



Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

- 1 There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.*
- 2 A time to give birth, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.*
- 3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build.*
- 4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.*
- 5 A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.*
- 6 A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away.*
- 7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and a time to speak.*
- 8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.*

The family would like to thank the Beloit community for prayers and support and acknowledge the Resident Care Center and Solomon Valley Hospice for their loving care of John. The compassion in their hearts and dignity they gave John will always be remembered.



*CELEBRATING THE
LIFE OF*

John E. Johnson

March 19, 1957 – April 18, 2026



John Edgar Johnson, age 69 of Beloit, Kansas, passed away on April 18, 2026, at Mitchell County Hospital Resident Care Center, Beloit, Kansas, surrounded by family.

John was born on March 19, 1957, in Concordia Kansas, the fourth child of Irwin and Carol (Stanton) Johnson, and was raised on the family farm near Courtland, Kansas. John thrived in all aspects of being a farm boy while growing up spending many happy hours playing Cowboys and Indians, working on irrigation lines, and tending to livestock.

Following graduation from Courtland High School in 1975, John became a welder. He joined in marriage to Denise Blochlinger, and to this union were born Michelle Marie and Brent Joseph. This union was later dissolved.

In John's late twenties, he attended North Central Kansas Technical College earning his degree in HVAC and Plumbing. He then went to work for Hood Construction in Concordia, Kansas. It was while working for Hood Construction at a job site at the Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility in Beloit, that he met the future Mrs. Johnson, his soulmate and best friend, Carol. Soon after, he secured the position of Power Plant Supervisor at the Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility and a permanent place in Carol's heart. He could often be heard telling people he met his wife at the correctional facility with no further elaboration.

John and Carol were married on July 7, 1989, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Beloit. With this union John gained two daughters, Emily and Sarah, whom he adopted and always treated as his own. Their combined family of four children shared many years of quality time, family vacations and great memories. John was a dedicated father and family man. He would drive eight hours every weekend without fail to pick up Brent and Michelle for visits. They spent those hours playing car games, singing and telling stories, and clacking plumbing pipe elbows on their fingers like instruments. He never complained about the "beautiful" music.

John continued to work at the correctional facility until the late 1990s while also building his own business, Johnson Plumbing Heating and Cooling. John joined the Beloit Volunteer Fire Department where he earned the trust and respect of his fellow firefighters. He played many different roles in the department, working his way from pop machine manager to Assistant Chief. He took the role of pop machine manager most seriously, bringing home coffee cans of change that would be cashed in for more refreshments. He would employ the help of his daughter who loved to organize and count the change making her feel important all while getting out of doing it himself. She never caught on that it wasn't just a fun game Dad invented. He eventually left the correctional facility to concentrate on his business full-time, working tirelessly each day which earned him success in his business and more importantly, the respect of his customers, colleagues and community. As though this wasn't enough, he also became a full-time EMT which his family would always jokingly say was to get a "day off" from work to go to work. His time as an EMT was fulfilling and a testament that it's never too late to learn something new.

John and Carol were able to take an annual vacation which started out as a family vacation, then turned into vacations on their own which then turned into vacations with their treasured granddaughters. They were blessed to see most of the United States, many National Parks, and Civil War battlefields which were a special interest of John's as he was a history buff. John and Carol's travels took them as far as London over the holidays in 1999-2000. John and Carol escorted Sarah to London, England, for the Millennium Day Parade when she earned a place on the UCA All-Star team that cheered and danced in the parade. It wasn't required that the parents learn the dance, but that didn't keep John from often learning his favorite parts of the dances and mimicking her moves, especially the Spice Girls routine. He was surprisingly light on his feet. They were able to expand their experiences in history touring many landmarks of England, always holding a deep appreciation for the opportunity that they likely wouldn't have done on their own.

Involvement in the community was always a passion for John. He was never one to boast or do it for the attention, even when he deserved it. He served many years as a volunteer firefighter earning his retirement, many years as Eucharistic Minister to the elderly and in church and finding much joy as server for Friendship Dinners at the Methodist Church. John also had much passion for supporting his local community through various contributions because he believed success can't be measured by money. A currency of compassion and helping others is much more valuable than a currency of money.

For a man that probably never used the word passion, John seemed to have a lot of them. He took a special interest in woodworking earning his place as a master woodworker. He and Carol spent many years traveling to craft shows sharing their talents. He and Carol enjoyed attending concerts of all genres and museums of all types, especially museums of history. John had a special love of motorcycles, often taking his love Carol for rides on first his Kawasaki Vulcan then graduating to his Harley Davidson Fat Boy. John loved his hobbies and his toys but not more than he loved his family. He always looked forward to hosting family dinners and the opportunity to relax for a day and catch up with family. His dogs Buddy and Bullet were great companions and held a very special place in his heart. They were always by his side in the yard, "helped" when mowing the grass and talked him into a cozy place right by his side in the shop.

John was preceded in death by his parents Irwin and Carol, stepmother Carol Baby (Brindle), inlaws Kenneth and Lucile Wendell, sister and brother-in-law Laura and Melvin Otte, brother Philip Johnson, stepsisters Patty Nielander and Barbara Morales, brothers-in-law Charlie Wendell and Joe Wendell, and niece Crystal Wendell.

John is survived by his wife Carol of the home, daughter and son-in-law Michelle and John Reyer Afamasaga of Oxford, Mississippi, son Brent Johnson of Austin, Texas, daughter Emily Johnson of Florida, daughter Sarah Johnson of Beloit, granddaughters Bailey Pillow of Florida, and Kylie Voelker of Denver, sister Mary (Bill) DeArmond of Abilene, stepsister Laura Ross, sisters-in-law Janine Johnson of Hulbert, Oklahoma, Maggie (Jerry) Harr of Beloit, Jane (Barney) DeClue of Dodge City, and Diana Wendell of Hutchinson, brothers-in-law Bill (Marty) Wendell of Beloit, Jerry (Amy) Wendell of Simpson, Tom Wendell of Beloit, and many nieces and nephews.

John and Carol made Beloit their home for their entire married life which can be described as a life filled with mutual respect and adoration. Two souls that were connected so deeply that even in the end, John held on to Carol longer than anyone thought possible. Her strength gave him peace and comfort until his last breath.

In Memory Of

John E. Johnson

Funeral Services

10 :00 AM, April 21, 2026

St. John's Catholic Church

Beloit, Kansas

Celebrant

Father Jarett Konrade

Lectors

Teri Pollet

Katie Wendell

Servers

William Peters

Gunner Pruitt

Hartley Pruitt

Rielynn Pruitt

Judd Pruitt

Gift Bearers

Kylie Voelker and Bailey Pillow

Music

Elaine Peters, Organist

Julie Stillwell and Holly Thomas, Vocalists

Casket Bearers

John Reyer Afamasaga

Jason Otte

Chris Heeler

Matthew Otte

Karl DeArmond

Brian Gillette

Brent Johnson

Eric Hamel

Honorary Pallbearers

Colton Pearson

Jerry Harr

Jerry Wendell

Barney DeClue

Bill Wendell

Bill DeArmond

Jason Cofer

Tom Wendell

Donnie File

Interment

St. John's Cemetery

Beloit, Kansas