



## Mark D. Johnson

March 15, 1967 - April 28, 2020

Mark D. Johnson, 53, of Perryville, died Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, MO.

He was born March 15, 1967 in Havana, IL, to Jack and Audrey (Rebold) Johnson.

Mark was a Security Guard at Chester Mental Health Center. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. He was a past member of Knights of Columbus and assisted with Mass at St. Mary's of the Barrens.

Survivors include two sons, Zachary Johnson of Cape Girardeau and Cory Johnson of Perryville and two sister; Tammy (John) Bunner of Middletown, IL and Beth (Greg) DeBo of Normal, IL; and one brother Mike (Kim) Johnson of Smithfield, IL..

He preceded in death by his wife and his parents.

Celebration of Life Memorial Service at the National Shrine Rosary Walk near Rosati's Cabin on Friday, August 21, 2020 at 10:00 am with Deacon John Darin officiating.

Burial will be at Mount hope Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mark D. Johnson*

October 20, 2023 at 02:54 AM



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“ *I have such great memories of how close all of us cousins were as we grew up. We were always together at Uncle Jack's, Uncle Swede's, Uncle Kent's, Hoyt's or Grandpa Johnson's place. We played hard and were like brothers and sisters. Mark was quite a bit younger than the older of us; 7-10 years seemed like a lot as a kid. But Mark jumped right in the pack. I remember we would all tease him pretty good, but he gave it right back, especially for a little guy. We used to call him "the mistake" just to get him going. I am so glad that Aunt Audrey never found out about that!*

*As life went on and we grew up (as best as you can when you are a Johnson), many of us cousins left central Illinois and those memories and fun times behind. It's been a long time since I have seen Mark, which I regret. I remember how much Mark reminded me of Uncle Jack. I'm sure they are together right now and giving Aunt Audrey a hard time.*

*Jerry Johnson and Jan*

**Jerry Johnson** - May 03, 2020 at 05:18 PM

RR

“ My sympathy goes out to Marks boys. I met Mark at Western Illinois University and had the honor of also living on Higgins 5. Mark was a down to earth, outgoing type of guy who would do anything for anybody in need. He had a gentle demeanor about him and a great sense of humor. He talked me into trying chewing tobacco once and had that Mark Johnson smile on his face and a beer waiting, as i tried to hide my displeasure. I remember Mark meeting Debbie, and their wedding. I remember Mark was a proud Veteran of the Army and a Combat Engineer. Thank you for your service Mark. He was truly a gentle giant and will be missed. Rich Reynolds

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**R Reynolds** - April 30, 2020 at 09:32 PM

BJ

“ I was very saddened to hear of Marks passing. I met him at Western Illinois University, we were on the same floor (Higgins 5) and became friends. Mark had a goofy ability to cause a mess, spill something, knock things over and he earned the nickname, "The Smithfield Tornado". He was always a fun guy to just sit around and talk with or take off with and have fun doing.. anything. He was still on Higgins 5 when he met Debbie, his future wife. After college they moved around and I never had the honor of meeting his boys. To them, I extend my sincere condolences. I am sure Mark taught you boys everything he could, now sadly, you must journey on, but know that Mark was loved by many, and therefore, you are too. I will always treasure the memories and think fondly of my friend. With happiness for his life, and sadness for his loss,  
Burt Johnson  
Kirkland, IL  
BJ37@juno.com

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**Burt Johnson** - April 30, 2020 at 09:00 PM

EE

“ Sincerest condolences to Mark Johnson's family and sons and loved ones. I met Mark while at Western Illinois University. It was so funny, because at first when I would see him in the halls of our dormitory I thought he was a big grouch - he walked with this scowl on his face. Then I got to know Mark and found out he was one of the kindest, friendliest, funny, and give the shirt off his back type of people I would ever meet. I was also able to meet his future wife Debbie, too. Later, we even met up with Mark and Debbie when they lived in Wisconsin. Back then and at Western Mark had a way of grinning and tilting his head to one side and putting a hand to his chin.

We lost touch and a few months ago we spoke on the telephone and I hoped we would be making time to see each other in person again.

I am so very sorry for the loss of Mark Johnson. He really was a special person and one I will always be so very fond of.

Eric and Cathy Ellis  
Peoria, IL  
eleellis@sbcglobal.net

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Eric Ellis - April 30, 2020 at 04:00 PM

EM

“ I grew up with Mark and siblings. His mom was our 4-H leader. He was rough and tough working on their family farm as a kid. My mom didn't drive, so I rode to school with Mark in high school. We made it to school very quickly as he never went under 80 mph. Great memories and he was a good football player. Condolences to his family.



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Ellen Martindale - April 30, 2020 at 02:58 PM

RB

“ Zach and Cory,

*I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. He was always so kind and helpful, We will miss him at the Shrine and will pray for him and for you all. Renee Brueckner*

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**Renee Brueckner** - April 30, 2020 at 02:57 PM

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*So sorry for your lost.*

*I was your dads babysitter for several years . We were also next door neighbors. Many fond memories of him and his family.*

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**Charlotte Lafary** - May 03, 2020 at 12:29 PM