



## Brian Earl Johnson

August 5, 1963 - April 21, 2026

Brian Earl Johnson, age 62, passed away on April 21, 2026, at North Memorial Hospital, with his loving wife, Phuong (Kim), by his side.

Brian was born on August 5, 1963, to his parents, Earl and Thelma Johnson at Mercy Hospital in Oelwein, Iowa. He later moved with his family to Humboldt, Iowa, where he was confirmed at Grace United Methodist Church in the spring of 1976. Brian graduated from Humboldt High School in 1981. Following high school, Brian attended Brown Institute, where he studied radio broadcasting. He began his career at the radio station in Clarion, Iowa, before eventually moving to Minneapolis with his parents. Brian later found his long-term career at Med-Tek, where he worked as a heat treat operator for 21 years.

Brian met his wife, Phuong, through a co-worker, and their relationship began through email correspondence. He later traveled to Hồ Chí Minh City to meet Phuong and her family, where they were married. They celebrated a second wedding ceremony in the United States on March 18, 2006, at Community United Methodist Church in Columbia Heights. Together, they made their home in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota.

Brian had a love for cars and enjoyed taking summer road trips with Phuong through Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Colorado. They also cherished their time at Bluefin Bay on Lake Superior, visiting in every season. Brian especially loved Phuong's cooking, with favorites including Cháo Gà (chicken rice soup) and Bánh Mì Bò Kho (beef stew with bread).

Brian is survived by his devoted wife, Phuong (Đào Thị Kim Phượng); his children, Clint Johnson of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, and Elizabeth (Johnson) Schwartz and her husband Harley of Fridley, Minnesota; his three brothers, Jay Johnson of Tampa, Florida, Randy Johnson of Marshalltown, Iowa, and Kevin (LuAnn) Johnson of Cold Spring, Minnesota; four grandchildren; five nieces and nephews; and many extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Thelma (Lawman) Johnson; his grandparents, Gordon and Mildred (Gephart) Lawman, and Axel and Lilly (Lofquist) Johnson; and his nephew, Noah Johnson.

Brian will be remembered for his love of family, kind heart, and strong work ethic. He will be deeply missed. God Bless You.

Visitation Wednesday, April 29 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Celebration of Life for Brian Thursday, April 30 at 11:00 AM (Visitation one hour prior)

Luncheon following service.

Location Washburn-McReavy Hillside 2610 19th Ave NE Minneapolis, MN 55418

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Hillside Chapel  
2610 19th Avenue N.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

## Visitation

APR **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Chapel Service

APR **30**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Jay, Shannon & Brett Johnson purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Brian Earl Johnson.



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**Jay, Shannon & Brett Johnson** - April 28 at 08:50 PM

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“ Jay, Shannon & Brett Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Earl Johnson.

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**Jay, Shannon & Brett Johnson** - April 28 at 08:50 PM

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“ Joyce Lawman & Her Family purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Brian Earl Johnson.



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**Joyce Lawman & Her Family** - April 27 at 04:32 PM