



David L Johnson

August 27, 1946 - July 27, 2024

David L Johnson, 77, passed away on Saturday, July 27, 2024 at Nation Cottage in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Dave, son of Glenn and Jeanne (Andersen) Johnson, was born on August 27, 1946 in Fort Dodge, Iowa. He graduated from Indianola High School in 1965, received his BA degree in Industrial Arts from the University of Northern Iowa and his MA from Iowa State University. On June 16, 1973 Dave married Vera Friedman at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids, sharing 51 years together. Dave taught Industrial Arts for 34 years in Clinton, Iowa, with many of those years working with the students on the Vocational Building Trades home. His love of woodworking carried over to 45 years of attending juried art shows in the Midwest.

Dave is survived by his wife Vera; two sons, Brent (Amy Mohr) of Cedar Falls and Christopher (Natalie) of Loveland, OH; six grandchildren, Fiona, Arthur, Elijah, Eleanor, Grant and Daphne; sisters, Angela (Joseph) Todisco of Syracuse, NY and Debby (Bradley) Shoemaker of Fair Grove, MO. Also surviving Dave are sisters-in-law, Doris (James) Eike and Millie (Ronald) Wendt and eight nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10am on Wednesday, July 31 at St Patrick Catholic Church in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be one hour prior to the mass. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Cedar Falls following the service.

Memorials may be made to St. Patrick Church, Western Home Foundation or the Parkinson's Association. Online guestbook at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 9:00 AM (CT)

Saint Patrick Catholic Church
705 Main St
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 31. 10:00 AM (CT)

Saint Patrick Catholic Church
705 Main St
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Burial

JUL 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

Fairview Cemetery
12th and Division Streets
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Vera, I'm so sorry for the loss of your husband. You and your family are in my prayers.

Susie Mesecher

Clinton, Iowa



Susie Mesecher - August 01, 2024 at 07:52 AM

BT

“ My condolence's to Dave's family. As you know he was a good man - one of the best. He helped Shepard many kids into adulthood with basic building and construction experience as part of the CHS Building Trades program.

45 years ago he helped to shape my view and understanding of home building and the trades. Today I want to simply say thank you to Dave for that instruction. That experience helped me earn a living with my hands and later to apply that learning to the marketing, product development and sales of building products over the last 40 years. Thank you Dave for opening the door to wood working, construction and the building industry.

Rest in Peace.

Bob Trimble

Bob Trimble - July 31, 2024 at 06:45 PM

DD

“ Dear Vera, I am so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. He was a great friend and a true supporter of mine when the supt. tried to fire me. I am forever grateful for his loyalty I have several pieces of his craftsmanship in my home ranging from a piece of the old Yourd Gym floor to a very nice jewelry box he personally made for me. Jesus was a carpenter so I am sure Jesus welcomed a fellow carpenter into Heaven with open arms. Sincerely, Denny

Dennis Duerling - July 31, 2024 at 06:28 PM

BF

“ Vera, we are so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Bonnie Fuller - July 31, 2024 at 05:17 PM

JD

“ Jim and Sue Dayton will miss all of our trips to Homer's when we came up and visited you and Vera and the fun times at the woodworkers meetings-you were always willing to help with pointers and advice for beginners. Glad we got to spend time with the both of you-Our thoughts are with you and your family

jim and sue dayton - July 31, 2024 at 01:40 PM

DW

“ Vera, Brent & Chris,
A life well lived! We're one of the fortunate families that lived in the neighborhood and were blessed to know Dave, Vera and boys. His humility was a trait so needed in todays world. His quick wit and dry humor were unmatched.
Truly, a life well lived!
God's Peace,
Dan, Teresa, Nick & Neil Waters

Dan Waters - July 31, 2024 at 10:36 AM

LB

“ Vera, Lloyd and I are thinking of you and your family today. Not only was Dave an extremely talented woodworker, but we remember how hard he worked to get the building up and running in Rock Island for the Quad City Woodturners. Thoughts and prayers!
Lloyd and Linda Beckman

Lloyd Beckman - July 31, 2024 at 09:31 AM

RH

“ Vera and family - Many of us are with you. Dave was a great and genuinely nice fellow: observant, clever, sharing, teaching, sensitive. He was great at seeking out new ways, new designs, new mechanisms and one of the most excellent creators of woodturnings I've known. Many of us enjoyed his presence and talent over the many years of woodturning meetings. I had great times traveling into remote woodlands seeking out specialty wood with Dave. I will miss him. He will be part of me and us for the duration. Ray
(Hamilton)

ray hamilton - July 31, 2024 at 08:29 AM

AT

“ Angela T. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David L Johnson.



