

AUG 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Plymouth United Church of Christ  
4126 Ingersoll Avenue  
Des Moines, IA

# Tribute Wall



*“ I had the pleasure of caring for Bloyce in assisted living. We became instant friends and I enjoyed our conversations each day. Sending all my love to the family. I'm treasure the time I had getting to know Bloyce.*

Heather Gustoff - September 25, 2023 at 09:52 AM



*“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bloyce Johnson.*



August 04, 2023 at 12:00 PM



*“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bloyce Johnson.*

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*“ Joann H. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bloyce Johnson.*



Joann H. - August 01, 2023 at 01:33 PM



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July 28, 2023 at 03:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bloyce Johnson.



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“ My sincere sympathy to Bloyce's family!  
Marlene Lundell West

Marlene West - July 27, 2023 at 11:16 PM



Our sincere sympathies to Bloyce's family and close friends - we will always remember his warm smile and shared conversations at family events. Also, so greatly admire his life long gifts to the music world - - something both Steve and Paulie had in common with Bloyce - Beth's grandmother Ann K., a church organist, Steve and Paulie both church choir singers and P a director of songsters and handbells for many years. (a gift to the organ fun is being made :-). We know the Lord will bless Bloyce's memory in years to come - what a fine servant of the Lord in so many veins.

Paulette and Steve Kutschat - July 28, 2023 at 02:10 PM

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*Bloyce and I reconnected in just the past few months. We both grew up in Odebolt and went to the same church. It was good to hear from him again. He had such a positive attitude with the illness he was experiencing. I will be making a donation to help in the construction of a clinic in Kenya (due to be open soon!) that I am helping to fund along with my mother's favorite nurse who is from rural Kenya.*

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**Cheryl Sellstrom Moe** - July 31, 2023 at 07:23 PM

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*Gayle was my husband's cousin. When Bloyce joined the family he brought a friendly smile, a wonderful sense of humor and great conversation to family gatherings. Plus, he made Gayle very happy for the twenty years they were married. Bloyce was a good man, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him. We send our sympathy and love.*

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**Nile and Deb Gleason** - August 07, 2023 at 08:19 PM

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*I've known Bloyce and his parents and sister for many many years and they were the greatest people. I know Bloyce suffered so much the past year and now he and Gayle are joined together again. RIP dear friend.*

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**Jennifer Shipman** - August 15, 2023 at 06:38 PM