



Randall "Randy" Johnson

May 31, 1949 - May 30, 2021

Randall Vaun Johnson passed away from pneumonia on May 30, 2021, at the age of 71, one day shy of his seventy-second birthday. He was born in Wagner, South Dakota on May 31, 1949, to Lee Bernell Johnson and Sarafern Gerken Johnson.

Randy spent his first and last years in South Dakota. He lived most of his life in Mesquite, Nevada where he attended school and graduated from Virgin Valley High School in 1967. During his studies in art at Dixie College, he was drafted into the United States Army and went to Fort Lewis for basic training. He served in Vietnam and returned home with an honorable discharge. Randy married Kaye Lynn Weber in 1973 and they had three daughters. They were divorced in 1994.

Randy's three daughters were raised in Mesquite where they had many unusual pets that he tended to bring home (sometimes, at his daughters' request!). This included skunks, raccoons, ravens, and lizards.

Randy had a great love and appreciation for painting landscapes, animals, and nature. He was creative and loved to carve and wood burn designs onto jewelry boxes and varnished tree branches. Many of his pieces of work have been given from his heart to his daughters and grandchildren.

Randy had many people he called friends. He was easy to talk to, had a quick wit, and loved to tease. He loved to spend lots of his time in the mountains or by a lake where he could fish; in his later years, he enjoyed teaching many of these same things to his grandchildren. Additionally, he enjoyed collecting

memorabilia and frequently attended yard sales.

Randy didn't particularly love having birthdays. It was a time to do the disappearing act and head for the hills. For some reason he just couldn't be found and didn't want you to make a fuss over him. His daughters figured that is why he just didn't hang around to turn 72.

Randy is survived by his three daughters: Jackie Jones (Bill) of Port Ludlow, Washington, Sheila Walters (Eric) of Grapeview, Washington, and Samantha Love (Court) of Salt Lake City, Utah. Additionally, he is survived by 11 grandchildren: Brittany, Brooke, and Brianna Bennett; Jamison and Juliet Jones; Hanna, Sara, and Noah Walters; Donovan Delgado; Jayden and Peyton Love.

He is preceded in death by his parents Lee and Sarafern Johnson, his brothers, Oren and Alan Johnson, and his sister Lori Johnson Singer.

A private graveside service was held at 10:00 A.M. on June 2, 2021 in Lennox, South Dakota at Lennox Cemetery. He was laid to rest near his parents and grandparents. There will be a celebration of life at a later date in Mesquite, Nevada.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ So sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers maggie



Margaret a Mackintosh - June 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Randy wasn't a man who said a whole lot, but when he did talk I listened. He was handy and good at everything. If he didn't know it? He tinkered until he figured it out. He was a good man who loved his kids and his grandchildren. And in his heart...he was an artist. Whether he he had a paint brush in his hands, or a knife to carve with, or even trowel as he finished building something...it was his way of expressing what he needed without using words. I loved hunting with him. He forgot more about deer hunting than I'll ever know. I miss running into him outside the store and just standing there talking to him for an hour. I bet there was a happy reunion with all his folks a few days ago. Rest in peace Randy.

David Bennett - June 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ My deepest sympathy to Shelia and her Family! Randy will be missed by his daughters and grandchildren! Our love and prayers to you all! 🙏💕



Bonnie Cathey - June 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *My deepest condolences to the family, and to the girls, Kaye, Jackie, Sheila, and Samantha. May you find comfort at this difficult time. We love you!*

Jared Tobler - June 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Dear Shelia and family,
We are sorry to hear about your father. You are in our prayers.*

Susan and Hank Smith - June 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *We always had a lot of good fun times when we were kids*

Andy and iva wilson - June 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ *Randy was a very special man. When I was in high school Randy and Creed would take me rabbit hunting. It was a lot of fun. Randy was always someone you could talk to very easily. He will be missed. His beautiful daughters are a lot like him. They were always up for an adventure. My love and prayers are with Jackie, Shelia, Samantha and Kaye at this time. Your love for your dad reflects in the wonderful obituary you have written. Rest in Peace Randy.*



Vicki D Waite - June 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM