



## David "Bear" Johnson

September 18, 1948 - March 21, 2009

David "Bear" Johnson, 60, Felton, MN died Saturday, March 21, 2009 in Innovis Hospital, Fargo, North Dakota. David Roy Johnson was born September 18, 1948 in Ada, Minnesota the son of Roy and Verna (Stephenson) Johnson. He grew up in Twin Valley, Minnesota and attended school there. While in school "Bear" was always active in sports. As a child he was baptized and later confirmed in his faith in the Zion Lutheran Church. As a young man he was employed with Abbot, Arnie and Schwindt Construction throughout this area. On January 18, 1975 he was united in marriage to Pam Christianson in Pelican Rapids, Minnesota. They made their home in Dilworth, Minnesota for two years. David worked for FM Asphalt for a few years before starting a career with Border States Paving. He was also employed by West Central Ag and Big Dogg Ag of Felton.

Bear was active in his church, Gloria Dei Lutheran in Felton where he was a council member, Deacon and was always helpful with the church dinners. He was also active in the Community Club, treasurer of the snowmobile club, and was a former mayor of Felton. He loved sports and had been on the area softball teams for years. Bear enjoyed snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, darts and riding his Harley. He was a very talented singer whether at church, weddings, funerals, or his favorite singing karaoke. The greatest love Bear had was for his family, whether that was for his wife, Pam, his children or his grandchildren and the spending of time together. One of the ways he was going to show that was the trip to Orlando, which they had planned to be on

now.

David is survived by his wife, Pam, Felton; two daughters Christina (Lonnie) Emerson, West Fargo, ND, Candice (Chris) Blaze, Dilworth, MN; one sister Peggy (Virgil) Syverson, Tower, MN; one brother James, Tower, MN, and five grandchildren . He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Davey "Cub", and a sister, Susan Jurina. Memorial Services was held Wednesday, March 25th at 11:00 am in Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Felton, MN. A time of remembrance was held on Tuesday from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm with a family service beginning at 7:00 pm all in the church. Pastor Karla Mickelson officiated. Carol Lockhart was the organist and Matt Olson was the vocalist. The urnbearer was his grandson, Nick Gordon. Inurnment was in the Felton Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Dear Pam and Family, we are so sorry to hear of the loss of a great person. Bear always had a great story and a smile to go with his presence. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Joe and Jeanne

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**Joe and Jeanne Schreiner** - March 25, 2009 at 07:23 PM

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“ Pam and Family, I just read about David's death in the Fargo Forum. Merilee and I want to express our sympathy to you at your great loss. I always enjoyed visiting with David at our class reunions and on other occasions. "Bear" and I should have sung together at the last reunion!!! Be assured of our prayers for you and your family. Sincerely, Danny Ottoson

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**Danny Ottoson** - March 25, 2009 at 02:11 PM

JH

“ Pam, I am so sorry to hear about Bear. You and your family are all I have thought about all week. My heart breaks for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy, Love, Julie

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**Julie Halvorson** - March 25, 2009 at 10:11 AM

ST

“ Pam, Candice, Christy and family- I just want you to know that we are thinking of you guys and hope that in the days ahead, you are able to find strength in family and friends to get through this difficult time. Bear was so friendly and fun to be around - and man could he sing! He will be missed and you guys are in our thoughts and prayers - Shelly

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**Shelly (green) Thordal** - March 25, 2009 at 09:50 AM

BB

“ I worked with Bear and Cub at border states paving. I am very sad to hear about Bear and I still think about Cub often. Please accept my well wishes for the rest of the family. Due to the weather several of us will be unable to attend.

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**Brennan Borg** - March 25, 2009 at 09:10 AM

KE

“ Pam and Family Thinking of you all today. We had planned to come to the Memorial Service for "Bear" - but with the snow storm and no travel advised, will be staying home. May God bless you during this difficult time.

*Karen Carlsrud & Robert Erickson*

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**Karen Carlsrud & Robert Erickson** - March 25, 2009 at 08:58 AM

AS

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to you! I'm so sorry for you loss. Every passing life leaves something beautiful behind. May beauty live on in your memories and bring you peace.

