



James L. "Jimmy J" Johnson

September 24, 1950 - May 15, 2023

Dodgeville – James L. Johnson, age 72, of Dodgeville, died on Monday, May 15, 2023 at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison.

James L. Johnson, aka Jim/Jimmy J, was a beloved husband, father, brother, grandpa, great-grandpa, family member, friend, teammate, coworker, and community member.

He was born in Mount Horeb, WI on September 24, 1950 to Leroy Johnson and Carol Jean Rickey.

He grew up in Mount Horeb, WI where he met his wife and fellow avid pet lover of 53 years, Cindy Johnson. They have enjoyed living in Dodgeville since the 1970's.

He was so proud of all of his family members:

Siblings and their families: Steve and Karen Johnson, Bob and Cathy Johnson, Bill Johnson, and Patty and Mark Baumeister.

Children: Mike (MJ) and Jami Johnson, Brandon (Brock) and Katie Johnson, Shelly and Jerry Wendhausen, and Jamie and Shane Maerz.

Grandchildren: Bella, Hayden (Johnson), Emma, Zachary (Johnson), Trevor (Jordyn), Chance (Sydney Owens), Garrett, Jaxson (Wendhausen), Brooke, Easton (Maerz).

Great Grandchildren: Hadlee and Halstyn Wendhausen

His hobbies included being an accomplished and creative woodworker and being a loyal and committed fan of all local and Wisconsin sports teams. In his playing days he was a very accomplished bowler and talkative catcher on many competitive fast pitch softball teams in SW Wisconsin over many years.

He was a beloved girls softball assistant coach and now Hall of Fame Inductee for Dodgeville High School over the span of 20 years with the teams he was a part of winning many conference, regional and sectional championships – with their highest finish being when daughter Jamie and team became state runner-ups in 1994.

You could also always count on seeing Jimmy J in the stands cheering on the Wendhausen boys during their many current and past high school basketball games.

His career started with Farm & Fleet as a young store manager in his early 20's starting in Madison and then moving to Dodgeville.

He made the transition to Lands' End in Dodgeville in the early 1980's where he retired after 36 great years in various roles and departments.

After his retirement he found a new passion and love – farming with his grandsons and son-in-law on the Wendhausen dairy farm. He also really enjoyed his short time delivering for O'Reilly Auto Parts.

He was known as a “one of a kind” and a good man that would help anyone and do anything to help leave people and things better than he found them.

A Celebration of Life for Jimmy J will be held on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 from 3:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the DODGER BOWL. Family and friends are invited to wear your favorite sports attire.

He will forever be honored with a private family burial at Eastside Cemetery in Dodgeville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 31. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dodger Bowl
321 King Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533

Tribute Wall

SB

“ A good man who will be missed. May he travel on Angels' wings to his final resting place. Suzanne and Don Brown, friends of Michael and Jami

Suzanne Brown - May 26, 2023 at 03:11 PM

CH

“ Jimmy had so many talents. I have enjoyed working with him. Deepest Sympathy to your family. You will be missed

Connie Hampton - May 23, 2023 at 08:23 PM

RM

“ Shelly, Jerry and family I send my sympathy in your loss. Love, hugs and prayers sent to all of you at this sad time. Cherish the good memories. Rosalie May

Rosalie May - May 17, 2023 at 04:21 PM

JB

“ Such a great guy and good friend. Worked many years together at F&F & ar Lands End. He was a very talented wood worker and always on the move. He treasured his kids & grandkids & spoke highly of them often. Thanks for being my good friend Jimmy J, so glad our paths crossed & hope they do again. RIP Jimmy

Jeff Borne - May 17, 2023 at 04:15 PM