



Wayne Eugene Johnson

October 2, 1943 - June 13, 2021

Wayne Eugene Johnson, 77, of Rockford, IA died on Sunday, June 13, 2021 at MercyOne North Iowa in Mason City.

A visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at Zion Lutheran Church, 805 E Main Ave, Rockford. A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 18, 2021 at Zion Lutheran Church with Pastor Robert Scheurer officiating.

Wayne was born on October 2, 1943 in Hartley, IA to Lester and Helen (Barry) Johnson. He was a graduate of Royal High School. Wayne was united in marriage to Carol Meyer on June 18, 1961 in Royal, IA and to their union three children were born: Terry, Scott and Steve. Wayne was elated to be a father to his three sons and when his youngest Steve was born he finally had the “quartet” he always wanted (although only Wayne loved to sing). Wayne was in the Barbershop Quartet and they won a Central States District Championship. He also participated in the Midwest Four, Kelly’s Kid’s and the River City Barbershop Chorus. Wayne had an excellent singing voice and also sang at church and many funerals.

Wayne and his family moved to Rockford in 1967 where he became involved with Zion Lutheran Church, the Rockford School Board, Light Plant Chairman and Golf Course President. He owned and operated his own business,

Johnson Construction, for over 35 years. Wayne was determined to complete any project thrown his way which included anything from building the Omnitel in Nora Springs to cabinets and even play kitchen sets for his children/grandchildren. Everything had to be handmade and done his way. Wayne was an avid fisherman and for 27 plus years would take a fishing trip to Flint Lake in Ontario, CA. He loved fishing and especially loved taking the trip with his sons. His other interests included leather working, taking trips to the casino and attending the Clay County Fair. Most importantly, Wayne loved spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Wayne was a jokester and will be remembered for his vivacious storytelling and comic humor.

Those left to cherish his memory include his three sons: Terry (Kerry) Johnson of Rockford, Scott (Angie) Johnson of Rockford and Steve Johnson of Mason City; grandchildren: Lindsey (Kyle) Staudt, Corey (Taylor) Johnson, Caley (Matt) Rottler, Wesley Johnson (Amber Staudt), Derek (Whitney) Johnson, Travis (Kayla) Johnson, Logan Johnson, Cameron Johnson and Hannah Johnson (Blake Farr); great-grandchildren: Cyrus, Ezra and Avril Johnson and Baby Rottler due in July; sister: Yvonne Sands of Royal and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Lester and Helen Johnson; brothers: Perry and Donovan Johnson and great-grandson Will Johnson.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
805 E Main
Rockford, IA

Memorial Service

JUN 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
805 E Main
Rockford, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Wayne Eugene Johnson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *We are remembering the good times we shared with Wayne. He had the most infectious smile and always seemed to enjoy life to it's fullest. The obituary and picture were a perfect description of Wayne. Our deepest condolences to the family. Sincerely, Judy & John Austin (Cheryl Chapman's sister)*

Judy Austin - June 18, 2021 at 01:44 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wayne Eugene Johnson.*



June 17, 2021 at 10:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wayne Eugene Johnson.*



June 16, 2021 at 03:17 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Wayne Eugene Johnson.*



June 15, 2021 at 10:39 PM



“ *Terry, Scott, Steve and families, we are so sorry to hear of Wayne’s passing...Keeping you in our prayers...*

Teri Chapman - June 15, 2021 at 07:03 PM



“ *I would talk my dad, Don Fraser into taking me along when The Midwest Four was going to practice. Many of those times were out at Gene's big warehouse. Wayne always had a smile and a joke. He could always find a way to lift you up. I was especially glad when he and Gene drove down to Des Moines in 2015 to spend some times with my dad. I recorded it, stories, jokes and tales from the past. The hours they spent together that day went by far too fast. Dad really enjoyed the time.*



Keith Fraser - June 15, 2021 at 05:21 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wayne Eugene Johnson.*



June 15, 2021 at 04:53 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wayne Eugene Johnson.*



June 15, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ *Terry, Scott, Steve and families--we are very sad to hear this. Wayne was the first person we met when we moved to Rockford. He came to hook up our gas stove, sat down and had coffee and the rest is history. We had so many great times together. Love the picture!! SOOO Wayne. Our sympathy to all of you.. Sincerely Melvin and Cheryl*

cheryl chapman - June 15, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ *Barbara Jourdenais lit a candle in memory of Wayne Eugene Johnson*



Barbara Jourdenais - June 14, 2021 at 10:46 PM

GG

“ 55 plus years of solid friendship and quartetting with this fine gentleman. A genuine person and only a month ago we visited and re-hashed some of the fun times we had while doing various engagements. Will miss you, Wayne, and nothing can take away the many, many good memories we were able to share. ---Gene Gallogly

Gene Gallogly - June 14, 2021 at 05:24 PM

SJ

Thank you Gene, his proudest barbershop memory is the Midwest Four. The memories of his solo's will always bring a tingle up my spine! What a beautiful tenor voice! He will be missed.

Steve Johnson - June 15, 2021 at 12:28 AM

LO

Wayne, may you rest in peace. The phone calls we had will be missed so much. I never knew what would come out of your mouth when you answered the phone. We always had a good laugh. To your wonderful family, prayers to you all.

Linda opdahl - June 15, 2021 at 08:34 AM

DP

So sorry to hear of your loss. Lifting you all up in prayers of comfort and strength.

Dennis and Kim Popp - June 15, 2021 at 02:15 PM

LR

Sorry to hear of your loss. I was the first Baritone to sing in Kelly's Kids. I have fond memories of the many practices and shows we did in the time we sang together. I will never forget Wayne singing Danny Boy and getting standing ovations from the crowd. He was a true tenor. Will miss your Wayne. Rest in piece.

Lavern Roby Robeoltman

LaVern "Roby Robeoltman - June 15, 2021 at 07:53 PM

GH

Heartfelt condolences to your family. Phil Hunget (who passed away Feb.22, 2021) was my Dad, and also a dedicated barber shopper. Many great memories of Wayne's quartets, wonderful voice, and comedic antics:) on various shows & competition stages through the years. He always had a smile & warm greeting to share. Been a number of years since I'd seen him, but will always remember him fondly. Grant Hunget, Olathe Kansas.

Grant Hunget - June 16, 2021 at 12:07 PM

RL

I can't go a day without thinking of Wayne. From Barbershop to coming to work at OmniTel's offices... the jokes and stories he would tell each time I saw him. He was and will always be remembered for everything he did and gave to friends and family!

Ronald J Laudner - June 17, 2021 at 11:58 AM

CS

Wayne's ready laugh and contagious smile will always be remembered fondly. He had such a kindness about him. Thinking of all of you and sending our condolences. Dan & Carol Schroeder

Carol L Schroeder - June 17, 2021 at 02:47 PM



My heartfelt condolences on Wayne's passing. My father, Rich Thompson, passed on April 1 this year. His time singing with Wayne and the Midwest Four was special. Rich Thompson, Jr.

Rich Thompson - July 29, 2021 at 02:11 AM