

**ROBERT LEE
JOHNSON**

Feb. 26, 1942 - July 15, 2024

Robert Lee Johnson, Sr., 82, of Peoria, IL, passed away July 15, 2024, at his home.

Per Robert's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded. A celebration of life service was held July 23, at Wilton Mortuary with a visitation an hour prior.

Pastor Nathan Rychener officiated the service. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Research Hospital (501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105)

He was born February 26, 1942, in Powshiek County, to John and Margaret Johnson.

The Johnson family lived and farmed northeast of Deep River. Bobby's was graduated from Deep River in 1959 along with classmates: Richard Geiger, Jim Cranston, Linda Elliott, Gary Armstrong, Marilyn Rieck. His brother Gary graduated in 1955.

Robert made frequently visits to his hometown of Deep River, especially on Memorial Day. He enjoyed attending the Alumni Dinners up until his health began to fail.

Robert was a traveling salesman for the John Day Farm Equipment Company for almost 50 years before retiring in 2007.

He greatly enjoyed playing golf, rooting for the Chicago Cubs, and listening to Johnny Cash's music. Robert always looked forward to his weekly poker party with the "card players" and spending time with his family. He attended Northwoods Community Church in Peoria.

Robert married Sharon Brandonberg and together they had three sons. He later married Judith Ann Dickson on November 14, 1985, in Peoria.

Robert is survived by his wife of 39 years, Judith Johnson; sons, Richard Johnson and Randy (DeDe) Johnson; stepdaughters, Julie Keyes and Cheryl Keyes; one grandson; five step-grandchildren; and nine step-great-grandchildren. Also surviving is his brother, Gary (Tomas) Johnson; sister, Victoria Dzurak; and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Robert Johnson, Jr.

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