



## Donald D. Johnson

May 14, 1956 - May 5, 2023

Mineral Point - With profound sadness we announce the unexpected passing of Don Johnson, age 66, on May 5, 2023. Don was know by many as “Julio.” He was a kind man that will be immensely missed.

Don was born on May 14, 1956. He attended Dodgeville schools where he later found his passion in trucking. Don was a life long trucker which lead him to travel to many different places and states. In 1976, he participated on the Bicentennial Wagon Train. He was also a big part of building the Denver, Colorado airport runway.

The simplest pleasures in life brought great joy to Don, such as hunting and fishing. Don loved sharing his passion of cattle with many people and also to his grandchildren. Don belonged to the Cattleman Association where he advocated, educated and gave a voice to the states beef producers. Don enjoyed a good steak with potatoes and if you offered him Reese’s Pieces, he wouldn’t turn it down. Don also enjoyed traveling and trucking cattle, as well as attending beef cattle shows.

Don is survived by his parents Sandra Jane (Stauffacher) and David Roy Johnson; his siblings Bill Johnson, Nacey (Johnson) and Jim Metcalf, Kathy (Johnson) and Erik Miller, Jean Johnson; his dear friend, Ann Berendt. Don leaves behind his children, Aaron Wild and his wife Michelle Wild. Garrett

Hrubes, Kristine Hrubes, Rita (Hrubes) and her husband, Nathan Heilmann. Grandchildren: Nolan, Mallory and Eben Heilmann. Keegan Hrubes. Destan and Ryver Wild. As well as nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, May 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the COWBOY COUNTRY CHURCH in Mineral Point. Pastor Roger Johnson will officiate.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2023 from 4:00 until 8:00 PM and on Friday from 9:00 until 9:50 AM all at the COWBOY COUNTRY CHURCH in Mineral Point. Burial will be in the Union Grove Cemetery in Darlington.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family.

A special thank you to Steve Fink and family for the outpouring support.

There will be a celebration of Don following the lunch at Tony's Tap on Friday.

# Cemetery Details

## Union Grove Cemetery

203 Hill Street  
Darlington, WI 53530

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cowboy Country Church  
1200 Betty Lane  
Mineral Point, WI

## Visitation

MAY 12. 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM (CT)

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1200 Betty Lane  
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## Service

MAY 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

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1200 Betty Lane  
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# Tribute Wall

KM

“ *The friendship began back in the late 70's, early 80's, with a man we called "Railroad Johnson", while working at Carrousel Farms. Don knew his way quite well around a Truck & Trailer, Feed lots, Cattle shows, Tractor pulls, and Farm equipment. Through my later years of Carrousel Farms we all became great friends with Railroad, and the personality that came with him. There really wasn't much he couldn't do around the farms which made him such a great guy to have around. I have many great memories, and good times during the time we were working together with the Bader Family, and Carrousel Farms. Work hard, play hard, and that we did! As the sad news was told, all we can do is remember the great times, and tuck them away for times I need to think and smile. Heartfelt thoughts and prayers to all!*

Keith Martin - May 12, 2023 at 01:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald D. Johnson.*



May 10, 2023 at 05:39 PM

KH

“ *Kristine Hrubes lit a candle in memory of Donald D. Johnson*



Kristine Hrubes - May 09, 2023 at 10:24 PM

DK

“ I met Don while staying with my cousin Ann Berendt for 6 months. He would pop in just to check on Ann, and ask about her family. He was always very sweet and kind to me, and I could see how he adored Ann and her entire family. Thanks for all the pork neck bones from the butcher shop Don! Our grandmother’s soup just won’t be the same without you! ❤️

Debora Kolvenbach - May 09, 2023 at 12:55 PM

KH

Thank you for sharing. I’m glad you were able to share some memories of him. 🕊️

Kristine Hrubes - May 09, 2023 at 10:22 PM

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Thanks Debbie. That was funny the first time he came to drop off that huge bag of neck bones And we were so happy to make grandma’s soup. He just said Well here you go girls. Butcher couldn’t figure out what we wanted them for. Don loved the soup.

amberendt@yahoo.com - May 09, 2023 at 10:27 PM

DK

“ Debora Kolvenbach lit a candle in memory of Donald D. Johnson



Debora Kolvenbach - May 09, 2023 at 12:44 PM

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Thank you for the continued prayers

amberendt@yahoo.com - May 09, 2023 at 10:29 PM

RH

“ *Rita Heilmann lit a candle in memory of Donald D. Johnson*



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**Rita Heilmann** - May 09, 2023 at 10:18 AM

RH

“ *8 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Rita Heilmann** - May 09, 2023 at 10:17 AM