*Love, Kris & Angie Schlieper*

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**Angela Schlieper** - March 25, 2009 at 08:56 AM

SO

“ Words cannot express... Bear was the greatest of friends. He and Pam always came to all the weddings, birthdays or gatherings the Valley boys had. Our heart is broken along with yours. I'll miss his "Bear" hugs, his laugh, his singing - just everything about him. Cherish the memories, We're so thankful we were blessed with him as a friend. God bless his memory!

*Love you Pam.*

*Karen & Ole*

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**Steve & Karen OLson** - March 25, 2009 at 08:18 AM

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“ Dear Pam and family. I am so sorry for your loss. May God bless you and keep you in his care at this very sad time for you and your family. You are in my heart and prayers. Barb Nelson Orrick

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**Barb Nelson Orrick** - March 24, 2009 at 11:57 PM

JT

“ Pam and Family: I wish to express my deepest sympathies during this time of grieving. I worked with Bear at Border States Paving and feel that I am fortunate to have known him. It was always a joy to experience his sense of humor and friendliness. Bear will truly be missed by many.

Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Jan Titus

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**Jan Titus** - March 24, 2009 at 06:14 PM

BB

“ Pam, Diane called me and told me that Bear had a heart attack. I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family have gone through so much over the years. You are strong but this will not be easy. My prayers go out to you.

Becky

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**Becky Buth** - March 24, 2009 at 02:53 PM

JH

“ Candice, So sorry to hear about your Dad! I can only imagine how hard this must be. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers! If you need anything please call!

Jody

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**Jody Harms** - March 24, 2009 at 01:50 PM

PR

“ Dear Pam and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Bear will be greatly missed.

Pat Reiser - March 24, 2009 at 01:03 PM

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“ Dear Pam, I am so sorry to hear about David, I could not believe it when I read it in the paper. Pam, You and I grew up together, with our Parents being best of Friends, So what a blessing it is to know you, and let you know, the Whole STADUM Family has you in our thoughts and Prayers.. Diane

Diane K. (Stadum)Lanum - March 24, 2009 at 12:06 PM

MF

“ Pam and family, We were very sorry to hear about " Bear " Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, Every one lost a Dear friend with his passing, It will be hard to imagine him not being with us come spring. Anything we can do just let us know, Mark & Pam

Mark & Pam Fillbrandt - March 24, 2009 at 09:52 AM

DB

“ David "Bear" Johnson

Danny & Kathy Bredman - March 24, 2009 at 09:36 AM

MB

“ Pam and family, My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Bear was a man that is hard to come by. I always enjoyed visiting with him when I would see him. After Davie's accident he had the strength I needed to see to get through it. May you find peace in knowing that they are reunited again, and they will never be forgotten. You are all in my prayers.

Mandy Begg - March 23, 2009 at 06:33 PM

AO

“ *My deepest sympathies on your loss. Bear was such a wonderful man and I feel so blessed to have known him. I will be thinking and praying for you all.*

*Love, Andrea Okeson (Dave & Kath)*

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**Andrea Okeson** - March 23, 2009 at 06:14 PM

WV

“ *Pam & Family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.  
May God Bless you all.*

*Love,*

*Wanda Vonasek (Denny Wold's Special Friend)*

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**Wanda Vonasek** - March 23, 2009 at 03:42 PM

KY

“ *Dear Pam, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Bear will be greatly missed by all of you and also all of his many many friends. Karaoke will never be the same without his singing.*

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**Keith, Connie and Russell Yeager** - March 23, 2009 at 01:06 PM

JG

“ *Just to let you guys know...Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this great time of sorrow. We are so, so sorry for your loss!! It is such a loss to all of us! We love you, and will be there for you. Don't know what else to say, words just don't describe....*

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**Jessica Green** - March 22, 2009 at 03:18 PM

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“ *Pam and families, We are so deeply saddened about Bear. We send our love and prayers to all of you. May you find comfort from your loved ones. We love you. Dave & Kathy Doug, Stefanie & Andrea Okeson*

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**Dave & Kathy Okeson** - March 21, 2009 at 10:38 PM