



## Roger William Johnson

March 11, 1954 - March 5, 2021

Roger William Johnson 66, of Hopkins, MN passed away peacefully on Friday, March 5, 2021.

He was born in Chippewa Falls, WI on March 11, 1954 to John Roger and Marjorie Mae (Lower) Johnson. He lost his dad to cancer at the young age of four, but had learned from him to always be honest and kind. He graduated from Chippewa Falls High School and went on to college at the University of WI Eau Claire, Chippewa Valley Technical College, and Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis.

He started his career as a Mapper at Northern States Power Co, which eventually became Xcel Energy. He worked there for 34 years, retiring as the Edina Area Engineer. He continued working with Excel Engineering as a contractor for 10 more years. He met the love of his life while working at NSP, and married Gail Carlson on May 19, 1979. Together they raised five children, who gave them six grandchildren. Roger's love and devotion to his family was unlike any other. Everyone that met him will tell you that he was not only caring and calm, but also patient, generous, funny, and incredibly intelligent! He loved spending time with his family, especially at the cabin which they built from the ground up. He enjoyed snowmobiling, grilling, doing yard work, watching Twins, Vikings, and Wild games, Jeopardy, snow blowing the entire neighborhood after a snow storm, woodworking, working on house projects, or just wandering around his favorite store Menard's. He was a great handyman,

and could fix anything- even if it meant breaking it more to put it back together.

Roger is preceded in death by his father John Johnson; mother Marjorie (Lower) Johnson Roycraft; mother-in-law Betty Jean Carlson, and aunts and uncles.

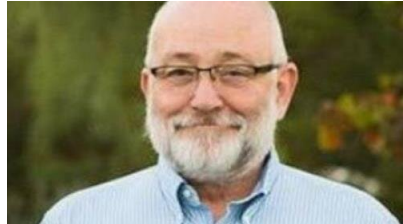
He is survived by his loving wife Gail Johnson; daughters: Crystal (Trevor) Ziebarth, Sarah Johnson, Carrie (Sam Fry) Johnson, and sons: Keith (Jaymi) Johnson and Kevin Johnson; Brother Dick (Sue) Roycraft  
Grandchildren: Breckton, Bradington, and Britton Ziebarth, Adeline Johnson Staley, and Jeremiah and Jameson Johnson: as well as nieces, nephews, and beloved family and friends.

Due to Covid restrictions, a private service will be held.

# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Funeral Service of Roger W. Johnson in memory of Roger William Johnson



Washburn-McReavy - March 09, 2021 at 02:45 PM

RB

*Thank you for allowing us to share in this service. We are saddened of course for this untimely loss and not being able to join in person, and hope that the memories of all the good in Roger's life will bring comfort to the family.*

*Ron Bennett and Mary Haley, Roger's cousins*

Ron Bennett - March 12, 2021 at 12:35 PM

CA

*Roger may your soul rest in peace. You will greatly be missed!!*  
*Chris A*

Chris Ayika - March 12, 2021 at 12:36 PM

RS

*beautiful service for a beautiful person. thank you for sharing with us. love and prayers to all. Ray and Sally Steffens*

Ray Steffens - March 12, 2021 at 12:41 PM

AF

*What a beautiful legacy Roger left —to be devoted to being a Dad and family man. He was God's love overflowing and may that love continue to overflow your memories of him*

Ann Flagstad - March 12, 2021 at 12:45 PM

NH

*Beautiful service. You are in my prayers Gail*

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**Nancy Shore Hicks** - March 13, 2021 at 05:52 AM

DD

*What a loving tribute! May he Rest In Peace. My sincerest sympathy.  
Deb Decker*

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**Deb Decker** - March 15, 2021 at 09:08 PM

PM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I never met Roger in person, but we communicated by phone and email over the years, as I handled the invoicing for the work he did for Excel Engineering. I remember him as being kind and funny.*

*- Patrick (Excel Engineering)*

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**Patrick Mahoney** - March 12, 2021 at 04:52 PM

GS

“ I’m so so sorry about the loss of your wonderful husband, dad and grandfather. I first met Roger at the NSP Edina service center when he was area engineer and I was a customer representative. He was so good to me, a new rep and so helpful to our customers who needed his help with our electric grid. That was so important to all of us. Ever present was that Roger grin.

*I really enjoyed being reunited with him and to renew the acquaintance as a coworker when he became a project manager in the transmission group.*

*When I remember Roger I will always think of the grin and the wall of family photos on his cube wall in Edina. I feel like I got to know the family a little through that photo collection even though I have never met you.*

*Please know that we had a remembrance discussion for Roger this week at our morning staff meeting and he was well remembered and will be missed by many.*

*Grant Stevenson*

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**Grant Stevenson** - March 12, 2021 at 12:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roger William Johnson.



