



Richard D Johnson

January 29, 2015

Johnson, Richard D. Age 68, of Champlin, died peacefully on Jan. 29, 2015 after a courageous battle with cancer. Preceded in death by parents, Thelma Tatum and Wally Johnson, Duluth. He is survived by his sister, Janice Hiller of Chandler, AZ; three nephews, Jeff (Robin) Hiller of Chandler, AZ, Ron Hiller (Lyndy Jones) of Tempe, AZ, and their children Sara Jane and Scott Hiller, and Jim Hiller (Shane Bunn) of Beaverton, OR; Aunt Margaret Yernberg, and many cousins. Rick graduated from Duluth Central High School in 1964, and the University of Minnesota Duluth in 1969. He taught English and German at Roosevelt Middle School in Blaine for 39 years, retiring in 2008. As a youth, he was active in scouting, receiving the Eagle Award. In the Twin Cities he was a member of the Coon Rapids Jaycees and served as President, District and Regional Director. He was President of the Anoka Toastmasters club earning many awards. More recently he served as President of the North Suburban Optimist Club, and Governor of the Dakotas-Manitoba-Minnesota District. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the North Suburban Optimist Club, PO Box 454, Anoka, MN 55303. Interment Glen Haven Memorial Gardens. Funeral service 11 AM Saturday, February 7 with visitation 1 hour before service and Friday 5-8 PM all at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Glen Haven Chapel 763-533-8643 5125 W. Broadway, Crystal

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Rick will be missed by many but will not be forgotten. We will miss his smile, wit, and humor. He had a unique way of getting others involved. What I will miss most is his "Thank you my friend" at the end of our phone conversations. Thank you my friend, it has been a pleasure knowing you. You will not be forgotten. What an Optimist!
Jim Bisek, a friend and fellow Optimist

Jim Bisek - February 06, 2015 at 02:57 PM

DS

“ Rick is respected and loved by all his Optimist friends. He was a dear friend and mentor to me and I for one will truly miss him. And what a funny guy... always cracking his dry humor. We will miss you Rick but you have earned the most "valuable prize". A trip to the 'Pearly Gates'. See you there. Save me a spot.
Don Stover, DMM District Governor... trying to walk in your footsteps.

Don Stover - February 05, 2015 at 06:06 PM

BP

“ I knew Rick since we were in Anoka Toastmasters. I have so many good memories of time spent within that is hard to know where to begin. I remember his hole-in-one on the golf course (he shot about 110 that day, but that one shot was memorable. Rick always had a positive attitude and always was eager to help people attain their goals. He readily accepted leadership roles and always contributed of this time and talent in whatever organization he belonged. It is fitting that he was so active in the Optimist Clubs. I knew he was suffering from cancer but he never complained. He belongs in Heaven in my opinion. If not him, then who?

Bob Pierce - February 05, 2015 at 04:00 PM

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“ My husband, Mark J. Miller & I had the pleasure of getting to know Rick when both of them were Governors in the Optimist Great Plains Region. We had a wonderful time in Cincinnati during training & the international convention. Rick's warm caring personality & unique sense of humor will be greatly missed.
Nora Allison & Mark Miller



Nora Allison - February 05, 2015 at 06:31 AM

MM

We will all miss him greatly. His unique sense of humor, & especially his always Optimistic outlook! Optimism has truly lost a good soul. Imagine all the antics he's pulling off now! So long, friend.

Mark J Miller - February 06, 2015 at 07:29 AM

LA

“ The Worthington Optimist Club send our sincere condolences. Blessed be his memory!!!

Laura Ailts - February 04, 2015 at 06:03 PM

CC

“ My name is Carol Ostlund Crowe. I grew up with Rick in Duluth. He attended Peace Church. My memory is of him singing "O,Holy Night" in German on Christmas Eve with John Hey. He was a dear.

Carol Crowe - February 04, 2015 at 09:04 AM