



Rex Peterman Johnson

May 28, 1938 - November 8, 2014

A loving Husband, Brother, & Father. Age 76 of Woodbury died suddenly at his home Saturday, November 8, 2014 surrounded by his family. Rex was born May 28, 1938 in Iowa City, Iowa to Gerald and Ezma (Peterman) Johnson. His family traveled quite a bit during his early childhood before settling in St. Paul, Minnesota. He enlisted in the National Guard in 1955 before joining the United States Marine Corp in 1958 and was honorably discharged. Rex did many things in his early years including owning and operating a bar on Lake Owasso. He was a bartender when he met the love of his life, Jean Weyenberg. They were married in October 1967. They settled on the West Side of St. Paul where they raised their two children Wade and Wendy. Early on, Rex had worked for the Great Northern Railway, the Federal Aviation Administration, and finally the United States Postal Service where he retired. Some of his biggest accomplishments came when he was a Business Agent with the American Postal Workers Union where he served as Local Secretary, Local President, and State President. And some of his other accomplishments came from his recovery from gambling and alcoholism. He recently received his 30-year pin from Gamblers Anonymous. He was always one to help others in their addictions too. But what will be missed most is his story telling. He could captivate many with his stories of growing up, work, and family. Many who were part of his life will miss Rex. Rex is survived by his children, Wade (Lynn), and Wendy. Grandchildren, Madeline, Ella, Annika, Lauren, and Grant. Sister, Carla; special nephew, Brett (Erin); great-nephew

Dean. Sister-in-laws, Mary (David) Endru, and Jeri (Michael) Dickrell; nieces and nephews, Sandra, Jaqueline, Julia, Maren, George, Amy, Tanya, Lloyd, Mary, and Justin; great-nephews Judd, Adam, Gabriel, and Marcus. Preceded in death by his parents Ezma and Gerald, beloved wife Jean; brother, Tom; nephews, Kurt and John Jr. Funeral service will be held on Thursday, November 13th at 10AM. A visitation prior to the service will be at 9AM at the Church of the Assumption in Saint Paul. Internment will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

HH

“ *Heather Hunt has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.*

Heather Hunt - November 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Rex and I have been friends for over 50 years .We have shared many things in our lives. He always had my back and was there whenever I needed help. He was not only my best friend; but my Brother from another Mother.P*

Richard Rowley - November 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *A million words cannot describe what a wonderful,kind generous loyal friend Rex was to EVERYONE. He took interest in every thing you had to say. He was always there to help out anyone at any time. Pain and all, he walked the walk. In the last 43 years he was with us for every occasion in our family. We enjoyed his company on several cruises, watching him enjoy every moment. i,m sure everyone thought they were his best friend; and they were, he had the biggest heart of anyone . If you knew Rex, you were one of the most fortunate people on earth. To know him is to love him, and I will miss him so much. May his family have peace in this big loss and believe he is finally without pain, and seeing all his loved ones that left before him. Life will never be the same without Rex.
Kathy Rowley*

kathy rowley - November 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Carla and Brett. So sorry to hear about the death of your brother and uncle. Please know that you are in our prayers. Rhynda and Bob.*

Rhynda & Bob Landt - November 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Dylan and I are sending our deepest condolences to you and your family. May you find strength in your family and memories to get you through this time*

Cheyenne - November 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *Please accept my condolences. May God grant him eternal rest.*

Your dad left a tremendous legacy in his children, and great memories for those of us lucky enough to know him and your family. I'm especially grateful for having been welcomed into your home many times during high school. It was like a home away from home. Your dad (and your mom, too) always made me feel welcome, like one of the family.

Heaven is gaining a great asset in the man we lost. Hopefully, we will get a chance to sit around the dinner table together again some day.

Michael

Michael Klein - November 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM