



Kenneth Robert Johnson

June 17, 1939 - June 19, 2020

Kenneth Robert Johnson

age 81 passed away on June 19, 2020 in Warren.

He was born on June 17, 1939 In Calumet Michigan to Theodore and Mamie Johnson

He was proud of his Upper Peninsula Finnish heritage and spent his early childhood on the shores of Lake Superior.

Here he spent the summers of his youth and returned there annually through his life.

His family moved to southeast Michigan and he graduated from Madison High school . The next chapter of his life began with the United States Airforce where he proudly served his country and learned a trade that would support him the rest of his life. He worked as a hydraulic repairman and ultimately retired from Rouge Steel.

He had four daughters and resided in Hazel Park during their formative years. He was an avid fan of the Detroit Tigers and baseball in general , not having any sons, he took his great love of baseball to the community where he was a little league coach for the Hazel Park Recreation department for 25 years. He also coached his daughters softball teams and was an important figure to boys and girls alike. He was full of encouragement and team playing and made a lasting impression on so many children in his time as a coach.

He loved to dance and swept his wife Violet off her feet and they were married

in Las Vegas on April 20, 1991.

With this, his family grew and he stepped right into the role of having a handicapped step daughter who he adored and cared for. In the 29 years together he and his wife retired to their beautiful cabin in the woods of Mesick Michigan. Here he could enjoy his love of fishing and hunting for deer and mushrooms. He took up woodworking as a hobby and most proudly became active in the Amvets post #120 of Mesick. He and his wife enjoyed their time in northern Michigan and hosted many legendary family and friends memorial weekends. They also had a rich community in their winter months at the Lettuce Lake Travel Resort in Florida. If you knew Ken for a few moments or for years, you would know he was a friend to everyone and will be sorely missed.

Beloved husband of VI. Loving father of Lori (Joey) Johnson-Golden, Kelly (Mike) Horvath, Tina (Glen) Johnson-Bergers and the late Sherry Johnson. Step Father to George (Tammy) Johnson, Toni Patton, Becky (Terry) Harris, the late Penny Johnson. Proud grandfather of Jason (Kelly), Chelsea, (David), Sunni (Erik), Jasper (Carriana), Harrison, Cullen, Paige, Tyler, Addie, Jordan, Melissa, Christina and six great grandchildren.

Military Honors will be rendered by the United States Air Force at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly on Monday, June 29th at a private event. A public memorial celebration will be held at a later date once the restrictions have been lifted. Memorial contributions to Hazel Park Recreation Department, 620 W. Woodward Heights, Hazel Park 48030 or Amvets Post #120, 3669 N 9 Rd., Mesick 49668 are appreciated. Share your memories at SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly Township, MI 48442

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ I have so much gratitude for my dearest Dad. What a blessing it is to be one of his four daughters. He is a treasure and a bright star that will shine on all of my days. Sending much love to all those who knew him. Happy Trails Dear Dad, until we meet again.

Lori Johnson - June 28, 2020 at 11:22 PM

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becky harris - June 24, 2020 at 01:16 PM

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Toni Patton - June 24, 2020 at 12:06 PM

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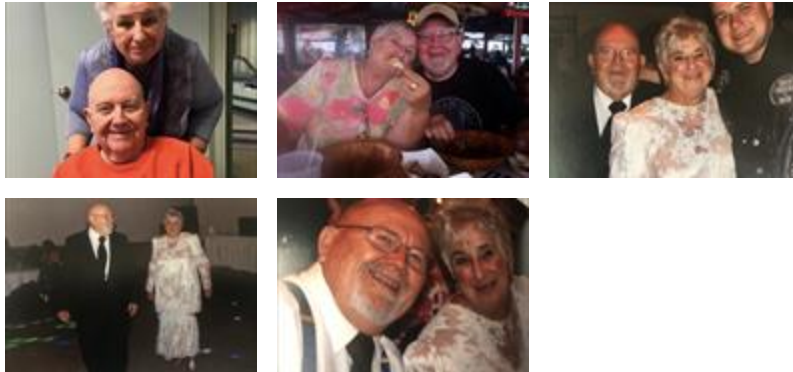
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Toni Patton - June 24, 2020 at 10:52 AM

LJ

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Lori Johnson - June 21, 2020 at 05:00 PM

BV

“ *Vi, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Sorry to hear about Ken.*
Bev

Bev Versele - June 21, 2020 at 05:00 PM

LJ

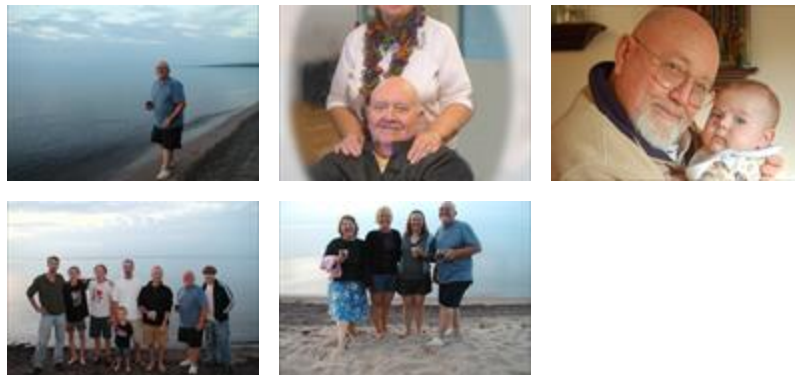
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Lori Johnson - June 21, 2020 at 04:55 PM

TJ

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tina johnson - June 21, 2020 at 11:34 AM

SH

“ Our condolences to you and the family, Vi. So sorry to hear of your loss. We remember the lively pot lucks at your trailer, and Ken as Santa on Christmas Eve. May he Rest in Peace.
Sandra and Gilbert

Sandra Hewitt - June 21, 2020 at 09:12 AM

DW

“ Hugs going out to Vi. Remebering the good times with Kenny at Lettuce Lake.
RIP.
Donna and Rick Walters

Donna Walters - June 21, 2020 at 07:43 AM

MH

“ Ken was a kind and thoughtful host when I visited from NC. Wonderful meals and SO MUCH FUN at the cabin, shooting skeet, bonfires, etc. He was so generous to embrace a visitor with such generosity. Love to you all.

Myra Hamby - June 21, 2020 at 07:12 AM

TJ

“ My father was a wonderful person and instilled in me a great love of nature and our Finnish heritage . His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him



tina johnson - June 20, 2020 at 09:58 PM

DP

I see much of you, Tina, in these photos.

Deb Porter - June 29, 2020 at 04:37 PM

MW

“ Where do I start. Had so many family memories to cherish with him and family. Always had a smile. Loved his family so much. Loved to have a good time. Always felt welcome at his home. Haven't seen him for a while but that doesn't mean he was not thought of. Dear cousin you will be missed by many. But I'm sure the horseshoe pits are set up in heaven. All the uncles and aunts are greeting you with open arms.

Margaret Wilson - June 20, 2020 at 09:21 PM

SS

“ I have many memories of many barbecues with the family and loved being around Kenny...he was always a lot of fun...

susan sanderfer - June 20, 2020 at 09:10 PM