



James A. Johnson

July 27, 1940 - March 14, 2015

James “Jim” A. Johnson, age 74, of Woodruff, passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at Seasons of Life Hospice House after a long, hard fought battle with ALS. He was born on July 27, 1940, in Chicago, IL , the son of William and Rose Marie (nee McKenna) Johnson. Jim was a proud Veteran of the United States Navy. He worked as a police officer with the Chicago Police Department for over 30 years. Jim enjoyed fishing and loved going on his “epic fishing trips” to Minnesota with friends. He loved his family and his children were a great source of pride. Jim was a warm, caring, kind and funny person. He will be remembered for his fantastic sense of humor and his ability to make anyone laugh. Jim was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Margaret Mary Myers and Patricia Rose Simpson and brother, William Johnson. He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara Johnson; children, Kelly Johnson (Tom Maulson), Jacqueline Handrick (Mike Bruette), James Johnson, Jr., Karen Beyersdorf and Margaret “Peggy” Johnson; step-son, Mike (Jackie) Christensen; grandchildren, Jute Handrick, Rebecca Beyersdorf, Rachel Beyersdorf, Gavin Litz, Aiden Litz, Alison Christensen and Carter Christensen; 1 great grandchild; former partner from the Chicago Police Department, Bob (Irene) Brown; dear cousin, Gary (Patty) McKenna and beloved furry friend, Kia. A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Woodruff, with visitation one hour prior to the Mass at the church. A special heartfelt thank you goes out to the caregivers and staff at Seasons of Life Hospice House - there are no words

that can express the family's deep gratitude for the exceptional care Jim received. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Echo Dogs White German Shepherd Rescue, P.O. Box 63 , Sherman , IL 62684.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church
8950 County J
Woodruff, WI 54568
(715) 356-6284
<http://www.holyfamilywoodruff.org>

Memorial Mass

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Tribute Wall

BJ

“ *Still Jim. A & F.*

Barbara Johnson - May 19, 2019 at 07:30 PM

BJ

“ *3 years today without you. Love you and miss you every day. A & F*

Barbara Johnson - March 14, 2018 at 08:01 PM

BJ

“ *One year since you are gone and I miss you every day. A and F my darlin.*

Barbara Johnson - March 14, 2016 at 09:10 PM

DS

“ *I dont know if anyone will see this because it has been so long. Jim was my uncle, my mom was his sister Pat. I am so sorry that we lost touch and I didn't get to see him and now I will never get the chance again. When I was younger we were all very close, I babysat for Patsy, Kelly & Jackie (moon). Jim was the most handsome fun cool uncle a girl could ever want. We shared a birthday and he told me that I stole it every year.*

My Mom developed dementia and married a man that took her from us and all our family info, so I have no contact info.

I just want to say that I loved him and I am so sorry he is gone, I hope you all are well and happy. Anyone ever gets to Chicago, look me up, I am in the same place .

Diane (Cruickshank) Sparrow

DIANE SPARROW - February 03, 2016 at 08:42 PM

BJ

Diane, thank you for your note. My name is Barbara. I was Jim's wife. I loved Jim with all my heart and I miss him every day. We had ten wonderful years together and yes, I couldn't agree more, he was a wonderful man. Even though ALS stole so much from Jim, it never took away his spirit, his graciousness or his sense of humor. Jim loved your Mom and cried when he learned she had passed away. It was one of those things where he wishes he too would have visited her, but wanted to remember her as she was. I do recognize your name even though we have never met. Jim talked very kindly about you and the fact that you shared a birthday. Jim had ALS for almost 9 years. Much, much longer than most people with this disease. He did fairly well for about 5 years and then it seems like it was a steady decline. In the end, he was in hospice care for about 2-3 months. He couldn't walk, couldn't talk, and had to be fed through a feeding tube. And through all of this he still had a smile for me every day and made sure he told me, in his own way, that he loved me. He was quite a guy and I couldn't have asked for a better husband. Anyway, I am rambling, but I just wanted to thank you for remembering Jim.

Barbara Johnson - February 05, 2016 at 12:52 AM

DS

Thank you for writing Barbara, I am glad you two found each other. Hugs to you and all the kids...Diane

DIANE SPARROW - February 08, 2016 at 02:32 PM

BJ

“ I love you Jim. Always will.



Barbara Johnson - January 30, 2016 at 10:43 AM

GM

“ 5 files added to the album *Our memories of Jim*



Gary & Patti McKenna - March 18, 2015 at 08:42 AM



“ *My deepest thoughts and prayers go to the family. Jim and I had many laughs together. May he rest in peace.* Darrell Nell

Darrell Nell - March 17, 2015 at 08:15 PM

LB

“ *LeeAnn, Shanda, & Brandi purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James A. Johnson.*



LeeAnn, Shanda, & Brandi - March 17, 2015 at 01:25 PM

VB

“ *Vonnie Braun lit a candle in memory of James A. Johnson*



Vonnie Braun - March 16, 2015 at 12:44 PM