



Vernon Ray Johnson

June 14, 1938 - November 18, 2009

Vernon R. Johnson, 71, longtime Moses Lake resident, passed away Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at Samaritan Hospital in Moses Lake after his long and very courageous fight with cancer. In keeping with his wishes, there will be no services. Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory, Moses Lake. You may sign the guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com.

Vern was born June 14, 1938 to Johnny Garrison Johnson and Esther May (Sheffield) in Paris, Arkansas. His father passed away when he was a very young child. His mother later married Earl Harrison. Vern was raised in Arkansas and later joined the Air Force. When he was stationed at Larson Air Force Base in Moses Lake, he met the love of his life, Charlotte "Charli" Wallace. They were married on August 30, 1958 in Moses Lake. He was then reassigned to Kingsley Field Air Force Base in Klamath Falls, Oregon where their first two children, Randy and Wendy were born. Upon his discharge from the Air Force, they returned to Moses Lake where their last two children, Johnny and Darla were born. They raised their family in Moses Lake and lived the rest of their lives here. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2008.

Vern was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was devoted to his family and always put us first. He made sure we never wanted for anything.

He was always trying to better himself, and over the years had worked at Skagg's Automotive, Ross Automotive, Coca-Cola (Randy loved it when he would take him on his route with him), Faber Industrial Supply and at Evergreen Implement until his retirement. He loved woodworking and building things. If you needed a tool you didn't have, you knew you could borrow it from Dad. There was a real good chance that he had what you needed—and an even better chance that he had three of them. He and Mom loved their trips to the river to collect driftwood which they used to landscape their huge back yard. He loved playing country music and writing songs. Over the years he was a member of several local country-western bands. He recently thrilled his grandchildren Audrey and Cameron by giving them each one of his many guitars.

He is survived by his son Randy and his wife Tammy, his daughter Wendy Erickson and granddaughter Audrey, his daughter Darla Hubbard and grandson Cameron, his grandchildren Ryan and Jordan Hubbard and Stephanie Duvall, his brothers Raymond Harrison and wife Joan, Bill Harrison and wife Connie, Mike Harrison and wife Sheila, and his sister Brenda Sewell and husband Bucky. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Johnny in 1993 and by his beloved wife Charlotte on July 14th of this year, which took a bigger toll on him than the cancer ever could have.

Dad, we are all so very, very proud of you. With all you have endured the last few years, you never complained or felt sorry for yourself. You even apologized for what you were putting US through. Amazing. You stayed proud, strong and determined until the very end. We will all miss you more than you know, but we are so happy for you. Your pain is over, and you are back where you were always meant to be, at Mom's side. It looks like her birthday present was a day late this year. Tell her "Hi" and give her a kiss from us.

Tribute Wall



“ Our Dear Aunt Wendy,Audrey,Randy,& Tami,

We are so sorry to hear about your Dad,I know this time must be bitter sweet on each of your hearts.The loss of your dad has to be so very painful to miss him in this life but the Joy knowing he is not hurting any more and with Charlotte & your brother hopefully helps. We both LOVE you guys and you will all be in our prayers. friends forever Shari###imported-begin##Shari & Sal ###imported-end##

November 25, 2009 at 03:27 PM



“ Dear Randy and family,

We were deeply saddened by the news of the passing of Vern. We last visited with him down at OK Tire. At that time he told us that he was not going to take any more treatments. Having dealt with illness of mom and dad I certainly knew what Vern had grown to understand and accept. I had the true pleasure of knowing you parents both through my employment at Fabers and with the country music we played. We shared many laughs and drinks while we played for the local clubs. Good memories. You don't have to be told how special your parents were and continue to be even though they now have eternal peace and rest with our Lord. God Bless.###imported-begin##Larry and Jennifer Dennis###imported-end##

November 23, 2009 at 01:05 PM



“ Just wanted to let you know how sorry we are for the loss of such a wonderful person that your Dad was. We are so glad we were able to make the trip to see them both last year. Cry for yourself but not for them because they are together again.##imported-begin##Bill & Connie Harrison##imported-end##

November 21, 2009 at 09:55 PM



“ Our sincere sympathy for your loss of your Dad. At least now his suffering is ended and once again he is united with his long time love "Charli". We will miss them both. You have our love and prayers during this trying time. Paul and Karen##imported-begin##Paul and Karen Kern##imported-end##

November 21, 2009 at 09:14 PM



“ Your parents were both indeed remembered by us. Your Grandpa Wallace & his family (daughter Charlotte) lived in our neighborhood in the 50's and I (Jeanette) knew Charlotte from school. I (Jeanette) worked with your Dad at ML TV Cable Co for a few years before I retired. We want to remind you that when you lose someone you love, you gain an angel to watch over you.##imported-begin##Ralph and Jeanette (Ehlert) Enzler##imported-end##

November 21, 2009 at 12:46 AM



“ I just wanted to let you kids know what an awesome brother he has been to me. I'll never forget the times we got to spend together. If there is anything that we can do, please don't hesitate to ask. If you just need to talk, I'll be here. I love you all. You are in our thoughts and prayers. love Brenda and family.##imported-begin##Brenda Sewell##imported-end##

November 20, 2009 at 06:49 PM



“ Randy, Wendy, and Family: We are so sorry for your loss. Even when expected, we can never really be prepared. Take heart in knowing your parents are once again united, forever, and in God's hands. Keep close the many cherished memories you have of both of them . . . as these will sustain you in the years to come. We share your pain, please let us know if we can help.##imported-begin##Marv and Mary Maslen##imported-end##

November 19, 2009 at 08:47 PM



“ Randy, Wendy, Darla, I am so sorry for your loss, not only dad but Mom as well. They are together again and free of pain. cherish the memories, they will get you through everything.##imported-begin##Donna##imported-end##

November 19, 2009 at 07:34 PM



“ We share your grief in the loss of your Dad. He was always so soft hearted and that is one of the things we will always remember about him. We do have the memories and those we will cherish. Our love and prayers are with you all. We know his pain and suffering is over and he is now experiencing peace and is back with "Charlie". May God bless you all and give you strength in the coming days to deal with your loss. I couldn't have asked for a better brother and friend. Raymond and Joan###imported-begin##Raymond and Joan###imported-end##

November 19, 2009 at 07:13 PM



“ Randy & Family, Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.. Hold his memory close.###imported-begin##Darla Mast###imported-end##

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