Angela T. - July 30, 2024 at 10:56 PM

BL

“ Vera. I remember all the times Vern would visit Dave & they'd talk wood working projects & share knowledge. I also remember your help at Elijah Buell. Your time in caring for Dave was as hard as I caring for Vern(passed 5/13/24)with dementia. They can talk wood shop all they want now. God's blessings and my hugs for you...Barbara Larson

Barbara Larson - July 30, 2024 at 08:56 PM

SJ

“ Vera and family, my deepest condolences go out to all of you with Dave's passing. He was a true friend to me that I always enjoyed the time I spent with him. He befriended so many people in his efforts share his skills that everyone one that Dave had contact with had the same feelings. He may be gone but will not be forgotten by so many. Steve Johnson

Steve Johnson - July 30, 2024 at 05:01 PM

TM

“ Dave taught me to weld at CHS in the mid 1970's. He was a great teacher and even helped to put a fire out on my pant leg when my frayed blue jeans caught a stray spark. Then some 40 years later my wife and I purchased our house from Dave and Vera. I still use the welding skills he taught me in my home fabrication shop where Dave did his wood working. Although Dave and Vera had the home built, it has beautiful cabinets, shelves and trim made by the skilled loving hands of Dave in his shop for his family.
Rest in peace. Tim and Jill.

Tim McDonald - July 30, 2024 at 02:37 PM

SJ

“ SueAnn Jankowski lit a candle in memory of David L Johnson



SueAnn Jankowski - July 29, 2024 at 09:10 PM

SJ

My sympathies to Vera and the family. May his memory be a blessing. What a great guy!

SueAnn Jankowski - July 29, 2024 at 09:12 PM

RM

Vera i didn't really get to know Dave but the few times we interacted i thought "What a nice man" and through the pictures you showed me of his carvings i recognized him as a very talented artist but most of all he was Vera's husband and therefore a special man.

Rosalyn Middleton - August 03, 2024 at 11:13 AM

LH

“ David was the Building and Trades instructor at CHS who not only supervised students who participated in the building of homes, but also believed there was honor and dignity in being a carpenter, a craftsman, and a man of the trades. He was a significant member of a great CHS vocational program that was highly respected throughout the area for the development of student skills. I, personally, have several pieces of furniture that he built that I will always treasure. By the way, my wife, Liz, and I live in one of the homes he built. Rest in peace my friend. Your influence will live on through the lives that you touched in the classroom and as well as in the trades. Larry and Liz Howe

Larry Howe - July 29, 2024 at 08:20 PM

JK

“ Dave was a regular at the wellness center. He had a dry sense of humor that I much enjoyed. I miss interacting with him. Such a nice guy!



Julaine Kiehn - July 29, 2024 at 06:32 PM

DM

“ 1 file added to the album Remembering dave



Doris Mohr - July 29, 2024 at 05:10 PM

LM

“ Leo & Christen Morand purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of David L Johnson.



Leo & Christen Morand - July 29, 2024 at 04:51 PM

LM

“ Leo & Christen Morand planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David L Johnson.

Leo & Christen Morand - July 29, 2024 at 04:51 PM

TF

“ *The Rhinestahl Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David L Johnson.*

The Rhinestahl Family - July 29, 2024 at 07:23 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David L Johnson.*



July 29, 2024 at 07:23 AM

DM

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Doris Mohr - July 28, 2024 at 11:07 PM

JM

“ *Joseph and Ashley Morand purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David L Johnson.*



Joseph and Ashley Morand - July 27, 2024 at 09:49 PM