



## Richard James Johnson

June 5, 1930 - December 31, 2022

Richard James Johnson, 92 of Charlotte, passed away on December 31, 2022. He was born in rural Eaton County on June 5, 1930, to Leonard and Isabell (LaBare) Johnson. He had two brothers, Leonard Johnson Jr and Casey Johnson, and two sisters, Peggy Moon and Pat Langmaack. He graduated from Olivet High School in 1947. Dick left the family farm and began working at Aluminum Extrusions, working there for 42 years until its closing. He worked at several golf courses mowing their greens. He met his wife to be, Marilyn Upright, at a barn dance and married her in 1948. Together they raised three children, Rick, Kurt and Judy. Dick in his early years enjoyed hunting, fishing and snowmobiling. In his later years he enjoyed playing golf and reading. He looked forward to his summers at Horsehead Lake and his winters in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Dick is survived by his children, Rick (Mary Jo) Johnson, Kurt (Joyce) Johnson, and Judy (Becky Mudd) Johnson; grandchildren, Erin (Brad) Wood, Mallory (Drew) Sestic, Justine (Rob) Kramer and Russell (Lisa) Johnson; eight great grandchildren; and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews and extended family. The family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff at Island City Assisted Living for their excellent care over the past two years.

Friends are encouraged to support Richard's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Funeral

services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte with Laura Cooper officiating. Visitation will be from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. just prior to the service on Saturday. Interment will take place at West Carmel Cemetery. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com), click on Richard's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Charlotte Public Library for use in purchasing large print books. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## West Carmel Cemetery

5016 Carlisle Highway  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 7. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral Ceremony

JAN 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
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Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Richard James Johnson*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 07, 2023 at 11:37 AM

MM

Love ❤️ to the Johnson family !!! 🙏 Duck will be greatly missed 🌸

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**Marsha McDonald** - January 07, 2023 at 02:37 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard James Johnson*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 05, 2023 at 12:49 PM

PA

“ Sometimes there aren't any words or maybe there are too many words. With Dicks passing that thought is prevalent. An important generation has now passed away leaving the following generation to remember the effect they had on our life or lives. So I will borrow from the other responders because put together the most valuable truths stand like foundational pillars that we can certainly lean on in our own uncertainties. Please forgive me for any plagiarism of the following truths.

*My own experience with The Johnsons ( and that generation to which we speak was there the day I came home from just being born).*

*A short and honest list of memories follow.*

*So often we got invited to go along.*

*To be part of their family.*

*The Johnsons were always ready to lend a helping hand. Dicks work ethic is one I will never forget. My gosh he was always doing something... for someone!*

*Dick and Marilyn were both a big part of our early life and and major players in our fondest of all time memories.*

*There was always a get together at their house. Many wonderful people sat at their kitchen and shared life together. The emphasis here is on the with each other, and the sharing, of experiences.*

*To them and to us .....we became more family than neighbors and it will never be forgotten nor will the early and formative lessons we were taught by Dick and Marilyn as children ever be forgotten or under appreciated. Thank you Dick for your steadfast presence in our lives, even though we often viewed it from over the fence. We felt it belonged us too, whenever we entered the yard. Thank You!*

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**Pam ackerman** - January 07, 2023 at 01:38 PM

LD

“ We are so sorry to hear that Dick has passed away! We met Dick & Marilyn on our very first trip down to Gulf Shores, AL. They were so much fun to be around that we changed our retirement plans and became "Snow Birds" down there for many years!  
Dick and Marilyn loved to take rides around the countryside and quite often we got invited to go along. One Spring we drove through a huge cemetery to look at all the beautiful flowering bushes - that was a first for us. Lol . And we cannot remember how many times we got lost on other trips and had so much fun finding our way back to the campground!  
He will be missed!  
Love, Lance & Barb Dunham

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**Lance & Barb Dunham** - January 07, 2023 at 11:41 AM

TS

“ We send our love, thoughts and prayers to you during this difficult time.  
  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*  
  
*We will keep your family close in our hearts now and in the days ahead.*  
Love, Terry, Sally and Tori Sedlar

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**The Sedlar's** - January 06, 2023 at 05:08 PM

ME

“ *Mary, Bob, Ken and Chuck Eppelheimer purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Richard James Johnson.*



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**Mary, Bob, Ken and Chuck Eppelheimer** - January 06, 2023 at 01:34 PM

LK

“ *Love Julie and Janice Kwiatkowski purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Richard James Johnson.*



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**Love Julie and Janice Kwiatkowski** - January 06, 2023 at 11:57 AM

DF

“ *David Britton & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard James Johnson.*



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**David Britton & Family** - January 05, 2023 at 08:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard James Johnson.*



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January 05, 2023 at 02:05 PM

GC

“ We are sorry to learn that Dick has passed away. We have known Dick and Marilyn for many years, Dick was always ready to lend a helping hand. I recall well a fishing trip to Canada in the mid 1960s a lot of fun and an adventure. He will be missed. Gene and Ruth Conley

Gene Conley - January 05, 2023 at 02:04 PM



“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 05, 2023 at 12:46 PM

JS

“ Rick, Kurt, Jude and families, I am deeply saddened by your dad's passing. Growing up your parents and family were such a big part of my life. I will always be grateful for all the generosity they showed me. From your home to the cottage and boats and snowmobiles. May GOD bless you all! RIP Dick the best "Grouchy" neighbor anyone could ever have.

Jeff Smith - January 04, 2023 at 03:51 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Richard James Johnson.



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January 03, 2023 at 04:07 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Tom and Cindy Raymond

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**Cindy Raymond** - January 03, 2023 at 02:18 PM



“ Chuck Brandon lit a candle in memory of  
Richard James Johnson



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**Chuck Brandon** - January 03, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ When we bought our cottage at horsehead lake, we weren't sure who owned the cottage next to us for a long time, there was always get togethers at their cottage. Thru the 25 years plus we lived next to them we became more as family then neighbors to the whole family (after all we both had the same last name). One memory that always stuck with us, we were just weekenders then, at 6 AM just a lot of noise outside, looked out and here's Dick mowing the grass and burning whatever in the fire pit, finally got use to his routine!! He will always be in our hearts. Prayers and love to the family.  
Mike & Sandy Johnson

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**Sandy Johnson** - January 02, 2023 at 08:39 PM

WG

“ Linda and I don't have any particular memories, except the time Dick and the Congregational Church were having their annual Turkey dinner and more that a large table of us from St. Mary church came in...and Dick said "Here come the Catholics." Linda and I won't be able to attend any of the services... Let us offer our condolences. Dick, may you rest in peace. Bill and Linda Groleau

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**William and Linda Groleau** - January 02, 2023 at 08:32 PM