

*Mama told me, when I was young
“Come sit beside me, my only son
And listen closely to what I say
And if you do this, it’ll help you some sunny day
Be a simple man*

*Oh, take your time, don’t live too fast
Troubles will come and they will pass
You’ll find a woman, yeah, and you’ll find love
And don’t forget, son, there is someone up above*

*And be a simple kind of man
Oh, be something you love and understand
Baby, be a simple kind of man
Oh, won’t you do this for me, son, if you can?*

*Forget your lust for the rich man’s gold
All that you need is in your soul
And you can do this, oh, baby, if you try
All that I want for you, my son, is to be satisfied*

*Baby, don’t you worry, you’ll find yourself
Follow your heart and nothing else
And you can do this, oh baby, if you try
All that I want for you, my son, is to be satisfied*

*Be a simple kind of man
Be something you love and understand
Be a simple kind of man
Won’t you do this, for me Son, if you can?*

-Simple man Lyrics

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Celebrating THE *Life* OF

Alan Lee Johnson

NOVEMBER 13, 1972 – JANUARY 7, 2026

Services At:

Pedersen Funeral Home
Morris, Minnesota

Friday, January 16, 2026 - 10:30 AM

Officiating Clergy:

Pastor Rochelle Anderson

Recorded Music:

‘I Can Only Imagine’ by *Mercy Me*
‘Hallelujah’ by *Pentatonix*
‘Searchlight’ by *Shinedown*

Pallbearers:

Jason Maska, Jeremy Kellen, Brian Edmundson,
Kelly Strand, Nick Hennen, Travis Strand

Honorary Pallbearers:

Kristina Johnson, Shaylynn Johnson, Kalley Johnson,
Michael Lounsbery, Derrick Lemke

Interment:

Vinger Cemetery
Donnelly, Minnesota

Alan Lee Johnson, 53, of Osakis, MN, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at Quiet Oaks Hospice House in St. Cloud, MN, after a brief battle with cancer. He was born in Morris, MN, on November 13, 1972, to his beloved parents, Clifford and Betty Johnson.

Alan was born the third of three boys to Cliff and Betty, coming after his two brothers, Richard and Kevin. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Johns Lutheran Church in Donnelly, MN. Alan grew up with his brothers on the family farm and, from early on in his life, became a true outdoorsman. Alan spent his childhood working hard next to his parents and tending to the animals and crops. Alan always had animals in his life, including sheep, turkeys, pigs, cows and dogs.

After graduating from high school in Morris and having learned hard work early on as a child on the farm and always having a passion for racing and cars, he opened his own auto body shop in 2020, Centre Collision in Sauk Centre, MN, which he operated until September of 2025. Alan's life was not always easy, but he had the love of his life walking by his side every step of the way, Karrie. Before falling in love later in life, the two had known each other since high school, and their romance blossomed not just as partners, but as best friends. Together, they walked through a great deal of loss including their dream home, and Alan's mother, Betty, who sadly passed away from cancer herself in October of 2020.

While Alan may not have always had an easy road, he certainly never stopped walking it with resilience, even up until the very end. Alan had a passion for many things, anything motor-sports related, snowmobiling, and as mentioned above, Alan loved to hunt, especially pheasant and deer hunting and he always had his two pals by his side, Blaze and Benelli. One of the last things he did while battling cancer, was claim a deer, something that brought him so much joy. Just like racing did, when he wasn't working, Alan was racing cars competitively in and around Alexandria, MN. He was a perfectionist, always tinkering with things that could use improvement, which made him the perfect auto body technician. Alan never accepted mediocre, he gave everything his all, and more than anything else loved his family and friends. There isn't anything he wouldn't do to help someone out. While Alan may no longer be present on this earth, his eternal soul lives on not just with his mother, but also in the hearts of all those left to mourn his passing.

Alan's family will remember him for his heart of gold, his smile, his loving nature, and cherish the memories he leaves them with; like road trips to gun shows where Alan had to have everyone in the car stop for food on the way to and from the show. They were never sure where he was putting the food, but he always had an appetite for that and life. Alan was a remarkable man who left an impression on everyone who crossed paths with him. And he will be deeply missed as we celebrate the life he lived. May God Bless the Memory of Alan Lee Johnson.

Alan is survived by his fiancé of 25 years, Karrie Bahr of Osakis; father, Clifford Johnson, of Donnelly; brothers, Richard (Karen) Johnson of Morris, and Kevin (Shelley) of Morris; nieces, Kristina, Shaylynn and Kalley and nephew, Justin; Pups, Shelby, Boone, and Murphy; as well as many other relatives. He was preceded in death by his mother, Betty Johnson; Aunt Delores; Uncle Richard; and many other relatives.

The family would like to extend their deep gratitude to the staff at Quiet Oaks Hospice, his cancer care team at Coburn Cancer Center in St. Cloud, Alan's oncologist, Dr. Abigail Luke with CentraCare; and a deep thank you to the first responders of Douglas County and Sheriff Merrill. They will forever be grateful for the care and compassion you gave to Alan and them during these past few months.



Please use this QR Code to access
Alan's online guestbook and tribute video.

Pedersen
Funeral & Cremation Service

I N L O V I N G *Memory*



Alan Lee Johnson
1972 ~ 2026