



LeRoy E Johnson

September 30, 1944 - June 14, 2026

LeRoy E. Johnson, 81, of Grand Island passed away on Sunday, June 14, 2026.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. with the rosary beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 19, 2026 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Celebrant will be Fr. Robin Bashir. Burial will be held at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery after cremation takes place.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements; memorials are suggested to Blessed Sacrament Church or American Cancer Foundation.

LeRoy was born in Grand Island, to Walter Theodore and Viola (Lilienthal) Johnson on September 30, 1944, joining his brother, Walter Lee.

He grew up in Cairo, as a youngster, he mowed lawns and had a paper route. He was employed by the local grocery store during high school. He graduated from Cairo High School in 1962. He left home in 1964 after his father passed away. He worked for a company that traveled the USA- he went from Southern USA to Canada. He was hoping to make a career in the Armed Services but had a hearing problem and was soon disqualified. He also had a short boxing career with the Golden Gloves. LeRoy started working nights for Rainbow Bakery before being hired by Case New Holland as a welder. He soon acquired the skill to be able to weld different metals and was moved to the press and sheer, tool and die area before retiring in 1999. LeRoy was not a "sit down" type of guy and preferred to be busy during the day. He found

jobs to help others and socialize during the daytime. He delivered flowers, worked at Quality Farms until it closed, Wayne's Pawn Shop until it closed and was a guard at JBS for several years. LeRoy worked as a delivery driver for HyVee until his health prevented him from handling his duties.

He met Carol Mae Ewers of St. Paul, NE and they were married in August of 1966. They made their home in Grand Island and were blessed with four children, Lee Allen, Barry Donald, Brent Lee and Rhonda Jo. Carol died in 1982 after a short illness.

LeRoy married Sharon K. Johnson in 1983 and two sons were born, Justin Matthew and Tyler Mitchell. They later divorced.

Several years later, LeRoy met Judith "Judi" (Pralle) Clark of Kenesaw, NE. They married and lived in Grand Island. They enjoyed dancing and fishing for the first years of their marriage. They traveled on vacations to different parts of the USA, Canada, Mexico, Costa Rico and Nicaragua.

When his sons were growing up, LeRoy helped with Boy Scouts and with ball games. He received a certificate for Master Gardener. He enjoyed having a garden and caring for houseplants and his lawn. Judi considered him her mister-fix-it -all, trying his skills often. When LeRoy rested after working all day, he enjoyed his favorite beverage, beer. When the next chance arrives, raise a glass in LeRoy's memory.

He is survived by his wife, Judith "Judi" Johnson; children, Lee Johnson, Barry Johnson, Brent (Tiffany Hartford) Johnson, Rhonda (Kevin) Hillman, Justin Johnson, Tyler Johnson; stepchildren, Mark E. (Sherrie) Clark and Timothy J. (Linda) Clark; nine grandchildren Brennan Johnson, Blazek (Carlie Scott) Johnson, Elliot Johnson, Trevor Johnson, Morgan (Ky) Littlejohn, Ryker Johnson, Reiley Jo (Colby) Shildt, Raegen Hillman, Ryan Hillman; step grandchildren, Johnathan (Jack) Clark, Meagan Mendoza, Jakob Clark, and Jared Clark ; and nine great grandchildren; brother-in-law, Jerry Pralle and sister-in-law, Jane Pralle; numerous nieces and nephews.

LeRoy was preceded in death by his parents, stepfather, Orville Ruby; brother, Walter L. Johnson; parents-in-law, Rev. Henry and Mrs. Edna Pralle; brother-

in-law, and wife, Thomas and Winifred Pralle; sister-in-law, Janice Pralle; nephew, Daniel Pralle; granddaughter, Kayla Mae Johnson; step granddaughter, Raelyn Hillman and beloved cat of 20 years, Tipper.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
518 West State Street
Grand Island, NE 68801

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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