



Ronald Nels Johnson Sr.

November 26, 1940 - November 24, 2015

Ronald Nels Johnson, Sr. was born on November 26, 1940 in Alexandria, Minnesota, one of three children of Chester and Clara (Fritz) Johnson. Ronald was the middle child; the oldest of a set of twins. He attended elementary school in Miltna and graduated from Central High School in Alexandria in 1958. After high school Ronald moved to the Twin Cities and worked for one year before joining the United States Navy. He served his country from 1960 to 1964 aboard the USS Henderson in the boiler room. He was honorably discharged as a petty officer. On June 3rd of 1967, Ronald married Esther Heldt and together they raised eight children.

Ronald worked road construction for a few years for two different companies; McLaughlin and Schultz and B G Construction, before he and Esther bought the Hideout Bar. Together the couple owned and operated the bar turned restaurant for seventeen years, until selling the establishment in 1989.

Through the years of owning their business, Ron and Esther acquired many friends. The Hideout continues to be a fond memory that people talk about. After selling the restaurant, the couple moved to Brandon, Minnesota and Ronald worked for Juno Tool and Plastics for thirteen years until retirement. He enjoyed being a stock car pitman for Jerry Geris. Among other activities he enjoyed were camping, fishing, deer hunting, bowling and golf. Ronald is also remembered for his love of country western music and Elvis Presley. Ronald's older brother Dwaine remembers that his brother was always on the move; he was always attending an event or heading somewhere to meet someone.

As a father he was affectionate and enjoyed teasing his children and grandchildren. Ronald worked side by side every day with the love of his life Esther. He had a private, yet solid faith and relationship with God that carried him throughout his seventy four years.

Ronald died and went to heaven on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at the Bethany Home. He is preceded in death by his wife, Esther Johnson; his parents, Chester and Clara Johnson; twin brother, Donald Johnson; and niece, Karen Ebersole.

He is survived by his children, Brenda Lynn and husband, Robert, Debbie Quernemoen and husband, Loren, Diane Danielson and husband, Steve, Geri Lewis, Gary Larson and wife, Kim, Tommy Larson and wife, Gail, Ronald "Bubba" Johnson Jr. and wife, Shelly, and Susan Johnson; nineteen grandchildren; twenty-two great grand-children; two great-great-grandchildren; brother, Dwaine Johnson; sister-in-law, Erika Johnson and many nieces and nephews.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

NOV **30**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Lutheran Church
605 Douglas
Alexandria, MN 56308

Funeral Service

NOV **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald Nels Johnson Sr.*



Anderson Funeral Home - November 27, 2015 at 05:48 PM

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“ *Al And Diann Bakke lit a candle in memory of Ronald Nels Johnson Sr.*



Al and Diann Bakke - December 03, 2015 at 02:04 AM

JR

“ *Ron was one of the best people ever! What a great cousin, friend and family member. We loved him and will miss him dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family at this time and we wish we could be there to celebrate his wonderful life with everyone. Rest in peace Ronnie!*

Jerry A Rose - November 29, 2015 at 12:12 PM



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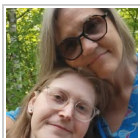


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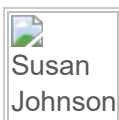
“ Will remember always the jovial laugh, generosity, and kindness of the big guy in the Hamms Bear shirt. A long time friendship sadly to be missed. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Craig Bjerke - November 27, 2015 at 10:25 AM



“ It has been a privilege to have shared memories of Mr. Johnson through the stories told to me by his daughter, Sue. I never met Sue's father but I know he must have been a darn good dad to have raised such a wonderful daughter who loved him deeply. I am certain he will be missed by many.

Robin Evanson - November 25, 2015 at 10:57 PM



Susan
Johnson

Thank you Robin! I love you and thank you for being in my life!

Susan Johnson - November 26, 2015 at 01:08 PM

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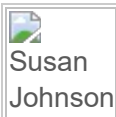
“ JOHNSON Family -

*Praying for friends to comfort you,
faith to uphold you,
and loving memories
to help you smile again.*

*I knew RONALD & DONALD
as fellow classmates,
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL,
Class Of '58.*

*Frank Brundell
Spokane, WA.*

Frank Brundell - November 25, 2015 at 02:39 PM



*Thank you!
Susan Johnson*

Susan Johnson - November 25, 2015 at 07:18 PM

BE

*Prayers to the Johnson Family. Remember going to the Hideout.
Enjoyed talking to both your mom and dad. They always made people
feel good.*

BettyLukes - November 30, 2015 at 11:41 AM

GM

“ Gary And Carol McPhail lit a candle in
memory of Ronald Nels Johnson Sr.



Gary and Carol McPhail - November 25, 2015 at 02:04 PM



Thank you!
Susan Johnson

Susan Johnson - November 25, 2015 at 07:19 PM

GM

“ *We will all miss Big Ron. May he be breathing easier now. He's off to the Big Hideout in the sky. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Gary & Molly - November 24, 2015 at 05:36 PM



Thank you!
Susan Johnson

Susan Johnson - November 25, 2015 at 07:20 PM