



Lawrence Ralph Johnson

May 8, 1936 - December 11, 2013

Lawrence "Larry" Ralph Johnson, age 77 of Albia, passed away Wednesday, December 11, 2013, at Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

Larry was born May 8, 1936, to Carl and Faye (Grimes) Johnson in Monroe County. He married Doris Summers July 21, 1957 at the Christian Church in Albia. To this union two children were born, Dan and Cathy Jo.

Larry graduated from Albia High School, class of 1954. He farmed 27 years in Monroe County before moving into the city of Albia. He also worked 46 years for Hy-Vee, retiring in 1996. Larry enjoyed music and had a band called Larry Johnson and the Roadrunners. He was a very talented wood worker, making many items including piggy banks, quilt racks, kitchen cabinets, and bedroom furniture. He also enjoyed being outdoors fishing and prairie dog hunting.

Larry was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council 4167 where he was currently serving as Grand Knight, and a 4th Degree member of the James R. Baldrige Assembly 1925. He served on St. Mary's Parish Council, board of directors of Monroe County Hospice, Albia Community Betterment Corporation, served a two year term on the board of Iowa Area Development Group, and served nine years on the board of Northeast Missouri Power Cooperative. He also was a past mayor of Albia, and was currently serving on the Board of Adjustment and Review for

the city of Albia, and REC board of directors for the last 21 years.

Larry is survived by his wife, Doris of Albia; two children, Cathy Jo (Dave) Crall of Albia and Dan (Cindy) Johnson of Roland; four grandchildren, Eric, Bryan, Emily and Stacie; and a great grandson, Bret.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Helen Kosman; a brother, DeWayne Johnson; a nephew, Mike Kosman; and two great nephews, Jim and Chris Kosman.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, December 16, 2013, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia; with Fr. Michael E. Volkmer, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will be 11 a.m., Sunday, December 15, 2013, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Larry's family present from 3-8 p.m. A rosary will be led by Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council 4167 at 4 p.m., and a Christian wake service will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday evening.

Memorials may be made to the Knights of Columbus or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence Ralph Johnson*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *I can think of all the good times we have had! Also how Doris & Larry have always been there for us thru the good times & difficult times ! You will be missed!*
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Deloris Summers - Marshalltown, IA - Sister-in-law - December 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Doris and Family,
We wish to extend our sympathy to each of you in the passing of Larry. Lots of good times were held at the various class reunions that we attended. Jim and Larry graduated in the same class of 1954.
May God be with each of you in this trying time.*

Jim and Alice Chance - Manilla, IA - Friend and Classmate - December 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the family of Larry. I went to school with Larry and graduated with him in the class of 1954. Larry was a great guy, always friendly would help anyone that needed it. My best wishes to his family.

Jim Green - Class of 1954 Albia, Ia

James R Green - North Aurora, IL - Friend - December 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ I'VE KNOWN LARRY SINCE HIGH SCHOOL. WE SET TOGETHER AT HARDEES EVERY MORNIG.WE TALKED ABOUT EVERYTHING PAST AND PRESENT.WHAT WONDER FRIEND.LOTS OF LAUGHS AND STORIES. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.

DORIS GOD NEEDED A GOOD SINGER AND HE GOT THE BEST.

MY CONDOLENCES TO YOU DORIS AND YOUR FAMILY ROWLAND

ROWLAND BARNES - ALBIA, IA - FRIEND - December 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Just got news of Larry's Passing today. Growing up in Albia I had the Privledge of working with Larry at our Local Hy-Vee food Store. I always enjoy the times with him and Learning the Grocery Store Trade. My Condolences to Doris, Dan, Cathy Jo & Family. May God Speed and Bless His Soul during his New Journey.

Andy Simmons - Fulton, IL - Friend - December 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ On behalf of Iowa Area Development Group (IADG) and our directors, staff and members I want to extend our condolences. Larry was an outstanding director and his concern for Albia and all Iowa communities was greatly appreciated.

Rand Fisher - West Des Moines - Colleague and Friend - December 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Doris and Larry's children and families, Larry taught me many things from the time I worked with him at Hy-Vee, and mostly the 17 years I rented from him and Doris, always telling me don't carry that cash in your pocket keep it in the bank...always with a grin, Larry you will be missed by many....God Bless!!

Robert Conner - albia, IA - friend - December 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Johnson Family,
We are so very sorry for your loss. Larry was a wonderful man. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless your family.

Pat and Andrea Wyman - Davenport, IA - Friend - December 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM