



Jerrold A. Johnson

June 8, 1963 - May 15, 2026

Jerrold A. Johnson

Age 62

Of Portage

Passed away Friday, May 15, 2026 at Beacon Allegan Hospital, Allegan. Jerry was born June 8, 1963 in Kalamazoo, the son of Alburton and Esther (Cam) Johnson and has lived the majority of his life in the Portage area. His greatest joys in life were his grandchildren and a close second were the Red Wings. He enjoyed hunting with his Dad, roller skating, and downhill skiing. Creating memories with his family brought him so much joy. One of his favorite things was playing music and making us guess the song or artist; Jerry always knew them all. Surviving are his wife, Caryle whom he married June 18, 1983; 2 children, Kariann Johnson of South Haven, Joshua (Meghan) Johnson of Portage; 4 grandchildren, Autumn Leadingham, Graham, Drake, Chris Johnson; 2 sisters, Joyce Rutherford of Kalamazoo, Jeana (Derek) Alexander of Allegan; many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; in-laws of 43 years, Douglas & Judith Labadie; brother-in-law, Steve Rutherford. The family will meet friends from 10 AM until time of memorial service at 12 PM, Friday, May 22, 2026 at the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home. Interment of cremains will be in Wildey Cemetery at a later time. The family suggests memorials be made to his grandchildren's sports activities fund.

Cemetery Details

Wildey Cemetery

42nd St & Co Rd 374
Paw Paw, MI 49079

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

D.L. Miller Funeral Home, Inc. - Bangor
258 West Monroe St.
Bangor, MI 49013
(269) 427-7551
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Memorial Service

MAY **22**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CH

“ Jerry was so fun to be around! We always had fun picking on each other & I could never walk past his room or past him in the hall without saying hi or he'd give me crap about it! He always had us laughing!



Christie - May 21 at 03:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerrold A. Johnson.



May 19 at 09:43 AM

OR

“ Oksana Nienhuis, RN purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jerrold A. Johnson.



Oksana Nienhuis, RN - May 17 at 11:21 PM

OR

“ Oksana Nienhuis, RN planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerrold A. Johnson.

Oksana Nienhuis, RN - May 17 at 11:21 PM

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“ *Your Massachusetts Family ... purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jerrold A. Johnson.*



Your Massachusetts Family ... - May 17 at 02:26 PM

GA

“ *I love you and will always cherish the memories I got to enjoy with you! From the motorcycle rides and karaoke singing....your smile and great soul will live on! Glad you're home with family too and please watch over us still here on earth as I know you will! Love you always!*

Gabbie, Jason, and the kids

Gabrielle Apperley - May 17 at 12:18 PM

MS

“ *Melissa Starrett lit a candle in memory of Jerrold A. Johnson*



Melissa Starrett - May 17 at 01:05 AM

MS

“ You were always so happy to see me. You hugged me without hesitation and made me feel loved. I had so many decades of happy memories of family get togethers that you never missed. The years of campground fun that will never be forgotten. I love that you still made us a priority even after Uncle Cap, Your Daddy, passed away. Sometimes family can splinter when we loose patriarchs and you never let that happen so I thank you for that. ❤️



It hurts to know your gone entirely to early and that your family will miss you more than ever but if there's a single glimmer of ease and hope is that the pain you carried after Uncle Cap, your Dad passed away is no longer yours to carry. I'll continue to try and emulate the way you two looked at each other with my own children. It's so hard to think about you not being around ever again it's just becoming so vacant without all of you that are gone now.

I love you Cousin Jerry thank you for all the laughs the hugs hello and goodbye and the quick smart funny banter you always blessed us with. The party starts for you now, the family waiting and welcoming you home is like no other. The family bonds that were so prevalent here are now eternal.

Xoxoxoxo Miss you and I'll love you forever
You know have the best seats in the house
Go Wings!

Melissa Starrett - May 17 at 01:03 AM

TD

“ Terry Doyle, Journey Family Church
Jerry was a great guy, warm hearted, made people feel welcomed, and had a quick wit. I guess it is appropriate that my final memory of Jerry will be with his cowboy hat turned sideways, like a character from the old TV show F Troop or a California prospector.
He will be dearly missed by so many. Jerry was such a foundation to our Ely ministry. I really appreciated his engagement with our team. He was a joy to be around. I look forward to seeing him again!
God Bless the Jerr Bear!

Terry Doyle - May 16 at 11:29 PM

KR

“ Jerry was a kind soul and so very sweet. Always had a smile. He will be missed

Kathryn Ryan - May 16 at 11:08 PM

LT

“ So many memories of Jerry from my childhood. I know you're happy now to be back with your dad.

Lori and Brad

Lori Tomlin - May 16 at 09:29 PM

MG

“ Jerry rarely missed Journey Church services/activities since we began at Ely Manor. Initially, I think he used his ‘presence’ to sort-of stand apart...but very soon, when he began to know us, he became an integral part of the group. Quiet and gentle, sincere and forthright, his influence, peace, and presence will be greatly missed. I know circumstances can overwhelm any of us if they persist, but my friend Jerry seemed to me to be one of those fellas who didn’t lead with his issues, he lead with empathy for his fellow [man]. You are in a better place, Brother! I hope, I pray, and I believe that most likely, that you closed the chapters that needed closing and shared your thoughts with those whom you felt you should. I know you had Love in your heart...because I saw/heard it and n your interactions with staff, residents, us and on the occasion(s) you brought your family to join with us.
Peace, Brother.

Martin Gulbis - May 16 at 07:15 PM