



Larry Dean Johnson

May 27, 1943 - December 18, 2009

OBITUARY INFORMATION:: Larry Johnson Dorothy and Vern Johnson welcomed Larry into the world on May 27, 1943. He joined sister, Pat. Joan and Leonard completed the Johnson family. They lived in Newberg and the children attended Saint Paul Catholic Grade School. Larry grew up helping at the store and inherited Dorothy's work ethic of a six day work week and always there to wait on a customer. High school years were full of athletics, good buddies, dates, movies, burgers and fries at the drive-in, and cruising the gut. It was great to live in Newberg. After graduation, Larry enlisted in the army and honorable served his country. He returned home and married his high school sweetheart, Linda. They have remained together all these years. Beautiful daughter, Stephanie, was born, followed by handsome Brent. Larry and Linda faithfully spent the next years participating in all the events of raising children. Stephanie is married to Mark and their children are precious McKenzie and Anna. Brent's wife is Christy and they are the proud parents of Cody who will continue the Johnson name. Larry and Linda are well known as successful business owners and have always given generously of their time and resources to Newberg events and a helping hand to many in need. It made the community a pleasant place to live. Tradition played a huge part in Larry's life. Dorothy's Sunday dinners with homemade pies, holiday celebrations, birthday parties, family reunions. He loved it all! Life was good, vacations, road trips, staying at the beach house, garage sales, auctions, and card games, all the while, meeting new friends. The gentle giant is gone. Larry, you've gathered us in – Linda, Stephanie, Mark, McKenzie, Anna, Brent, Christy, Cody, Old friends, new friends. How do we live without you? In Lieu of donations for those who wish to honor Larry's spirit, we ask that you do a good deed for someone and always remember to pay it forward. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 2, 2010 at St Peter Catholic Church, 2315 N. Main St., Newberg, Oregon.

Comments



“ Brent and the rest of the Johnson family, Just heard of Larry's passing. His smile, laugh, and words of encouragement at the ball-field were the best...an indelible part of my youth in Newberg. A man to be celebrated and modeled, for sure. Thanks for sharing him. -Jeff

Jeff Mooney - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Linda, Stephanie, Brent and family, You have been in our prayers. I know what a ver sad time this is for all of you and for the days ahead. There will be many days of remembering all the good and fun things Larry did and how giving he was to so many. I know my memories are fond ones! I will be thinking of you in the days ahead. Love and prayers, Linda

Linda Schlachter - December 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Larry was great and so much fun to talk with. His smile was contagious and so was his laugh. I remember one time when my husband and I needed a small piece of carpet for our closet. We went to the store on First Street, but couldn't find anything. He invited us to his home to look in the shop, where there were lots of left over pieces of carpet. We found just what we were looking for and he wouldn't take any money for it! Newberg has lost a great man and I will miss him very much.

Debbie and Doug Jorgensen - December 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ When I needed money, Larry gave me a job. When I needed a place to stay, Larry gave me a house to live in. For as long as I've known Larry, when I was hungry, Larry would feed me. To say that Larry was a good man just doesn't seem like enough, because Larry was a great man. I guess I would just like Linda, Brent, Stephie, Leonard, Joan and all of the Johnsons to know that you are in my prayers.

David Baker - December 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM