



Steven "Steve" Johnson

March 16, 1951 - October 11, 2024

It is with profound sadness that the family of Steven Johnson announce his passing from this world on October 10, 2024, at The Oaks in Central City. He was 73 years old. We ask that you join us on Friday October 18 th , 10:00 am, at the Solt Wagner Community Room in Central City for some diet coke and donuts (his favorites) while we celebrate the life of this wonderful man. The Eagles will be hosting a luncheon following the service.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date. Condolences can be sent to the family at www.soltwagnerfuneral.com. Solt-Wagner Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Steve was born March 16, 1951, in Nampa Idaho. The second eldest of 5 siblings, he was a lifelong athlete, comedian and mentor. He grew up in Idaho, Washington and Utah graduating from Box Elder High School in 1970. After an impressive high school athletic career, he attended Washington State University where he played football for the Cougars. Unfortunately, an injury his sophomore year put an end to his preferred career of being an NFL tackle. Work with his family brought him to Nebraska shortly after. There he met and married Janet Wintermote in 1974. The couple had four children whom they love beyond measure. After their divorce, Steve chose to stay in Nebraska to raise his children. His career took him down many paths including: Electrician, Cable Installer and the Board of Reclamation, but he found his calling with the

Nebraska Department of Roads. He began working in the Kearney office, and worked his way up via departments in Ord and Grand Island until he reached the position

of Project Manager. He was with DOR for nearly thirty years before his retirement. Sports was always one of his passions. Even while working long hours and minding his own kids at home, Steve found a way to create and coach a "Fundamentals of Basketball" program focused on teaching kids ages 5 to 8 how to dribble, pass, and shoot. He had these programs in Riverdale, Scotia and Central City for several years. He truly enjoyed teaching and interacting with the children. He loved the sport of Basketball, and he loved making people smile. Steve was also active with the Fraternal Order of Eagles and enjoyed shooting pool out of the Independent Club. He enjoyed taking his family to his "home" in Idaho and Utah for fishing trips and family reunions.

Steve was truly in his element when in hip waders in the middle of the Snake River waiting for a big fish to bite. Some may remember him as "Steve-O," "Daddy-O," or "Coach Steve" - but all will remember his humor and his kind heart. From his "Ed Grimley" impressions to his willingness to build a horse pen in a day, he always demonstrated his love, humor and dedication to family. He was always ready with a good joke (which he would laugh the hardest at) or a listening ear (where he would give the best advice). There was nothing more that he loved in this world than his family. His children and grandchildren were the light of his life. To say he will be missed is the

world's biggest understatement. While we are heartbroken that he is gone, we are thankful that he is reunited with his parents and grandparents (Memaw and Bompaw).

Steve is survived by three daughters- Lisa (Seth) Harder of Plainview, NE; Jenny Peck of Norfolk, NE; and Shelly Johnson of Central City, NE; one son- Jeff Johnson of Central City, NE; three brothers- Doug (Cathy) Johnson of Montana; Larry (Becky) Johnson and Chuck (Vicki) Johnson all of Utah; and sister- Sue (Neil) McGill of Utah; 7 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents- Dale and Lucille Garner (Memaw and Bempa)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **18**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Solt-Wagner Community Room
1507 17th St
Central City, NE 68826

Tribute Wall



“ I worked with Steve while he was with the NDOT when he was in Kearney. I worked out of the Hastings office. Steve was a funny guy. My Steve RIP.

Tony Lambert - October 17, 2024 at 03:06 PM



“ Deb Meyer lit a candle in memory of Steven "Steve" Johnson



Deb Meyer - October 16, 2024 at 06:12 PM



“ Holy Spirit Catholic Parishes purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Steven "Steve" Johnson.



Holy Spirit Catholic Parishes - October 15, 2024 at 11:15 AM



“ Love Jeff and Sue purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Steven "Steve" Johnson.



Love Jeff and Sue - October 14, 2024 at 07:08 PM

YS

“ *Your Brothers and Sister (and Spouses), purchased the [Your Light Shines](#) for the family of Steven "Steve" Johnson.*



Your Brothers and Sister (and Spouses), - October 14, 2024 at 03:46 PM

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“ *Your Brothers and Sister (and Spouses), planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven "Steve" Johnson.*

Your Brothers and Sister (and Spouses), - October 14, 2024 at 03:46 PM

CJ

“ *Cathy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Steven "Steve" Johnson*



Cathy Johnson - October 14, 2024 at 03:39 PM