

We Gather To Celebrate The Life Of

EDWIN 'ED' JOHNSON

Saturday, June 8, 2024 1:00 pm
Westminster United Church, The Pas, Manitoba
Presider: Linda Buchanan

Order of Service

Prelude Music: Linda Davidson (sister-in-law)
Bagpiper: Don McKay
Welcoming and Opening Prayer
Lighting of the Memorial Candles
Song: Just a Closer Walk with Thee (Willie Nelson)
Memories of the Heart
Paul Upton (brother-in-law)
Bruce Cartman (best friend)
Don Davidson (brother-in-law)
Dean Davidson (brother-in-law)
Psalms 23: VU#747, 'The Lord's My Shepherd'
Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13:18
Reading: John 4: 13-16
Letter to Ed: Dena Johnson (Life partner)
Tribute Song: 'Dance with Me (Johnny Reid)
Reflection
Hymn: VU#291, 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'
Powerpoint
Closing Prayer / Lords Prayer
Commendation / Blessing
Song: 'In the Garden' (Elvis Presley)
Recessional to the Lament of the Bagpipe

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WELCOME**



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In Loving Memory of
Edwin Darrel Johnson
February 18, 1957—May 14, 2024



When we lose someone we
love, we must learn not to live
without them but to live with
the love they left behind.

Ed passed away on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, surrounded by his loving family.

Ed was born to Ken and Joy Johnson on February 18, 1957 at the Porcupine Plains Hospital. He was the youngest of his siblings Sandra, Gay and Mark. Ed grew up having many adventures on the farm with his family. As most families back then times were tough. Around the age of 6 his aunt Mill had sent a box full of clothes for the family and he picked "the" scarf. It was his absolute favorite treasure. He would recall how his mom would bundle him up in it every winter. Ed was always excited to share the story about the scarf. He wore this scarf up until last year Christmas when I gave him a new one from Scotland, which he wore proudly, but he was still couldn't part with the old one which held so many memories. Every winter when he put it on for the first time he would say to me "did I ever tell about this scarf" and we have a little chuckle.

Ed started a work career at Simpson Timber in Hudson Bay SK at the young age of 17. He was always praised for his work ethic. He took whatever he was doing seriously and always put his best foot forward.

Ed welcomed twin girls Jennifer and Joanne on Oct. 29, 1974. Jennifer and Joanne gave him 6 beautiful grandchildren Jaiden, Jarin, Jake, Madison, Ella Blue and Maggie Jo. Ed was very proud of them all and loved them very much.

In 1976 he met and the love of his life Dena Davidson and soon after they relocated to The Pas. They were married on June 3, 1978 at Westminster United Church and started a life filled with an abundance of love, laughter and building a life as a couple.

Ed's first job in The Pas was a truck driver delivering for CNR. He later got a job opportunity at the local mill where he worked for over 25 years. He loved running the crane but had to give that up due to his MS and the safety of his fellow workers. But his love for heavy equipment never stopped. He often talked about getting one machine or another over the years.

Ed and Dena shared many interests but the one that they had the most fun with was country music concerts and their love for dance. They would practice all week in their tiny living room whether it be adding new moves to their west coast swing or doing the cha cha they both loved. All of this was accomplished in their tiny living room which brought much laughter and a few bruises. The local Legion became the place to go and enjoy all they had learned throughout the week. They travelled to Dauphin, Craven and to Minot North Dakota to see some of their favorite country music stars and dance the night away.

Ed enjoyed seeing the yard come to life in the spring. He would start working on the pool for the grandkids or nieces and nephews that might visit over the summer. He loved his yard and spent hours cutting grass, maintaining the pool. But he especially loved the time spent with family and friends enjoying a coffee in the morning or a cold beverage in the cabana at the end of the day. Ed was very creative and did lots of amazing projects around the house. Recently he started welding projects making some very cool and quirky lawn ornaments.

Ed loved fishing and hunting and there have been many stories about the fishing hunting escapades with his buddies Bruce Cartman, Michel Pitre, Jack Cartman, Mike Kotz, Don Davidson, Mike Butcher, Ron Dupas and Robin Henry.

Ed also played in the band called Ryder for a few years back in the 80's with Don Davidson, Neil Ducharme and Keith Guay. They played many New Year's Eve, Trappers Festival, Queens Ball and Wedding Events.

Ed inherited his love of woodworking from his dad Ken. Ed made many things over years including a donkey flower cart a couple of benches just to name a few. Another

love was for motor cycles particularly loved his one and only Harley. Him and his friends would go riding as often as they could.

When it came to playing games Ed was always in and had to win even if it meant trying to change the rules. Be it Stop the Bus, croquet, horse shoe, crokinole and Texas Hold 'em!

Ed had a soft heart for animals and constructed 2 winter cat shelters that he set up in the pool compound so they would be safe. Over the years our home had many little fur babies but our little Homer and our golden girl Gracie stole his heart. I know that he is surrounded by all our fur babies but I bet Homer is on his lap. Ed missed him so much.

Ed was always excited when the great nieces and nephews came for a visit or FaceTime. It always put a smile on his face but even more so the last days of his life as he loved them all so much. Ed had a special place in his heart for two lovely young ladies who became a big part of our life Miranda Carr, and Amy Lynn Totte. Last but not least Ed's beautiful fur baby Gracie will miss her daddy very much.

Ed lived a full life that cannot be captured in a few paragraphs.

Ed is survived by his wife, Dena, of 46 years; his daughter Joanne Johnson; Siblings: Sandra Salmond, Gay (Paul) Upton, Mark (Cheryl) Johnson, son-in-law Jason Genaille; Grandchildren Jacob, Madison, Ella Blue, Maggie Jo, Jaiden and Jarin Poitras. He is also survived by his mother-in-law Shirley Davidson; Brothers-in-law Dean (Deborah) Davidson; Don (Linda) Davidson; Nieces: Claudia (Jadon) Potter; Olivia (Felipe) Calle; Desirea Howell; Chandelle Johnson. Nephews: Keith (Kimmie) Davidson; Josh (Christina) Davidson; Andrew (Kasie) Davidson; Milton (Sheryl) Salmond; Daron (Sasha) Salmond; Warren (Angela) Upton; Brent (Jennifer) Upton; Rob Howell, Taylor Howell; Mitch (Brooke) Elliott, Tyson (Kim) Elliott; Jorden Elliott. Ed loved and looked forward to seeing his family when they came to visit and had a special love for his many great nieces and nephews, cousins and his Aunt Anne Loewen. Ed was predeceased by his parents Ken and Joy Johnson, his daughter Jennifer Johnson- Genaille; niece Lynn Johnson; father in law George Davidson; brother in law Raymond Salmond.

Ed will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Thank you for sharing in the celebration of Ed's life. Your presence here means the world to our family. For those who were unable to be here we thank you for your calls, texts, cards, for the gifts of food and flowers and all the wonderful and supportive words of comfort.

A special thank you to Linda Buchanan, Hemauer Funeral Home, The Pas Health Complex physicians and nurses in the ER and 2nd floor and Irene Personius for all your kindness, compassion. To all those who visited Ed and stood by me God Bless.

If you wish to make a donation in Ed's memory:

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