



Gary Lee Johnson

September 20, 1942 - July 18, 2024

Gary Lee Johnson, 81, of Spirit Lake passed away on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake. The Rosary will be recited at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday with visitation to follow up until the time of the service at the church. Burial will be privately held at a later date in the Calvary Cemetery in Holstein, IA. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlekefuneralhome.com

Gary was born on September 20, 1942, in Orchard, Nebraska, to Harvey Edward and Esther Cecelia (Adams) Johnson. He graduated from Holstein High School and attended Wayne State College. He served his country in the National Guard during the Vietnam War. Gary was united in marriage to Sharon Kay Fell on February 22, 1964, in Holstein, IA. In those early years, he worked with his father at Harvey's Appliance in Holstein. Later he farmed and was a crop adjuster with State Farm Insurance. Throughout his life he was a skilled carpenter and woodworker.

Gary was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake. Gary served for 25 years as a volunteer with the Holstein Fire Department. He was also a long time Trustee with the Stubbs Memorial Library in Holstein. In his free time, he enjoyed fishing, playing guitar, woodworking, and reading.

Left to cherish his memory is his devoted wife Sharon Johnson of Spirit Lake;

daughter Lisa Johnson of Orange City, IA; Mark (Lucia) Johnson of Spirit Lake; grandchildren Andy Durbin, Alexander Durbin, Erin Durbin, Austin Durbin, Jacob Biddle, Stephanie Rodriguez and Christopher Rodriguez; ten great-grandchildren; sisters Connie Anfinson of Holstein, IA; Carol (Ronnie) Maymon of Schaller, IA; and his brother Greg Johnson of Earlham, IA. He was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter Laura Johnson.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Holstein, IA 51025

Previous Events

Rosary

JUL 24. 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
1005 Hill Ave.
Spirit Lake, IA 51360
<http://www.stmarysspiritlake.org>

Visitation

JUL 24. 9:45 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Johnson.*



July 22, 2024 at 11:13 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Hugs and Prayers to all!!*



Kent and Jo Kastrup - July 21, 2024 at 03:28 PM



“ *Dear Johnson family, we are saddened to hear of Gary's passing. We will always cherish the days of having you as neighbors on Little Spirit Lake. Gary loved his roses out front of your home. We pray for comfort and will always be grateful that we got to know Gary. With sincere condolences, Paul and Sally Schimp*



Sally Schimp - July 21, 2024 at 09:29 AM

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“ Doug And Barb Ricke lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Johnson



Doug and Barb Ricke - July 21, 2024 at 08:13 AM

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“ Denise Sturm & Cheri Moore & families purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Gary Lee Johnson.



Denise Sturm & Cheri Moore & families - July 20, 2024 at 11:07 AM

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“ Denise Sturm & Cheri Moore & families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Lee Johnson.

Denise Sturm & Cheri Moore & families - July 20, 2024 at 11:07 AM