



Mr. Stephen Russell Johnson

October 1, 1949 - November 1, 2019

Johnson, Stephen R. age 70 of Burnsville, passed away peacefully on Friday 11/1/19. He was preceded in death by parents Russell L and Hilda C Johnson. He is survived by sisters Sharon Ott (Dennis), Sheryl Graham and brother Stan (Bonnie), nieces, nephew, grandnephew and cousins. Steve was born 10/1/49 and grew up in Minneapolis. He became an Eagle Scout and graduated from Washburn HS '67 and U of MN Landscape Architecture '74. He was employed by the MN DNR until Multiple Sclerosis (MS) impacted his work. Steve then became a fundraiser for the Minnesota Science Museum, earned his Human Services Certificate U of MN '88 and was a lifelong learner. Steve was an outdoorsman - hunting, fishing, and painting watercolors of MN landscapes. He created limericks and jokes and knew every rock song of his generation. He kept a dictionary at hand to find words to stump his friends. Steve thrived on coffee and family celebrations. Steve became a Christian as a young adult, memorized scripture and prayed daily for his family and friends. His faith and joy were evident to all. Steve was diagnosed with MS in his early 20's and his disease progressed over time - affecting his ability to see, smell, taste, walk, and finally to speak and eat. He enjoyed going to MS Camp annually as health allowed. Throughout his life, he kept the most positive attitude and love for others. He led by example to encourage each person to live a life of service to God and other people. Greatly missed and we rejoice he's at home in heaven. Special thanks to the caring staff at Eriksmoen Cottages whose love and kindness created a second family for Steve for the

past 11 years. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a contribution be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at <http://main.nationalmssociety.org/goto/StephenRJohnson> Funeral service will be held on Thursday, November 14th at 10AM with visitation at 9:30AM at Lakewood Memorial Chapel, 3600 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis. Visitation also on Wednesday, November 13th from 3-6PM at:

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **13**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Nokomis Park Chapel
1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55407
(612) 721-1651
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Visitation

NOV **14**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Lakewood Memorial Chapel
3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Church Service

NOV **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Lakewood Memorial Chapel
3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Graveside Service

NOV **14**. 10:45 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)
3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Tribute Wall

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“ Stephen was a special cousin with a wonderful faith and spirit through all his years of illness. He lived his life in a way that was an example to all of us of how life is meant to be lived. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Laurel and Jerry

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“ Carl, Hans, Veronika, Alexander, Mary, Heinrich purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Stephen Russell Johnson.



Carl, Hans, Veronika, Alexander, Mary, Heinrich - November 09, 2019 at 08:05 PM