



## Michel Duane Johnson

January 14, 1957 - July 4, 2012

Michel Duane Johnson was born on January 14, 1957 in Denver, Colorado to Duane and Betsy Ann Johnson. He grew in Denver and Butler, New Jersey where he graduated from Butler High School in 1976. Soon after, Mike enlisted in the United States Air Force and served his country for 2 years as a missile mechanic at the F.E. Warren AFB in Cheyenne, Wyoming. As a young boy, Mike enjoyed working on muscle cars and participating in football, track and wrestling.

Mike married Lisa Rogert on June 2, 1979 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Valley, Nebraska and they were blessed with three children: Travis, Kyle and Carlee. Mike and Lisa have made their home in the Valley/Waterloo area. Mike and Lisa renewed their vows on September 5, 2009 in Sturgis, South Dakota.

Mike has worked as a truck driver for Hartford/Lyman-Richey, had his own mobile auto A/C repair business, building manager at Shellrock and for the past 5 years at Valmont. He enjoyed being outside boating, 4-wheeling, riding his motorcycle and spending time with family and friends. Mike spent endless hours in his shop working on his grandfather's 1959 Willy's Jeep and taking it on wood rides and various off-trek adventures. Mike was a social butterfly and as his father-in-law always said. "Mike could talk for two hours on a wrong number." After a phone call, he would always look at the timer on his phone to

see how long he was on the phone and was quite proud if it ran long. Mike was a great husband, son, father, brother and grandfather. He was often seen in his signature Key overall, with the side buttons undone for maximum comfort.

Mike passed away as a result of a motorcycle accident on July 4, 2012 in Little Rock, Arkansas with his family at his side at the age of 55 years, 5 months and 20 days. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Wilbur Wayrick, Theresa Wayrick, Ralph Johnson, Wilma Johnson and Polly Rogert; father Duane Johnson; sister Sharon Johnson and brother-in-law Rod Rogert. Mike is survived by his wife Lisa; children: Travis (Julie) Johnson of Omaha, Kyle (Regina) Johnson of Valley and Carlee (Steve) Donley of Waterloo; grandchildren: Braxton and Alexis Donley; mother Betsy Ann Johnson and her fiancée Tom Walker of New Mexico; sister Lesa Lee (Mitch) Poehling of Valley; aunt Jean McVay of Lakewood, Colorado; and cousin Rob McVay of Lakewood, Colorado.

Johnson, Michel age 55 of Waterloo, NE

Preceded in death by grandparents Wilbur Wayrick, Theresa Wayrick, Ralph Johnson, Wilma Johnson and Polly Rogert. Father Duane Johnson. Sister Sharon Johnson and brother-in-law Rod Rogert; Survived by wife Lisa; Children Travis (Julie) Johnson of Omaha, Kyle (Regina) Johnson of Valley and Carlee (Steve) Donley of Waterloo; grandchildren Braxton and Alexis Donley; mother Betsy Ann Johnson and fiancée Tom Walker of New Mexico; sister Lesa Lee (Mitch) Poehling of Valley; Aunt Jean Mc Vay of Lakewood, CO; cousin Rob McVay of Lakewood, CO; Gathering with the family on Monday from 5:30 to 8 PM. Memorial Service Tuesday 10:30 AM all at the funeral home. Inurnment Prospect Hill Cemetery. Memorials to Make-A-Wish or Nebraska Humane Society. Condolences to [www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com](http://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Michel Duane Johnson*

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December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Dear Lisa & family. We wanted to let you and your family know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. When we first moved to Valley your family was to welcome us into the community. You were all so kind and warm to us. We have some many fond memories of the love you gave to us.*

*Mike was such a loving family man and a friend to everyone he met. If you need anything please let us know.*

*Love always, Laurie, Darrell, Nicholas, & Tera Marquardt.*

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**Laurie & Darrell Marquardt & family** - July 10, 2012 at 04:13 PM



“ *i'm very sorry for your loss. mike was one of the most genuinely nice guys i've ever had the pleasure of meeting. he was always in good spirits, even if the day wasn't going his way. because of the shift i was on, i got to chat with him on breaks, and after work for the last year and a half. i recently had to switch shifts, and on the first day of my new shift, i saw his work station, and my first thought was, this sucks, now we're not going to get to sit and chat like we used to. so i decided that was just unacceptable, and i would just have to start coming in to work early so i could say hi, and get to b.s. with him a bit. he was simply a great guy, and i truly miss him. i know quite a few guys in gearbox that feel the same. i know that nothing can take away the pain that you feel, but i hope it helps to know that he had such a positive impact on so many that he worked with.*

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**anthony goldsberry** - July 10, 2012 at 11:15 AM

DF

“ Lisa, Betsy Ann, and Family,  
Our heart felt thoughts and prayers are with your entire family during this difficult time. We will all miss Mike and his great personality and conversations. It's apparent that he was loved by many and made an impact on everyone he touched. Dan, Julie and family

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**Dan and Julie Feltz** - July 10, 2012 at 01:42 AM

DG

“ Lisa and Family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you now and in the future. We always enjoyed Mike's company - he certainly had a zest for life and he lit up when talking about his family.  
Doug and Nancy

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**Doug and Nancy Glass** - July 09, 2012 at 11:34 PM

TH

“ Lisa and Family,  
Mike was such a great guy and will be missed by everyone who new him! Our thought and prayers are with you at this very difficult time!

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**Teri & Scott Harper** - July 09, 2012 at 06:02 PM

DD

“ Lisa, our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Doug & Linda Deman

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**Doug & Linda Deman** - July 09, 2012 at 12:22 PM

SF

“ Kyle & Regina,

*Thinking of you during this difficult time.*

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**Steve Knott Family** - July 09, 2012 at 11:50 AM

RS

“ *I want to send my prayers out to Mike's family. He was one of the first people to welcome me to Valmont a year ago. He talked about his family and seemed like a good man with a happy heart. May you be comforted that he is in a place of peace. My heart goes out to you.*

*Renee'*

*Valmont Irrigation HR*

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**Renee Sheehan** - July 09, 2012 at 11:29 AM

JY

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. so sad to lose another member of the Valmont family.*

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**James & Amy York** - July 09, 2012 at 11:24 AM

LG

“ *Lisa, Travis, Kyle, Carlee and family, My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Mike was a great person who always made me laugh. Always remember that those we love live in our hearts forever.*

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**Linda George** - July 08, 2012 at 01:00 PM

RM

“ *Thinking of you during this time...much love.*

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**Rachel Manners** - July 08, 2012 at 10:46 AM

BP

“ T.J.

*We are so sorry to hear about your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Bob & Denise' Manners(Rachel's parents)** - July 07, 2012 at 05:54 PM

MB

“ *Lisa & Betsy - Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. Always enjoyed sharing a laugh with Mike at company gatherings - especially when he was griping about having to wear a tie! Mike & Janice*

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**Mike & Janice Bjornstad** - July 07, 2012 at 01:18 PM

DF

“ *Im so sorry for the loss of your husband and father. I only knew him for a brief period but it doesn't take long to realize he was a good person. If there is anything you need please don't hesitate to ask. Sorry doesn't seem the best choice of words but it is heart felt from my family.*

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**Diane Haman and family** - July 06, 2012 at 06:20 PM