



William "Rick" Johnson

March 7, 1937 - September 4, 2024

William "Rick" Johnson, age 87, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 12:25 a.m. on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper, Indiana.

Rick was born in Vincennes, Indiana, on March 7, 1937, to Milo and Rhoda (Rinehart) Johnson. He married Rose Coomer on January 7, 1961, at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Vincennes, Indiana.

He was a 1955 graduate of Vincennes Lincoln High School where he played football, basketball and baseball. His passion was baseball and he is still well-known for arguably one of the longest home runs ever hit in Vincennes Lincoln High School history as he hit a ball at the old ballfield over the band shell and into Gregg Park.

Rick proudly served in the United States Army and National Guard. He enjoyed telling stories of his short time as a Metropolitan Police Officer in Washington, D.C.

He was a member of Shiloh Church of Jasper in Jasper, IN, where he took pride in teaching a high school Sunday school class alongside his wife, Rose. The students he encountered were very inspiring to him as they engaged in God's word. He also proudly sang in the church choir and quartet.

Along with his father, Cy, He owned and operated Johnson Home Improvement for many years. He spent his latter years as an independent insurance salesman.

He enjoyed fishing, and hunting, especially rabbit hunting. He also loved sports. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals and Purdue fan. Anyone who truly knew Rick was accustomed to hearing him break out in song at any moment in time. His sense of humor always had people laughing.

He was a loving husband of 63 years to his surviving wife, Rose (Coomer) Johnson, Jasper, IN. Along with his wife, Rick has two surviving children, Jami (Harry E. Jr.) Hutton, and Craig (Kimberly) Johnson, both of Jasper. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, Katie (Nick) Ferguson, Samantha (Eric) Harrison, Rebecca Hutton, Abigail (Eric) Kiefner, Harry Charles Hutton, Madeline Johnson, and Nathan Johnson, six great grandchildren, one sister, Beatrice (Dick) Johnson, Vincennes, IN, and one brother, Jimmy (Beverly) Johnson, Vincennes, IN.

Besides his parents, preceding him in death are two infant sisters, Jacqueline Sue and Nancy Ann Johnson.

A funeral service for William "Rick" Johnson will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 7, 2024, at Shiloh Church of Jasper in Jasper, IN, with burial to follow in Shiloh Cemetery. Pastor Dan Sinkhorn will officiate.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. service time at the church on Saturday.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shiloh Church of Jasper in Jasper, IN, or to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Online condolences may be

made to www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

Shiloh Cemetery

4060 W. Shiloh Rd.
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Shiloh Church of Jasper
1971 W. State Road 56
Jasper, IN 47546

Service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SR

“ Rick was a great guy that I loved to spend time with! He had many unique phrases that he used regularly and was one of the funniest people I have ever known. One example I will always remember is when Rick and I were sitting together in the Monroe City First Church of God choir one morning as we were observing the congregation prior to the service. He leaned over to me and said" That Rex Ready is so skinny he could take a shower in a rifle barrel"! Rex was a dear friend of mine but it was all I could do to contain my laughter in front of the church. It was also my great pleasure to have worked with Rose at the South Knox School Corporation for several years. She was one of the nicest, kindest people who ever walked the face of the earth! I will always remember the time I was able to spend with both of these wonderful folks and will always have fond memories of them. RIP my friend! Rose, he may be gone but will never be forgotten. You have my greatest sympathy for Rick's passing.

Stan Robertson - September 22, 2024 at 07:20 AM

VS

“ Hello, Rose,
I was so sorry to hear of Rick's passing; you and he were so kind to me four years ago when "Mert" passed on. I haven't forgotten that, because it meant a great deal. We are saying goodbye to so many of our dear high school friends, but we surely have sweet memories. I wish I had known Rick liked to sing, although I do believe that Mert had told me about him doing so on the ball team bus!! Wishing peace and comfort for you and yours. Lovingly,
Valerie Jordan Sweeney

Valerie Jordan Sweeney - September 11, 2024 at 04:07 PM

DI

“*Rose and family, we are so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. He was always so pleasant on Sunday mornings when we'd talk before service.*
Rick & Diana Collins

Diana - September 05, 2024 at 04:14 PM

CU

“*Rose, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Lifting you and your family in prayer.*

Cindy, Larry and Daniel Uhrick

Cynthia Uhrick - September 05, 2024 at 11:00 AM

JS

“*Dear Rose,*
My sympathy to you and your family. It was a blessing getting to know you and Ric. And seeing both of you everyday at St. Charles was so nice.
Always enjoyed talking to you both!!!! Rest in Peace Ric!!!!

Julie Schutz - September 04, 2024 at 08:00 PM

MD

“*My sincere sympathy to you Rose and your family. Jim & I enjoyed getting to know you and Rick when you all and Jim & I used to walk around the block! Then aging happened and the walking ended. It has been 3yrs since Jim passed but now maybe he and Rick can catch up. RIP Rick so glad to have met you.*

Marilyn Dittmer - September 04, 2024 at 03:59 PM