



Eric R. Johnson

February 17, 1952 - July 3, 2020

Eric R. Johnson, 68 years, of Columbia, IL, passed away on July 3, 2020. He was born February 17, 1952, in East St. Louis, IL, son of the late James E. Johnson, and Marilee, nee Haller, Johnson, who survives him of Waterloo, IL. He was married to the late Deborah K., nee Prosise, Johnson. They were married December 12, 1980, in St. Paul United Church of Christ, Columbia, IL. She had passed away April 28, 2015.

Eric was all about nature. He kept a substantial garden, and loved the outdoors. Eric was a frontiersman born 200 years too late.

Surviving are his son, Leif (Lisa) Johnson; brother, Jody L. (Denise) Johnson, along with other relatives and friends.

There will be no public services.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to: Helping Strays of Monroe County 4221 Hanover Road, Columbia, IL, 62236, or Cahokia Mounds State Park, 30 Ramey St., Collinsville, IL 62234. For more information, please access our website, www.leesmanfuneralhome.com. Lawlor Funeral Home, Columbia, IL, handled arrangements.

Comments



“ We would like to express our compassion and sympathy in the grief and missing after Eric. We remember him with great joy from his and his family's visit to Kvinesdal, Norway in their extended Christmas holiday of 1963/64. Likewise we still have distinct recollections of him and his home and family in Columbia II from our visit in the summer of 1991.

Our most heartfelt greetings now in the first row goes to his son Leif, including Lisa, to his mother Marilee, and to his brother, Jody, including Denise and their family. Likewise to all mourning friends and acquaintances.

Aunt Astrid and uncle Jakob.

Jakob Olimstad - July 10 at 04:20 AM



“ I would like to express my sympathy to your family. Eric will be missed.

Mike Turner - July 07 at 07:43 PM



“ I grew up with Eric . We all lived in the hill. I believe Eric' lived on Dianne Dr. We all played together when kids.

I'm sorry for your loss.

Denise (Morrow) Fisher.

denise fisher - July 07 at 07:42 PM



“ On the hill not in the hill

denise fisher - July 07 at 07:42 PM



“ Eric loved music and was a great drummer. He played in our band the ZBs on several occasions. He always had a positive attitude and a great outlook on life even when coping with a severe bout of diabetes last year. He will always be in our hearts and we will greatly miss him.

Steve Ziebold - July 12 at 02:56 PM



“ Eric was a kind soul, who loved a wide genre of music and was respectful of all that is nature. May he rest in peace.

Mary Kay Reinhold

Mary Kay Reinhold - July 07 at 05:25 PM



“ Eric was my first friend in life. We grew up together in Columbia Hills. It was an amazing time when possibilities seemed endless. In our youth we traveled our world on our bicycles...the surrounding "woods" , fields and the river bottom was our domain. Eric was also a natural musician. He was already an accomplished trombonist when I showed him the first basics of the drums. He took off like a rocket. He, myself, Tom Kish, Kurt Haberl, and the late Kevin Kelly formed Wilderness...a wonderful aggregation of natural musical talents. Eric carried his loves of music and nature to the end. I'm so grateful that we were able to unite one last time a few years ago. Goodbye my friend...will see you on the other side.

Tom Weilbacher - July 07 at 08:11 PM