



Richard D. Johnson

June 6, 1936 - January 8, 2020

Richard (Dick) Dean Johnson, age 83, of Omaha, NE died Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at Crown Pointe in Omaha. Born in Willmar, MN to Chauncey and Esther (Hedin) Johnson. Dick was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents as well as a son-in-law, John Taylor.

Dick is survived by: his wife, Jan of Omaha; children, Jeff Johnson (Dawn) of Denver, CO, Jodi Taylor of Solon, OH, Jill (Brad) Turpin of Versailles, KY, Jay (Amy) Johnson of Lexington, KY and Jennie (Chris) Kennedy of Appleton, WI; along with eleven grandchildren.

Dick's whole life revolved around his family and work. Work was truly his passion and hobby all wrapped up in one. Starting at age 9, he worked carrying bags at the local hotel. He moved onto running his own band in high school (playing several different percussion instruments himself) and truly loved playing on the high school hockey team with much success. After high school, the world of entertainment drove him to Las Vegas where he performed as a magician and a ventriloquist for many years followed by a move back to the mid-west where he joined the National Guard.

Dick then had a stint at the Sodrac Dog Park as announcer (and consequently met his wife) and finally moved onto his life's work as a Trade Show Producer. Dick was the CEO of Cox Johnson Corporation in Omaha for 56 years. The

Omaha International Boat, Sport and Travel show was truly his pride and joy. Throughout this time, Dick was also an avid horseman, breeding and racing thoroughbred race horses. He also enjoyed his periodic big game fishing trips to Alaska, Canada and Montauk, NY. Dick did not believe in ever saying good-bye, so instead, we will just say, "so long, till we meet again!"

Memorial service will be held at 11:00 am CST, Saturday, January 25, 2020 at the Reichmuth Funeral Home in Elkhorn, NE with Rev. Kip Tyler officiating. Burial will follow at the Prospect Hill Cemetery in Elkhorn, NE. A small luncheon will follow the Burial service. Memorials can be made in lieu of flowers to the Nebraska Humane Society.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery

21907 West Maple Road
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Previous Events

Memorial

JAN 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard D. Johnson*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard D. Johnson.*



January 24, 2020 at 07:55 PM



“ *Mary Bourne purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard D. Johnson.*



Mary Bourne - January 24, 2020 at 09:31 AM



“ *Jan, I'm so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. He was always such a joy when he came into the Gymboree store to visit you. Although it's been many years since we've seen each other, I still remember all of the good times we shared and what a wonderful family you and Dick had. Sending prayers your way.*

Jill Dohse

Jill Dohse - January 23, 2020 at 02:49 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard D. Johnson.*



January 23, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ *Here is a great video of moving in and setting up an Omaha Sports Show Display!*



John Lawlor - January 22, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ *Dick Johnson was surely one of a kind! I exhibited in his shows in one form or another for 40 years and every year was an adventure!!! He will truly be missed!*

John Lawlor

Lawlors Sporting Goods (past) and Omaha Marine Center(present)



John Lawlor - January 22, 2020 at 03:43 PM

JH

“ Dear Jan & Family ... It has been many years apart, however, remember how close your family was and your home on Mullen Road ... Dick always happy and comfortable, relaxed and enjoying family and friends. You & your family were always an inspiration with all the talents Jan & Dick possessed. My sincere sympathy and may the Good Lord walk with you always. Peace & Joy, Janet Haney

Janet Haney - January 18, 2020 at 12:50 AM

JC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. He was a dynamo; always ready to laugh or tell a story. He had a history in the tradeshow industry and I really enjoyed hearing about his early days in the business. He will be greatly missed. My condolences to his wife and family.

Jane Charls
(Freeman, Des Moines)

Jane Charls - January 10, 2020 at 08:39 PM

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“ We're going to miss you Mr. DICK JOHNSON God rest your soul our deepest sympathy goes out to your family Catdaddy and Family

Renne Shumway. (catdaddy) - January 10, 2020 at 06:24 PM

RR

“ Dick Johnson was a great man!!! I have worked with him for 20 + years and he always had a joke that someone would find funny, especially himself....He will be missed by many...

Rich Record - January 09, 2020 at 10:40 AM

RM

“ DICK JOHNSON WAS THE BEST FRIEND I EVER HAD, HE WAS A MENTOR, HE WAS CARING, AND HE WAS VERY GENEROUS, WITH HIS TIME AND KNOWLEDGE, DICK WAS A TRUE SHOWMAN, AND WAS DIVERSIFIED, IN THE PRODUCTION OF SPORT SHOWS AND HOME SHOWS, AND GARDEN & OUTDOOR LIVING SHOWS, HE WAS AND IS A REAL LEDGEND, HE STARTED PRODUCING IN SIOUX CITY IOWA, AND EXPANDED TO MINNESOTA,IOWA, ILL,& NEBRASKA, MICHIGIAN, AND CANADA. DICK RAN UNDER THE CORPORATE NAME COX JOHNSON INTERNATIONAL INC, HE HAS A LOVING FAMILY AND A VERY DEDICATED WIFE JAN JOHNSON, WHO HELD THE GROWTH OF THE FAMILY IN HER CARING HANDS. I WAS EMPLOYED BY DICK JOHNSON FOR 10 YEARS, AND HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN MY DEVELOPMENT AS A MAN, HE WAS GENEROUS TO SELL ME SOME OF HIS SHOWS,3 SPORT SHOWS, AND ONE HOME SHOW. DICK HAD A REPUTATION IN THE SHOW PRODUCTION BUSINESS, AS A LEGEND, HE WAS KNOWING AS THE GOD FATHER OF THE SPORT SHOW INDUSTRY, AND LOVED BY HUNDREDS OF HIS EXHIBITORS. HOW DO I KNOW THIS, I HAVE HAD MANY CALLS FROM RESORTS THAT JUST HEARD OF DICKS PASSING AND ALTHOUGH THEY KNOW THAT THE SHOW AND COMPANY WILL CONTINUE UNDER THE GUIDENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF JEFF JOHNSON DICKS SON, DICK WILL BE MISSED. AS FOR ME I HONESTLY LOVED DICK,AND WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF JAN AND ALL OF THE FAMILY I NEVER WOULD HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH A GREAT MAN AS DICK JOHNSON. GOD BLESS YOU DICK.

RON MURPHY - January 09, 2020 at 09:25 AM