



Robert Drake Johnson

April 5, 1956 - December 29, 2024

It is with heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Robert Drake Johnson, affectionately known as Bob, Bobbo or The Dude. Bob passed away peacefully and unexpectedly on December 29th, 2024 with his beloved wife, Julie, by his side. Bob lived a life full of passion, laughter, and love.

Born on April 5, 1956, in Pasadena, California, to Joseph and Cynthia Johnson, Bob grew up with a child-like curiosity and zest for life. His career at Boeing brought him to Moses Lake in the late 1980's where fate led him to Julie, his hairdresser who became his soulmate and wife. They married on October 3rd, 1992, beginning their life journey which was a beautiful mix of joy, endless stories, heartfelt laughter, and boundless affection.

After Boeing left Moses Lake, Bob worked at Samaritan Hospital Warehouse and Terrace Heights as maintenance director. In 2002 Bob proudly went to work alongside family and eventually retired at Soil Spray Aid Inc., a family business created by his father-in-law Bill. But retirement didn't slow him down because Bob was a man who embraced life fully. Bob introduced stand-up paddleboarding to Moses Lake and competed in races in Washington and California. His most memorable award was from Battle of the Paddle's Stand up for a Cure in California. Bob was a fitness enthusiast through his whole life and was no stranger to the work out room.

Bob was a storyteller at heart, captivating everyone with his tales and infectious humor. Known for his gift of gab, he had an uncanny ability to connect with anyone and bring joy to any room. A devout supporter of his

family and friends, Bob was always their biggest cheerleader, offering encouragement and words of wisdom.

Though his paddle rests, his love, his stories, and his memories will continue to ripple through the lives of those he touched. Rest in peace our sweet Bob, Bobbo, The Dude. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten. He has left quite a legacy.

Bob is survived by his wife Julie Johnson, sons: Joshua Adam LaRosee, Joseph Ryan LaRosee (Katie Lynn LaRosee), Drake William Johnson and daughter Ashley Reanne Johnson. Grandchildren: Penelope Jo LaRosee, Cora Rose LaRosee, DeVaughn Cassius Rushing. Siblings: Susan Johnson, Barbara Mack (Micheal Mack), Julie Lawton (Eric Gale), and Jan Guptill (Colonel Sandy Guptill USMC (Ret). Nieces and Nephews: Molly Mack (son Everett Mack), Blossom Barylski (Matt Barylski, children Olivia and Parker Barylski), Trevor Mack (Erin Burke-Webster), Jacob Rimple, Kyle Rimple (son Elijah Rimple), Lila Johnson and Tate Johnson. Sister and Brother-in-law; Shari Johnson-Faith (Mark Faith), Brady Johnson (Amy Johnson). Mother-in-law Mary Ann Johnson. Extended family; Steve Rimple (Carmen), Gunner Rimple, Everett Rimple, Sam and Roz Grogan.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Cynthia Johnson (Drake), his stepmom Linda Johnson and his uncle, Bruce Johnson.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held on Saturday January 11th, 2025, at 1:00 PM at Grace Harvest Church: 313 Fig St. Moses Lake WA. with Pastor Doug Sherman officiating. Friends, family, and all whose lives were touched by Bob are welcome to join us in remembering his remarkable life. In true "Bob fashion", attendees are invited to dress casually or wear Hawaiian attire.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 11. 1:00 PM (PT)

Grace Harvest Church
313 Fig St.
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

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“ Julie & family~

*My very deepest condolences on this big loss.
My heart goes out to you during this dark
time. May Bob rest in peace.*

Jestina Ellingson

Jestina Ellingson - January 09, 2025 at 01:38 AM



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Chris - January 06, 2025 at 08:16 PM

JJ

I love this and it's so true for Bob! Thank you for sharing.

Julie Johnson - January 08, 2025 at 01:55 AM

DF

Bob was my best friend, from the partying of high school, shepherding me through the abyss of three failed marriages and always my go to guy for advice in every circumstance. I tried is patience severely, yet he always made me feel welcome in his home. He remembered my birthdays every year (I have an AA birthday too), cuz from his dad he knew how important those birthdays are.

Bob is glorifying God in heaven with our fathers and our heavenly Father in Jesus name, Amen.

Dan Flaherty

Dan Flaherty - January 08, 2025 at 06:08 PM

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Julie you have Ron & mine deepest sympathies.

Ruth Erickson - January 11, 2025 at 05:19 PM