



Norman "Norm" Johnson

April 19, 1949 - March 13, 2021

Norman "Norm" Johnson, 71, of Marquette, Nebraska died Saturday, March 13, 2021 at Arbor Care Center in Fullerton, Nebraska. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 1 p.m. at Solt-Wagner Community Room with Pastor Gordon Paulsen officiating. Visitation will be Thursday, March 18, 2021 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Room. Burial of ashes will take place following the meal at 4 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated later. Condolences can be sent to the family at www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

Norm was born on April 19, 1949 to Earl and Mary (Laughy) Johnson in Baudette, Minnesota. He grew up in Embarrass, Minnesota and graduated from Embarrass High School in 1967. He enlisted in the United States Army in April of 1968 and was honorably discharged in March of 1970. He married Laurie Larsen on August 22, 1976 in Central City, Nebraska at the United Presbyterian Church. Norm helped his Dad build grain elevators and also worked at Country General. He then followed his passion for trucks and went into the trucking profession. He was a driver, dispatcher, and finally in sales for Grand Island Express. However, his favorite job was being a bus driver for Central City Public Schools. Norm had a special way with kids and enjoyed them all.

Norm was a member of the United Methodist Church and the American

Legion Post #6 in Central City. He enjoyed fishing, trucks, jeeps, tractors, tinkering with things, and most of all, bs-ing with friends.

He is survived by his wife- Laurie of Marquette, NE; he adopted two children in 1977- Toni (Scott) Gross of Glenwood, IA; and Jeff (Carly) Johnson of Central City, NE; four brothers- Roger (Teresa) Johnson of Loudon, TN; Rick (Penny) Johnson of Mankato, MN; Chuck (Kayla) Johnson of El Centro, CA; Jeff (Jeannette) Johnson of Princeton, MN; two sisters- Cheri Horne of Monticello, MN; and Lauri (Jesse) Robinson of Big Lake, MN; 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Norm was preceded in death by his parents; brother- Bill Johnson; infant brother- Bobby Johnson; brother in law- Bruce Horne.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Solt-Wagner Community Room
Central City, NE 68826

Celebration of Life

MAR 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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Brian Butler - August 01, 2021 at 05:48 PM

BB

“ Miss you my good friend.

Brian Butler

Brian Butler - August 01, 2021 at 05:44 PM

ML

“ Laurie, Toni, Jeff and Family, My sympathies and prayers to you all. Norm was a great friend and also my fishing buddy. I have many fond memories and stories that will carry on. Know that he deeply loved you all and talked often about how much he cared for his family. May you find comfort in knowing what a positive influence he was in so many people's lives.

Milo Luppen

Milo Luppen - March 18, 2021 at 07:43 PM

KM

“ Laurie and family, We am so sorry to hear of Norm passing. He was a real mentor to me in how to deal with truck drivers and customers while we worked together at Am-Can way back in the late 1980's. He always told the best stories! Lori and I are praying for peace and comfort for you all. Here is to all the good memories of his life!

Kevin and Lori Maddock

Kevin Maddock - March 18, 2021 at 05:33 PM

RS

“ To Laurie and family , So sorry to hear about Norm !! Such a fun person to be around!! Conversations were never boring with lots of laughing !! Richard enjoyed working with Norm also . Your in our thoughts and prayer !! Richard and Julie Schank

richard and julie schank - March 18, 2021 at 04:27 PM

JC

“ Laurie, I am saddened to hear about Norm. Even though I haven't seen you two for a while, I remember Norm's ability to make everyone laugh. What a joy to others. Thinking of you. Love, your cousin JoAnne

JoAnne Larsen Wilson-Laurie's 1st cousi - March 18, 2021 at 02:01 PM

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“ Laurie and family you have our deepest sympathy. You are in our prayers.

Carol and Jerry Urbanski

Carol Urbanski - March 18, 2021 at 08:38 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Norman "Norm" Johnson.*



March 17, 2021 at 09:12 PM



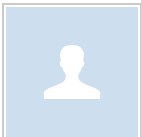
“ *Norm wore many hats during his years at Grand Island Express. A driver than moved into dispatch and then he was one of our sales reps. He did a super great job in each position and was a very caring person and got along with everyone at work, on the road and working with our customers. Sure have missed him, but will remember all the good times. Deepest sympathy to the family! Hugs.*

Sue Pirnie - March 17, 2021 at 11:44 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers, our memories of Norm are such good ones, we enjoyed visiting with Norm & Laurie, at times when we were all out and about Don & Joyce Williams*

Don & Joyce Williams - March 16, 2021 at 09:29 PM



“ *Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Norman "Norm" Johnson.*



March 15, 2021 at 10:43 PM

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Lauri Robinson - March 15, 2021 at 09:35 PM

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“ Norm and Laurie were great neighbors for many years. I know my parents really appreciated Norm's willingness to help out whenever something was needed. Toni, I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad - I know how hard it is to lose a parent 😭. Will be praying for your whole family.

CJ Callahan (Larsen) - March 15, 2021 at 08:39 PM