



Ronald James "R.J." Johnson

July 23, 1947 - December 7, 2014

Memorial service for Ronald James (R.J.) Johnson, 67, of Roswell, NM will be at 2:00 PM, Thursday, December 11, 2014 at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home with Pastor David Brunson officiating. Military Honors will be provided by Roswell Veterans Honor Guard. Burial to follow at South Park Cemetery. R.J. passed away peacefully at home Sunday, December 7, 2014.

R.J. was born July 23, 1947 in Topeka, Kansas to Samuel G. and Jacqueline Johnson. He enjoyed hunting, camping, guns, the outdoors, working on the ranch and loved his dog Jim. R.J.'s truest passion was teaching. He loved being around his students and enjoyed seeing them grow and reach their full potential as adults.

He is preceded in death by his father Dr. Sam Johnson, father-in-law Thurman White, and niece Cari Lewis.

R.J. is survived by his wife Linda whom he married January 28, 1968 in Roswell, his daughter Jennifer Roberts and husband Kenneth, grandchildren, Nathen and Ryan Roberts of Roswell, his mother, Jacqueline (Jackie) Johnson of Roswell, sister Vickie Fisher and husband Walt of El Paso, TX, brother, Sam Johnson II of Reno, NV, nephew, Michael Fisher and wife Maria of Santa Teresa, NM, niece Pamela Calkins and husband Andrew of Hillsboro, Or and their son Logan, aunts Katsy Whitaker and Kitty Zukowski and numerous cousins, mother-in-law Johnnie White of Hagerman, NM, sister-in-law Elaine and husband Boyd of Coalgate OK, sister-in-law Kim White of Tatum, NM and niece Laura Lewis of Roswell.

During his Roswell School days R.J. was active in boy scouts, becoming an Eagle Scout. He attended NMMI for several years and graduated from Roswell High School in 1965. Following High School, he obtained his Bachelors' Degree from NMSU and then went on to earn his Masters' Degree in education at ENMU. R.J. attended flight school in Pensacola Florida with the US Navy. R.J. Taught in Hatch, Roswell, Hagerman and Hobbs for 20 years where he also coached football at Highland Junior High. After retirement he returned to NMMI for 6 years as a Tac Officer and then went on to work at the South Park Cemetery as a grounds keeper for 5 years. R.J. developed lifelong friendships wherever he was and was loved and respected by all of his students. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Honorary pallbearers will be W.H. Allison, Buddy Pipkins, Wallace Campbell, Logan Bailor, Mike Mahoney, Bob Bergener, Rodney Mayes, Boyd Lewis, and his shooting friends and former Co-workers at South Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests a donation to your charity of choice.

Special thanks to Dr. Badine and staff at Kymera.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald James "R.J." Johnson*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *RJ was so nice and friendly during high school and at mine and Linda's class reunions. Will always remember his smile! Margaret Nichols Kuenzler*

MargaretNicholsKuenzler - December 13, 2014 at 08:46 PM



“ *Linda, Johnnie and the rest of RJ's family, please know how much I thought of RJ while he was teaching at Hagerman Schools. He and I were "partners in crime" when it came to doing inventory at the end of the year, also we worked every basketball together, he ran the clock and I kept the books. Such a pleasure to know him and work with him. God's richest blessings on the family he loved so much. He will be missed. Bennie Shaw*

Bennie Shaw - December 11, 2014 at 08:57 PM

AS

“ Our deepest condolences to the Johnson family, the memory of R.J will forever burn bright in our hearts. He was such a kind and gentle soul. we always looked forward to his visits; Rest in Paradise Mr. Johnson

*he will be truly missed
ashley and ericka (kymera)*

*linda we are here for you if you ever need anything.
your love for each other was truly inspiring.*

ashley - December 11, 2014 at 11:14 AM

MS

“ Mr. Johnson was my freshman English teacher at Highland Junior High. He had a big impact on my life. I am now a freshman English teacher at Lovington High School. I've taught for 26 years. I truly feel that Mr. Johnson taught me more than a curriculum that year. He taught me how students and teachers should interact. He taught me how to care for my students. He scolded me when I wasn't acting lady-like. He joked with me often. My fondest memory of him is this...Everyday I entered his classroom right after lunch. I always had a box of Milk Duds, half eaten. He would tell me that I couldn't take those into class, and he would take them away from me. I knew he was eating them himself. It became a big joke. On the last day of school, I opened my locker and a hundred Milk Dud boxes cascaded around my feet. I looked over at his room and he was laughing hysterically. He had put small change in each of the boxes and taped them back up. He was paying me back for all my Milk Duds he had eaten. The relationship we had meant a lot to me. That's why I invited him to my wedding. I knew he probably wouldn't come, but I wanted him to know that I valued his impact on my life. When the wedding march started, my dad and I headed down the aisle. There on the left, right on the end of the aisle was Mr. Johnson. I broke down and started to cry. He came to my wedding. I was so happy he came. It meant a lot to me. That was the last time I saw him. Yesterday, after reading the paper, I wrote "Rest in Peace Mr. Johnson" on my board in my classroom. Every period students would ask what that was about, and I got to tell my stories of Mr. Johnson six times. Although I haven't seen him in years, he still lives on in my mind. Thank you, Mr. Johnson for all you taught me.
Mary Pyle Spears

Mary Spears - December 11, 2014 at 10:49 AM

JP

“ Juana Kay and John Preston purchased the Red Poinsettia for the family of Ronald James "R.J." Johnson.



Juana Kay and John Preston - December 11, 2014 at 10:28 AM



“ Holiday Homecoming Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald James "R.J." Johnson.



December 11, 2014 at 09:12 AM

DR

“ Linda and Johnnie, so sorry for your loss. Dora and Hagerman/Dexter JOY Center friends.



Dora Ruiz - December 10, 2014 at 09:31 AM

ME

“ Mr. Johnson was my history teacher in Hagerman. He was a great teacher and always willing to help out his students. My condolences to his family.



Mercedes - December 10, 2014 at 07:58 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Ronald James "R.J." Johnson.*



December 10, 2014 at 07:32 AM