



## Chester A. Johnson

February 18, 1949 - June 1, 2022

Chester A. Johnson

Age 73

Grand Junction

Passed away Wednesday, June 1st, 2022 at his home. Chester was born February 18, 1949 in South Haven, son of the late Arthur and Eloise Johnson and had lived in the area his entire life. Chester honorably served his country as a member of the US Army. He fought in Vietnam as a member of the 146th Infantry and was a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, the American Legion, the VFW and Moose Lodge. Chester went on to work until retirement for Bloomingdale Public Schools after 30 years of dedicated service, He was an avid baseball fan and was known by many as "Chet the Jet" where he was an active member of the House of David baseball team playing multiple games each week. Chester loved cars, even racing them in his younger days.

Surviving are his siblings, Lonny Johnson, Louise (Wayne) Nelson, Elizabeth "Beth" (Ed Bowen) Taylor; nieces and nephews, Carl "Tony" Johnson, Joshua Taylor, Terry Johnson, Sally Germinder, Debbie McCormick, Brian Garpow, Tonda Johnson, Mark Johnson; many great nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including a special cousin / sister, Signe Johnson. He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers, Theodore "Ted" Johnson and Carl Johnson.

Following his wishes cremation has taken place. The family will meet friends on Thursday, June 9th at the Bloomingdale Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, [www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com), from 10 AM until time of memorial service at Noon. Inurnment will take place in Ft. Custer National Cemetery with full military honors on Thursday, June 16th at 9:30 AM. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Salvation Army.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bloomington Chapel  
203 East Spring Street  
Bloomington, MI

## Memorial Service

JUN 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

Bloomington Chapel  
203 East Spring Street  
Bloomington, MI

## Graveside Service

JUN 16. 9:30 AM (ET)

Fort Custer National Cemetery  
15501 Dickman Road  
Augusta, MI

# Tribute Wall

FP

“ From POST 6134 Pullman,Michigan. purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Chester A. Johnson.



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**From POST 6134 Pullman,Michigan.** - June 14, 2022 at 04:16 PM

EL

“ I don't think I've ever met a more pleasant human. What a great conversationalist! Chet was one of the good ones.

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**Elizabeth** - June 12, 2022 at 03:19 PM

KS

“ I met Chester in 1980. Over the years we have crossed paths doing projects together, especially concrete. He was always there when I needed help. A few short days ago, I was putting a well and pump at the Breedsville's Cemetery and I needed a tree trimmed. Lonny and Chester stopped by to see how I was doing and I mentioned the tree trimming and the next day Chester came over and trimmed the tree. That is the type of person Chester is. This was a little over a week ago and I am still shocked about his passing. I am going to miss Chester.

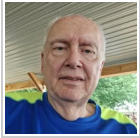
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**Ken Speicher** - June 09, 2022 at 10:24 AM

SH

*Knew Chester when we both worked at Pullman Intercare. After he left to Bloomingdale Schools he would still stop by the clinic to talk and during apple season he would be out selling boxes of apples all around Pullman. Such a great personality, humor and all around good friend. Would often come in to the Pullman VFW, which was the last time we saw him.*

Susie Hernandez - June 22, 2022 at 03:18 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memorial Video



Wayne Nelson - June 08, 2022 at 09:31 PM

KG

“ Kenny Ricki Gillan lit a candle in memory of Chester A. Johnson



Kenny Ricki Gillan - June 08, 2022 at 07:33 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Chester A. Johnson.



June 07, 2022 at 06:04 PM

RF

“ I only met Chet twice when he visited our Saddle Lake cottage renovation project this year with his brother Lonnie, but I could feel the presence of a very warm and caring human being. My wife and I are extremely saddened by the loss that those who knew and loved him so much have experienced. I wish we could have got to know him better. Our deepest condolences and sympathy go out to his family, especially our friends Lonnie, Don & Dixie. God speed Chester, rest in peace in his loving arms!

*PS Another Vietnam Vet gone too soon. We will be forever grateful for your service.*

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**RICHARD FRANCOIS** - June 07, 2022 at 10:30 AM

BK

“ Very sorry to hear of Chet's passing he has been a friend for as long as I can remember and always someone I looked forward to crossing paths with. Chet will be missed by all who had the good fortune of being a small part of his life. RIP Chet you will be missed.

