



Lauren "Jay" Johnson

March 28, 1959 - August 5, 2018

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Lauren "Jay" Johnson, 59, of Norfolk will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, August 11, 2018 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk with Rev. Frank Brink officiating. Interment will be in the Prospect Hill Cemetery, Norfolk. Visitation will be held 4:00-7:00 p.m., Friday, also at Stonacek Funeral Chapel. Jay died Sunday, August 5, 2018 at his residence in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Born March 28, 1959, in Omaha, he was the son of Lauren and Mary (Edwards) Johnson. He graduated from Oakland-Craig High School in 1977. After high school, Jay lived in Ogallala, where he worked as a welder. Jay then moved to Norfolk and worked for Beef America.

He married Connie Gemelke on May 2, 1987, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Norfolk. Jay and Connie lived in Norfolk. Jay worked at Shopko before working at Vulcraft as a rigger for 10 years. Jay then worked at numerous jobs in Norfolk until becoming store manager at Dollar General in Pierce.

Jay worked at Dollar General until his stroke in 2015. Jay enjoyed Nebraska Cornhusker football, playing softball, umping softball games, refereeing basketball games, hunting and attending Norfolk High Panther sporting activities.

Jay especially loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. Survivors include his spouse, Connie Johnson of Norfolk; his children, Jeremiah (Lesly) Johnson of Norfolk, Ashley (Rich) Lanman of Norfolk, Tiffany

(Trey) Finkral of Norfolk, Levi Johnson of Denver, Colo., Lindsay Johnson of Norfolk, Lukus Johnson of Norfolk and Lane Johnson of Norfolk; eight grandchildren, Ava, James, Cameron, Beckham, Jaylen, Baileigh, Ryker and Brielle; his stepmom, Margaret Johnson of Oakland; his sister, Jackie (Mike) Shumake of Oakland; and his brother, Mike Johnson of Lincoln.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lauren Johnson; his mother, Mary Johnson; and a grandchild, Charleigh Johnson.

Casketbearers will be Jeremiah Johnson, Rich Lanman, Trey Finkral, Zach Gemelke, Lukus Johnson, Levi Johnson, Greg Peterson and Eric Peterson.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery - Norfolk

1500 Maple Avenue
Norfolk, NE 68701

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
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Service

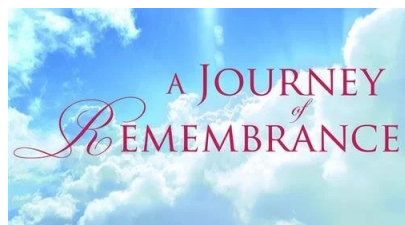
AUG 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Lauren "Jay" Johnson*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - August 08, 2018 at 03:11 PM



“ *Lauren "Jay" Johnson*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Connie and Family,
So very sorry for the loss of your loved one, Jay. He was always so kind and always would speak to us whenever we would run into him. My heart aches for all of you and I hold you all tightly in my thoughts and prayers.
Brenda Pick (Nicole Kirby's mother)*

Brenda Pick - August 10, 2018 at 11:05 AM

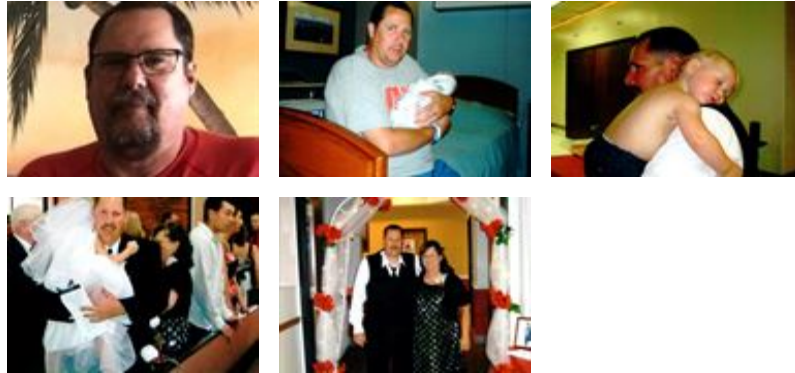


So sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of Jay growing up. Our prayers and thoughts are with your family.

Mike "Moe" Johnson. - August 11, 2018 at 12:25 PM



“ 172 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - August 08, 2018 at 01:24 PM

RW

“ *Connie & family, so very sorry for your loss of Jay. It is hard to imagine how this can happen. I pray that the Lord will watch over all of you and you can focus on the good memories and in time move forward. With Love,*

Roger Willers & family

Roger Willers - August 08, 2018 at 01:14 PM

CP

Connie and family,

So sorry to learn of Jay's passing. My sympathy and prayers for all of you.

*Cindy Purdy
(organist at your wedding)*

Cindy Purdy - August 09, 2018 at 12:03 PM

MF

*Connie and family,
So sorry for your loss. Your have such a beautiful family. Our thoughts
and prayers are with all of you.
Maureen (Cis) and family*

Maureen (cis) LaPour and family - August 10, 2018 at 12:58 PM

VG

*“ Jay was always a happy guy and very nice to talk to. He will be
missed. Prayers for all the family and friends. He touched many
lives.*

Vickie Gillespie - August 07, 2018 at 07:04 PM



*“ With deep sympathy to Connie and your family. Sincere hope that
time will bring comfort and healing .*

Darlene Zywiec - August 07, 2018 at 02:56 PM

LH

*“ So sorry about Jay's passing- holding all of you in my thoughts and
prayers- Laurie Hanna*

Laurie Hanna - August 07, 2018 at 12:42 PM



*“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased
for the family of Lauren "Jay" Johnson.*



August 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lauren "Jay" Johnson.*



August 07, 2018 at 10:54 AM



“ *Connie,
Please know I am thinking of you and I am so sorry for your loss.
Please take care
Connie Kudron*

connie Kudron - August 07, 2018 at 07:46 AM



Connie and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I know it's hard but keep God close to you, that's the only way you can get through it in my book. God's blessings!

Diane Kuchta - August 07, 2018 at 07:06 PM



*Connie and family,
So very sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
I've kept up on your family photos on facebook.
Girls are beautiful and grandkids adorable.
Hope to see you when I'm in Norfolk.
Please take care of yourself.*

Maureen (cis) LaPour and family - August 07, 2018 at 07:17 PM



Connie I am so sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers to you and your family.

Elaine Spader - August 08, 2018 at 02:15 PM

PS

“ *Connie and family So sorry about your lost
You and your family are in my prays God be
with you and your family*



Patricia Schutt - August 07, 2018 at 06:42 AM

JC

“ *Connie, im so sorry for your family loss,prayers with you and your
family*

Joan C - August 07, 2018 at 06:22 AM

CJ

“ *Connie - I am so sorry to hear about your family loss. With so much
on your mind and heart please know that caring thoughts are with
you and your family,*

Colleen Jennings - August 06, 2018 at 02:18 PM

LT

*Connie, I was so sorry to read about your husband's death. I didn't
realize he'd had a stroke. I'm so sorry. I lost my husband too last year
and know how difficult it can be. I have found Grief Share to be helpful
getting through the days that follow. If you'd like to visit a meeting --
they're held weekly in Norfolk on Thursday evenings -- I would be
happy to go with you. It's a supportive bunch who've all been through
loss. You can join in or just listen to the films and conversation --
whatever you're comfortable with. My prayers are with you. Reaching
out a big hug to you. LaRayne (Gemelke) Topp
topplarayne@gmail.com*

LaRayne Gemelke Topp - August 09, 2018 at 10:50 AM