



## Carl Douglas Johnson

June 28, 1945 - January 4, 2023

Carl Douglas Johnson, aka Doug, Mr. Johnson, The Mayor, The Big Lug, Goofy, Sargent and Papa, entered into eternal rest on January 4, 2023. Born June 28, 1945, Doug was loyal, fun loving, and dedicated all he did to family, friends, and country. He was lucky enough to marry his high school sweetheart, Kathi; together they just celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. Doug was also a proud father and trusted sounding board to two daughters Tracy and Julie.

A born salesman, Doug spent a successful career as a sales executive and as the emcee of all family and high school reunion events. He loved baseball, Swedish meatballs, beer, and being the loudest fan at his grandkids events. Happiest following the Chicago White Sox and giving tours at Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory. Doug never met a stranger and was always the life of the party.

From 1968-1969 Doug served in Vietnam as a MP assigned to the The Big Red One. During his battle with Pulmonary Fibrosis he received great care from the doctors and staff at the Louisville VA, St. Louis VA, and Promedica Hospice and wanted to extend his gratitude.

Doug is preceded in death by his parents Carl and Alyce and brother Chuck Johnson. He is survived by his wife Kathi Valintis Johnson; his children Tracy

Koch (Kevin) of St. Louis, Julie Smith of Portland OR; his grandkids Kevin Koch Jr., Alyce Koch, Sarah Koch, Soren Smith, Tula Smith; and his sisters-in-law, nieces, a nephew, cousins, and many friends

The celebration of Doug's life begins Monday January 9 at 10:00 AM at Most Sacred Heart Parish in Eureka, MO. We are also planning a traveling party in both Chicago, Louisville, and Portland later this spring with details to be announced.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project.

# Previous Events

## Life Celebration Service

JAN 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Most Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
340 E. 4th St.  
Eureka, MO 63025

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our sincere condolences to the Johnson family from the Urbain family.*

*Bless those who mourn, eternal God, with the comfort of your love that they may face each new day with hope and the certainty that nothing can destroy the good that has been given. May their memories become joyful, their days enriched with friendship, and their lives encircled by your love.*



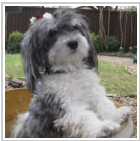
Eric Urbain - January 17, 2023 at 08:27 AM

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“ *Ken McGhee & Archway Staff lit a candle in memory of Carl Douglas Johnson*



Ken McGhee & Archway Staff - January 11, 2023 at 04:00 PM



“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Betsy Balaze - January 09, 2023 at 02:00 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Philip OKeefe - January 09, 2023 at 11:13 AM

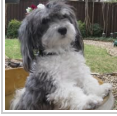
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*Dear Kathi, Tracy, Julie and the Johnson family. We are so saddened by the death of our dear friend and former next door neighbor Doug, aka the Big Lug. We moved to Downers Grove in 1994 from Switzerland and landed luckily next to wonderful next door neighbors, the Johnsons. The warmth and welcome were exceptional, and we became fast friends.*

*We share many, many, many fond memories of our times together. The evening on the screened porch, the shared parties and celebrations, including the one where the police were called in the wee hours for a noise complaint and found a couple of old guys (Doug and I) as the source for the loud music. They could only laugh! The many fun-filled Christmas Day Guinness and Champagne Irish Velvet liquid breakfasts (Gingess according to Kathi after a few). And the joint emergency plan we put in place after both our basements were flooded one Summer - I'll never forget dragging the soaking shag carpet up from the Johnson place! The friendly White Sox/Red Sox rivalry, the Fiat Spider I bought from Doug (FIAT - fix it again Tony)! And then he took his bat and moved to Louisville to his match made in Heaven job.*

*Doug such a gentle, smiling, laughing giant (too tall for the Fiat I always thought). Our kids loved both he and Kathi as well as the girls who were away at college most of the time or married. Thank you Doug for the memories of the best neighbor and genuine friend. Our love and prayers to Kathi, Tracy, Julie and all, and we hope to see you all again soon. Love Philip, Hilda, Shane, Terence, Laura and Philip Jnr.XXXXXXXXXX*

Philip OKeefe - January 09, 2023 at 11:16 AM



*Doug and my older brother Bob were best friends from diapers to HS graduation and forever. Bob and Doug ran back and forth between their 2 houses, and when Doug was at our house, he often included me in their play. We all shot basketballs, threw footballs and played ping pong. Doug was like my second brother. He was kind to me which I have always appreciated. He was a good friend.*

*Bob and Doug painted my dad's black car white one day even though they could barely walk. They were young and short so the damage was minimal. Nonetheless, my father was very unhappy. Bob and Doug received their first moving vehicle violation at together, one following the other the wrong way down a one-way street. Bob and Doug threw toilet paper out the 3rd floor hotel window on a college visit trip to Iowa. And Bob and Doug took a road trip to Canada one summer before college. They were best friends.*

*My family attended Kathi and Doug's wedding, and I remember dancing...do I remember Polka music?*

*Doug and Bob went their different ways after HS, but they always kept in touch. They were good, good friends.*

*Not too long ago I contacted Doug to tell him that I had found some pictures of Bob and him. At his request, I sent them to him. Hopefully they will bring back some fond memories.*

*My sympathy goes out to you, Kathi and your family. We will all miss Doug!*

*Love, Betsy Urbain Balaze*

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**Betsy Balaze** - January 09, 2023 at 02:01 PM