



Richard O. Johnson

April 19, 1939 - October 20, 2015

In the morning with the rain on the ground, surrounded by his loving family, Richard O. Johnson went to be with our Heavenly Father on Tuesday, October 20, 2015. He was born on April 19, 1939, to Simeon and Eula Johnson, at Bogle Farms.

Richard married the love of his life, Anita Bailey on June 1, 1956. They celebrated 59 years together.

He was greeted in Heaven, by his parents; sister, Mary; mother and father-in-law; and lifelong friend, Jim Pilley (they've gone hunting).

Those left to carry on Richard's legacy are his wife, Anita; daughters: Jill Hernandez, Jackie Neeld and husband Curtis, Tracy Denson and husband Sebie; grandchildren: Kama Garcia and husband Jason, Andrew Hernandez and wife Ellen, Rusty Neeld and wife Tanya, Matthew Neeld and wife Haven, Bobby Neeld, and Denny Denson; great-grandchildren: Eric Loflin, Zoey Neeld, Simeon Neeld, Roman Apodaca, Genessa Apodaca and two on the way (Adeline Hernandez and Eden Neeld); brother, Roy Johnson; and sisters: Loyce Gallegos, and Irene Rustio and their families. Also surviving Richard is his best friend, Perry Caffall.

There will be no funeral services, per Richard's request. The family will have a memorial celebration service in his back yard at 200 W. 5th Street, Dexter, NM. Richard worked so hard on his yard (his second favorite place to be) and would love to share it with family and friends. So bring a pot luck dish, a lawn chair and a fun memory or two to share with us! We will start sharing these

memories on Saturday, October 24, 2015, at 12:00 PM.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, that a donation be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Our father would be happy to know the kids are being taken care of in his name.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories with Richard's family in the online register at andersonbethany.com.

Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard O. Johnson*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Richard and Nita were dear friends and I have many fond memories of the good times we shared. Camping trips , playing cards , riding dirt bikes and just spending time with him and his family. The daughters were all young back then. It was always so apparent that Nita and the girls were his life. Richard was a very good man and it was a blessing to know him. I am so sorry to learn of his passing and pray the Lord to comfort his family*

Marion lewis (formerly whisenhunt)

Marion lewis - January 11, 2016 at 06:54 PM



“ *Lord I can't get it right. Better quit before it gets worse RICK not ruck*



Becky Steman - November 03, 2015 at 12:28 PM



“ *I ended up typing Rock not Ruck. Kind of a Freudian slip?:)*



Becky Steman - November 03, 2015 at 12:26 PM

BS

“ Loved and will miss Rock for many reasons. His sense of humor, his kindness, his loving and taking care if mama and daddy. I love him for loving his family. As Kama said, his songs with the wrong words. I have a song in in mymind and it comes out with his version:)

He always teased me about eating bait when I brought up sushi. He and Nita married a month before I was born (I know I'm telling my age) I'd walk in and be greeted with huge sugar or baby or sweetheart. I lived and appreciated him and still do for "stopping by" to have a cup of coffee with mana and bringing her the oaper. When daddy was in the hospital in Albuquerque years ago and a bunch of us we're up there... it happened to be Nita birthday and he suggested Dennys so she could get a free meal He leaves lots if good, funny, comforting memories and I was glad to have him for a "big brother!" Becky Steman



Becky Steman - November 03, 2015 at 12:25 PM

KG

“ I cannot express what a wonderful, funny, loving, and kind man my Papa was. I do know that he was loved by many people. My favorite saying of his was, "Oh, there's my favorite granddaughter." (I am his only granddaughter.) :) I LOVED hearing him say that! I got to hear it once more on the last full day of his life when he introduced me to someone in the hospital before he went home to Dexter. I think he knew I needed that. I will be forever grateful that I got to hear it one last time along with, "Baby, I love you SO much." What a blessing it was and is to have been loved "so much" by someone so amazing. I will miss him, but I know he is in Heaven singing silly songs (with the wrong words) and doing all of the things he loved to do! His family is his legacy and we will all work hard to make him proud every single day. I love you, Papa.
Kama Garcia

Kama Garcia - October 29, 2015 at 07:38 PM

MK

“ I had just begun to know Richard, but I considered him my friend, as did my brothers, who worked with him. I appreciated him sharing stories of my oldest brother, Norman. I didn't know they could be so rowdy. Richard, will truly be missed by everyone. My condolences to the family.
Margaret Sherwood Koetter and The Sherwood Family

Margaret Koetter - October 23, 2015 at 03:31 PM