



Charles Jack Johnson

June 12, 1936 - August 9, 2020

Charles Jack Johnson was born July 12, 1936 in Whatcom County. Jack, as he preferred being addressed, passed away peacefully on August 9, 2020 in Bellingham, Washington. He had been battling cancer for years, while his mind stayed sharp until the day he passed on.

As a lifetime resident of Whatcom County, he truly appreciated and understood its beauty. So, he introduced his three kids to its mountains, waters, and parks. They have wonderful memories of their many camping trips and taking Sunday family drives down the back roads where he knew the next adventure was always just around the corner. Healthy laughter and fear sometimes filled the car, especially when he would drive near the road's edge going up to Mount Baker just to tease his daughter Shari.

Dad loved to cook. A sure-fire hit for the whole family was his amazing roasting pan full of goulash! Jack also enjoyed riding many miles on his Harley Davidsons with family and friends. A free spirit indeed. He loved taking pictures. The photo above is of Jack and his beloved dog Mitzi. They were like two little kids. He loved and enjoyed his four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Jack's greatest accomplishment and joy was successfully raising his three kids, and he instilled in them integrity and a great work ethic.

Jack is survived by his three children Shari Johnson, Robert (Janet) Johnson,

and Jack D. (Michelle) Johnson, their mother Carol Johnson, his sister Jeanne (Lenny) Small, niece Debbie (Bruce) Smith, four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and his dear friend Pat Lindquist.

Dad wishes to thank the staff at Whatcom Hospice and St. Joseph's Hospital. His thanks and appreciation also go to his caregivers throughout his years, and a big thank you to his caring neighbors.

A private graveside memorial will be held later in the year. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Whatcom Hospice House.

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Jack when I was a student at WWU in the late 60's and worked summers for the Whatcom County Road Department. Jack was an equipment operator and I spent one summer flagging for the road project he was doing. I quickly learned that Jack was a unique and quality individual. We had lots of laughs and great conversation. I haven't seen Jack for many years but fondly remember the time we spent together. Rest in peace my friend!

Mike Collins - September 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am sorry for your loss. Jack was a great patient. he always had a sack lunch with his name on it, and chocolate for the nurses! He has a tile for Mitzi outside the Cancer Center.

Tara Benson - August 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Jack was a true original. I met him at Fred Meyer, where we started talking about his dachshund-embroidered hat and he gave me a lead on how to find my own dachshund. Later, we met again when he came to the Whatcom Democrats to chat and donate money. Jack was a wonderful good-hearted friend, and I was always happy to see him.

Gwen Groden - August 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM