



Gerald "Jerry" Kenneth Johnson

March 2, 2016

Minneapolis – Gerald “Jerry” Kenneth Johnson (72), most recently of Cumming, GA, died in his home on March 2, 2016, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Minneapolis on January 6, 1944, Jerry was the son of Kenneth Wesley Wood and of June Marjorie Peterson. Kenneth died unexpectedly in 1947 from a WWII related injury. His mother June subsequently remarried to Vernon Dean Johnson who, in 1950, adopted Jerry and his younger brother Jim.

Jerry was educated at Mounds View High School and he undertook some college while playing on a football scholarship at Minnesota State University (formerly Mankato State University).

Jerry spent most of his professional career in the tire and automotive logistics industries. During the 1980’s he was the co-owner and operator of All J’s Tire Center located in southwest Minneapolis. After selling his interest in All J’s, Jerry spent the remainder of his career distributing automobile parts throughout Minnesota while working for U.S. Tire & Exhaust and then in the metro-Atlanta region working for Spectrum Sound and Accessories. Jerry retired in 2009.

Jerry’s life was one focused on his family, sports, and automobiles. Together

with his uncle and his brothers, Jerry could always be found at car shows and at drag strips all throughout the Midwest, and he loved attending NASCAR races with his wife Judith. He was a devoted sports fan with a particular love for the University of Minnesota's Golden Gopher Hockey Team, for whatever little league team his grandson played on, and, later in life, for the Texas A&M NCAA Equestrian Team where his granddaughter rides. Above all else, Jerry's true devotion was to his wife Judith and to his daughter Kelly, and eventually to his three grandchildren. He will be remembered for his quiet yet powerful spirit, for his commitment to see to the needs of others before himself, and for his polite and wry sense of humor.

He was predeceased by his wife, Judith Anne (Rafferty) Johnson, in 2001.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Kelly A. and Dr. Richard D. Phillips of Atlanta; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jim and Robin Johnson of OR, Dean Johnson and Phyllis Soumala of MN, Geary "Lucky" Johnson of MN; sisters and brothers-in-law, Pat and Butch Hanson of MN, Kathy and Preston Van Schepen of MN; and 3 grandchildren, Matthew, Megan, Caitlin.

Visitation Tuesday, March 8, 5-8 PM with Funeral Service Wednesday, March 9, 10 AM, visitation also one hour prior to service, all at: Washburn-McReavy.com Northeast Chapel 612-781-6828 2901 Johnson Street NE

Tribute Wall

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“ Jerry is one of 6 cousins who made my only-child childhood so much more fun. Every holiday was spent together and I learned to play poker from the guys. We laughed, we swam, we skated, we rolled down the long hill and later we all learned to water ski. I never fully appreciated the classic car love affair these guys had, but they share it to this day. Jerry, you adored Judy and Kelly in a way that showed me your soft side and I love you for it. I have a very tender memory of you to carry with me.

Judy Young - March 08, 2016 at 11:40 PM



“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Kenneth Johnson.



March 08, 2016 at 08:47 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Kenneth Johnson.



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“ *Romie(Nelson)Cushman lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Kenneth Johnson*



Romie(Nelson)Cushman - March 06, 2016 at 04:37 PM

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Jerry was my first love, my high school sweetheart. I will always love him. Romie

Romie(Nelson)Cushman - March 06, 2016 at 04:41 PM

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Kathy - March 12, 2016 at 12:38 AM