



Gary LeRoy Johnson

May 2, 1941 - December 26, 2018

Gary LeRoy Johnson, age 77 of Chanute, KS, passed away on Wednesday, December 26, 2018 at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. Gary was born May 2, 1941 in Sioux City, Iowa the son of Iver and Rosella (Schweitzberger) Johnson.

He graduated from Perry High School in 1958. On November 27, 1961, Gary married Sharon Church in Missouri Valley, Iowa and they celebrated 57 years of marriage. Gary worked for the railroad for 9 1/2 years and then went on to be an air traffic controller for 20 years. He worked at various airports throughout the country, ending up at the Chanute Municipal Airport in 1977, he eventually retired from the government at the age of 55. In 1983, he built and operated the Skaters Delight skating rink. After retirement, Gary started a sharpening business and would sharpen blades, knives, saws; just about anything that needed sharpened. Gary was a proud Mason and Shriner. He was a member of the SEK Cats Car Club and a Shrine Dad and enjoyed spending his time helping those in need. He also belonged to the Meadowlark Sam's Camping Club for 20 years. He enjoyed tournament fishing and quilting but most of all loved spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He didn't know a stranger and liked to make friends with anyone he met.

Gary is survived by

Wife:

Sharon Johnson

Children:

Ivy Kepley and husband Mike of Chanute

Melodie Johnson of Columbia, SC

Todd Johnson and wife Jennifer of Columbus, NE

Grandchildren:

Nick (Ashley) Kepley, Cory Kepley, Tanner (Dana) Kepley, Noah Kepley, Josh Johnson, Tasha Johnson

Great Grandchildren:

Kaden Kepley, Brecken Kepley, Aidyn Johnson, Gracie Johnson, Cayde Johnson, Gabe Johnson

Siblings:

Carol Kuehl

Gary was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Bob Johnson.

Cremation has been requested. A visitation will be on Monday, December 31, 2018 from 2-4 p.m. at Countryside Funeral Home Johnson Chapel at 101 N. Highland in Chanute, KS. Masonic Funeral Rites will take place at 2p.m. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com. Memorials suggested to Shriners Hospital in St. Louis and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Arrangements have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 31. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel

101 N. Highland

Chanute, KS 66720

(620) 431-1220

<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

Tribute Wall

NC

“ So sorry about Gary. My sympathy to all the family. Nancy Castellucci

nancy castellucci - January 02, 2019 at 10:16 PM

GB

“ So sorry for your loss. Enjoyed fishing with Gary at a few tournaments. Prayers for all the family and friends.



Greg Barker - January 01, 2019 at 09:07 PM

JA

“ Thinking of you and family. So sorry for your loss.
J&J ACCOUNTING GIRLS. Love you.



J&J ACCOUNTING - December 31, 2018 at 02:52 PM

GD

“ Gary was the nicest landlord a person could ask for, when we were having a problem with the furnace, he got right on it, he loved coming over and sitting on the back porch to visit and check to see if we had any tomatoes, he loved my refrigerator pickles. R.I.P. Gary

George & Sheryl Dragoo - December 31, 2018 at 02:16 PM

ST

“ I am sorry to hear of Gary's passing. I knew him from when he worked for Tri-Valley Developmental Services and through the Masons and Shriners. My condolences to Sharon and family.



Sandy Thompson - December 29, 2018 at 06:59 PM

MP

“ Mary Ann Powell lit a candle in memory of Gary LeRoy Johnson



Mary Ann Powell - December 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

 Lisa Frederick-Kinkel

“ I used to work at the skating rink for Gary. I am best friends with his daughter Melodie. Gary always has treated me like a part of his family. I attended alot of the family gatherings. He was a kind man and will be missed. RIP and fly with the angels ♡

Lisa Frederick-Kinkel - December 29, 2018 at 02:16 PM

CR

“ Gary was one of the friendliest people I have ever known. My memories of Gary are from the skating rink days. He made those days some of the funniest I remember. God bless.

Chetyl (Warren) Rita - December 29, 2018 at 11:41 AM

TF

“ *Todd Kidwell & Family lit a candle in memory of Gary LeRoy Johnson*



Todd Kidwell & Family - December 28, 2018 at 08:40 PM

RR

“ *Rebecca Roles lit a candle in memory of Gary LeRoy Johnson*



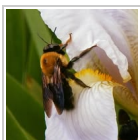
Rebecca Roles - December 28, 2018 at 06:07 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Gary LeRoy Johnson.*



December 28, 2018 at 05:16 PM



“ *Nancy Novotny lit a candle in memory of Gary LeRoy Johnson*



Nancy Novotny - December 28, 2018 at 02:01 PM

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“ Tom, Becci, & Olivia lit a candle in memory of Gary LeRoy Johnson

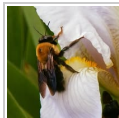


Tom, Becci, & Olivia - December 28, 2018 at 10:50 AM

LL

“ I have such fond memories of Gary; camping and flea markets, and of course quilting. He went out of his way to help me with quilting and did such incredible work. Les and I enjoyed the visits with he and Sharon every time we saw them. You are all in our prayers. We hope your memories sustain you as the days go by.

Lois Little - December 27, 2018 at 09:30 PM



So very sorry for your loss :(Glen and Nancy Novotny

Nancy Novotny - December 28, 2018 at 02:01 PM

JP

Our condolences.

Joe & Dianne Porter - December 29, 2018 at 01:36 PM

MM

I am so sorry for your loss - my heart goes out to everyone. Warmly praying for all. -Mark Middleton & family

Mark Middleton - December 31, 2018 at 02:28 PM



Dear Sharon and Family, I am so sorry for your loss; Gary was just a great man and such a caring person! I am sure my mother was waiting to greet him at the Gates of Heaven!

Mary Dunn - January 02, 2019 at 02:22 PM