



Rodney "Rod" Johnson

December 11, 1925 - August 16, 2020

Rod Johnson, 94, of Grand Island passed away on Sunday, August 16, 2020 at the Veteran's Affairs Medical Center.

Graveside services in Rod's honor will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. at Grand Island City Cemetery. Military honors will be rendered by the U.S. Marines and the Veteran's Honor Guard. CDC guidelines and social distancing will be followed; face masks are required. We are trying to protect those most vulnerable.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to 3rd floor North Hospice Care at the VA Hospital in Grand Island.

Rod was born December 11, 1925 in Grand Island to Albert and Ruth (Whitt) Johnson. He attended school in Grand Island and graduated from Grand Island Senior High.

He joined the Marine Corp in February 1944 and was honorably discharged in 1946.

He married Colleen Wheeler, the love of his life, on November 17, 1946. They were blessed with four children, Mike, Craig, Pam and Gary. They made their home in Grand Island. Rod worked for the Cornhusker Ordinance Plant, Fairacres Dairy and Monforts.

He enjoyed playing cards, going to the horse races at Fonner Park, and caring for his extensive vegetable garden.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Colleen; his children; four grandsons,

four great-grandchildren, brothers-in-law, Larry Wheeler and Ed Davidson and Mike and Deb Cleary; along with nephews and their wives and cousins. Rod was preceded in in death by his parents, brother and sister-in-law, Wally and Kathryn Johnson, sister and brother-in-law, Richard and Betty Kelly. Rod's family would like to extend a special Thank You to all the Nurses, CNAs and others who cared for Rod with love and compassion for the last two years.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grand Island City Cemetery
Grand Island, NE

Tribute Wall



“ Rodney "Rod" Johnson

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ To Gary and family. I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very sad time. May you find peace and comfort in all of the wonderful memories you have of your dad.
Gayleen Kamper Bjerke



Gayleen Kamper Bjerke - August 23, 2020 at 03:52 AM



“ Grandpa Johnson was one of the best and a true hero in his grandchildren's eyes. Always a real gentleman and we loved him so much. He will be sorely missed. R.I.P. Grandpa J.

Love,
Mike & Deb
Chris, Julia and Caleb
Chad, Sonja and Aria

Deb Cleary - August 20, 2020 at 05:38 PM



“ *Colleen and families.
We are so so sorry for your loss. Rod was such a sweet sweet soul.
Always loved visiting with you both. Colleen please accept our Very
Sincere Sympathy for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with
you for comfort, peace, love and strength at this very very difficult
time. We love you!❤️
Al and Sherone Fielder*

Sherone Suesz Fielder - August 19, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ *love you Dad,Grandpa RIP Gary David Joshua
purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for
the family of Rodney "Rod" Johnson.*



love you Dad,Grandpa RIP Gary David Joshua - August 19,
2020 at 05:24 PM



“ *To Gary and family: So sorry to hear about your dad's passing.
Joleen was kind enough to email his obituary to us "Kamper" girls.
You all are in our thoughts and prayers during this really sad time.
Pete and Colleen (Kamper) DeLeon*

Colleen DeLeon - August 19, 2020 at 02:47 PM

TL

“ Dear Colleen, Gary, Craig, Mike, Pam and families-

We were so saddened by the news of Rod passing. He was always such a kind and gentle man. Thinking of you with our deepest sympathy.

Dave and Tamie (Helzer) Ladley

Tamie Ladley - August 19, 2020 at 10:53 AM

DW

“ Craig and family,

So sorry to see that your dad had passed our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Chuck and Diane Wiley

Diane Wiley - August 19, 2020 at 07:43 AM