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March 11, 2021 at 11:01 PM

RM

“ *The picture is the best way to describe Roger. That great grin of his. A kind, loving, generous, caring man. Always looked forward to the family reunion, so I could get my Roger fix. My family will miss him. May God rest his soul!*

*Dick, Molly, and Max*

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**Richard Milinkovich** - March 11, 2021 at 12:45 PM

PK

“ *Roger was a person you liked right away when you met him. He was an enjoyable personality to be around. I regret not talking with him more about life, rather than focusing on work. I will miss him!*

*Perry Kuznar  
Excel Engineering*

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**Perry A Kuznar** - March 11, 2021 at 11:10 AM

NT

“ Growing up with Roger was a life experience everyone should be lucky enough to have. We saw the calm, generous person and what was important to him. His friendship was genuine and he constantly let you know you were important. It was easy for him to give whatever it was that was needed to improve someone's life. We were in constant awe of his abilities. Best of all we got to see what a real kind , thoughtful man was like. He was a best friend and we spent a huge amount of time together and yet it was not enough. Through every step of life he was there. When Roger found Gail his life was in good hands. Never was there a more perfect couple. We didn't loose Roger we just got to see him truly happy. That happiness grew as the family grew.  
Our " group" was lucky to have Roger. Our lives were better. Even if we didn't see him for a while, when we did it was like he had been there every minute of everyday . He was.  
I'll miss my buddy and share some of our experiences just to hear him say " Yeah, we were ridiculous ! "  
Love you buddy  
Nick and Jean Travaglio

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Nicholas M Travaglio - March 11, 2021 at 09:18 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roger William Johnson.



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March 11, 2021 at 09:00 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Roger William Johnson.*



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March 11, 2021 at 07:17 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roger William Johnson.*



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March 10, 2021 at 09:41 PM



“ *Hello Crystal, Linda told us about your father passing away. Dick and I send our thoughts and prayers to you and your family. You need to be strong at this time for yourself and for your family. Sincerely, Dick and Peggy Stasson*

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**Margaret Stasson** - March 10, 2021 at 09:23 PM



“ *My deep condolences to Gail and family. Roger will be greatly missed at Xcel Energy, where he will long be remembered for his excellent work, kind nature and warm smile. Roger's genuine ways made key customers glad to see him, even if there were issues to resolve.*

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**Brian Amundson** - March 10, 2021 at 09:05 PM

JO

“ *My cousin Roger and I grew up together. We spent our summers at the family cottage on Lake Wissota, near Chippewa Falls. We were close in age and shared similar interests. We explored the outdoors by foot, bike and boat, being careful not to venture farther than the sound of our grandfather's giant school bell, calling us home again. We fished, caught frogs and turtles and once dared to take Uncle Jack's sailboat out during a thunderstorm. After I moved to San Diego and the family sold the cottage, we saw each other less often. I know however, that he continued to grow and mature into a great husband and father. I was extremely saddened to hear he was gone. The world has lost another good man.*



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**John O'Connell** - March 10, 2021 at 08:44 PM

GK

“ *Thanks Roger for your friendship... I learned a lot from you. You were always a like minded fellow. You will be missed !*

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**Gene Kotz** - March 10, 2021 at 07:53 PM

HF

“ *We don't think Roger ever thought he was special, but he was. He was quietly kind, easily jolly, generous, steadfast, and loyal. He lives on in the hearts of his family and his friends' memories. His life was a gift. Peace to the family.*  
*Hollis and Creighton Fricke*

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**Hollis Fricke** - March 10, 2021 at 04:54 PM

KN

“ Kent & Mary Norman purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Roger William Johnson.



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**Kent & Mary Norman** - March 10, 2021 at 03:02 PM

JM

“ John, Linda and Malia purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Roger William Johnson.



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**John, Linda and Malia** - March 10, 2021 at 01:39 PM

JZ

“ Although we didn't see Roger often because of distances apart we always looked forward to seeing him. He always made everybody feel relaxed as he was one of the calmest people we have ever met. We will miss seeing him and our thoughts and prayers are with Gail and the entire family. John and Linda Ziebarth

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**John and Linda Ziebarth** - March 10, 2021 at 12:01 PM

SF

“ Sam Fry purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Roger William Johnson.



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**Sam Fry** - March 10, 2021 at 09:21 AM

SF

“ *Such a kind and calm man. I feel so grateful to have met him and seen what an amazing father and husband he was. How he dedicated his life to helping his family and those around him. Thank you for being such a great father in law, and for teaching me to fish. God bless you Roger*

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**Sam Fry** - March 10, 2021 at 07:20 AM

MN

*Roger was a man of few words but I know the grandchildren adored him & He was such a kind and good man and such a dedicated husband & father Our thoughts and prayers are with Gail and the entire family.  
Kent & Mary Norman*

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**Mary and Kent Norman** - March 10, 2021 at 03:07 PM

AL

“ *What a wonderful man ! You will have many blessed memories and I pray that God grants you peace Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. give yourselves a big hug. From Marcia and art lowell*

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**Art and Marcia Lowell** - March 09, 2021 at 08:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger William Johnson.*



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March 09, 2021 at 06:39 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Roger William Johnson.*



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March 09, 2021 at 06:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roger William Johnson.*



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March 09, 2021 at 05:51 PM



“ *Roger was the best father-in-law anyone could ask for. He taught me so much in the time I knew him (even tried to teach me how to fix things but I was a bad student:)) but most importantly how to be a great husband and father and I can only hope to be even close to the man he was and I'll never forget that! We will all miss you Roger and we love you!!*  
*Trevor*

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**Trevor Ziebarth** - March 09, 2021 at 05:22 PM

DR

“ Roger was such a great husband, father and brother. He would always lend a helping hand when someone asked and didn't think twice about it. When we were growing up he was my big brother and I looked up to him. I remember having Covid for the whole month of November last year and Roger would contact me everyday to check on me to see how I'm doing and give me support.

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**Dick Roycraft** - March 09, 2021 at 04:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Roger William Johnson.



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March 09, 2021 at 03:42 PM