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**Brian Kreiger** - June 07, 2022 at 07:25 AM

DB

“ Dana Bryant lit a candle in memory of Chester A. Johnson



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**Dana Bryant** - June 07, 2022 at 06:47 AM

ME

“ 1 file added to the album Chet



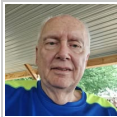
Mike Eliasohn - June 06, 2022 at 03:38 PM

ME

*Photo of Chet Johnson standing by the remains of a dump truck taken in October 2018 when he gave me and a friend a tour of his fascinating car collection, most of which was outdoors. If there is an automotive junk yard in heaven, no doubt Chet is already roaming through it.*

*May his memory be a blessing, Mike Eliasohn, St. Joseph, Mich.*

Mike Eliasohn - June 06, 2022 at 03:38 PM



*Thank you, we used this photo in the tribute video.*

Wayne Nelson - June 09, 2022 at 09:49 PM

DF

“ *So very sorry to hear of Chet's passing. Chet was a lifelong friend. A very happy and pleasant guy, he will be greatly missed by many. Condolences to his siblings and family.*

Danny Fry - June 06, 2022 at 07:34 AM

PG

“ *Pam Gillan lit a candle in memory of Chester A. Johnson*



Pam Gillan - June 06, 2022 at 07:08 AM

EC

“ Chet...  
My best friend for almost 60 years.  
Since our paper Route days at 14 years old to lasts weeks phone  
call and a month ago when you visited me in Florida.... we shared  
thousands of moments and laughs.  
I'm saddened and will miss you.

*Ed Cressy-Florida*

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**Edward Cressy** - June 05, 2022 at 09:07 PM

AL

“ Such a good man , kind hearted friend. You will be dearly missed.  
Alice Murray Martin

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**AliceMurrayMartin** - June 05, 2022 at 07:38 PM

BH

“ We will miss you dear friend. Gone too soon. Bonnie Hofstra and  
son Austin Lawrence.

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**Bonnie Hofstra** - June 05, 2022 at 04:19 PM

BH

“ 1 file added to the album My friend Chet.



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**Bonnie Hofstra** - June 05, 2022 at 04:15 PM

DR

“ Danielle Rachac lit a candle in memory of Chester A. Johnson



Danielle Rachac - June 05, 2022 at 07:08 AM

CN

“ Chet was always quick with a smile and a delicious bag of apples. I hope his spirit goes on to inspire his friends and team-mates to keep pitching on. Chet we will all miss you!

Cynthia N - June 03, 2022 at 08:43 PM

DF

Chet has been a lifelong friend, a great guy with a wonderful personality. He always was very cheerful and friendly. Way too young to leave us, he surely will be missed by all. Deepest condolences too Lou, Beth, Lonnie, and Donna and entire family

Danny Fry - June 04, 2022 at 07:27 PM

RH

“ Rhonda Hutchison lit a candle in memory of Chester A. Johnson



Rhonda Hutchison - June 03, 2022 at 06:18 PM

BY

“ My condolences and prayers to Lonnie and Lou and the family. Chester was a friend of my dad, Art, and my uncle Ed. I did not see Chester often, but when I did he always welcomed my with a warm smile and we had some great, long chats. I enjoyed the conversations we had and hearing his stories. He will be greatly missed!

Brandy Yntema - June 03, 2022 at 04:51 PM

MD

“ Mary's City & the House of David purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Chester A. Johnson.



Mary's City & the House of David - June 03, 2022 at 09:06 AM

DB

“ It was an honor and pleasure to know Chet. His presence will be missed. 💔. This photo was taken at the last game he played at the Eden Springs Park historic House of David ball field in the game with the Blossomtime Royals.



Debbie Boyersmith - June 03, 2022 at 07:15 AM

WG

So sad I worked with him at Gobles Schools for a short time. Great guy he had alot of stories to tell.

Wendy Green - June 03, 2022 at 07:59 AM

LB

*I am heartbroken to hear of the passing of Chester. He taught me how to cut trees for firewood with a chain saw. That allowed me to live in the woods without a furnace. He was a great canoe partner as well. That smile will never be forgotten.*

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**Linda Budnick** - June 04, 2022 at 08:04 PM

DS

*Chèt I remember working with you at a Bloomingdale school We had some great times & laughs. You will be missed by many. You are in God's care now. Friends forever. Donna sutter*

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**Donna. Sutter** - June 05, 2022 at 01:31 AM

DM

*Fond memories of Chet at Bloomingdale Schools! Quick wit, genuinely nice, all around person! Paul McCartney had a hit back in the 70's with "Jet" and I always greeted him with singing that when I approached him and said "Chet!" and we would both laugh at that! By all the comments I see, he treated everyone with the same kindness with good hearted nature! Rest in peace, my friend!*

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**Dan Merz** - June 17, 2022 at 09:16 AM