



Donald W. Johnson

November 28, 1951 - December 13, 2012

Donald W. Johnson passed away December 13, 2013 at Poudre Valley Hospital. He was born November 28, 1951 in Alameda California to Wesley C. and Wanda A. Johnson. He was preceded in death by his father.

Don was a beloved son, husband, father, brother, and grandfather. He was an incredible artist and woodworker. Their home was full of beautiful artwork and fine furniture that he created. His first job in the art industry was as a graphic artist at the Thomas D. Murphy Calendar Company in Red Oak IA. Here he met his wife, Gayla, where they fell in love and were married. They were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Lea, in 1975. They moved to Fort Collins two years later where Don began his 30 year career at CSU in the Printing & Publications department, where he enjoyed working the other end of the art spectrum. They were blessed with their son Cody in 1981.

Don organized family vacations to the spectacular Colorado mountain areas that he loved. Trips included camping and fine fly fishing rivers, the San Francisco Bay area to go home and visit family and friends, Elgin & Orchard, Nebraska and Red Oak, Iowa for perfect bass ponds. Traveling to the east coast included taking a fishing rod. Once in Yellowstone, a crowd of tourists gathered behind Don to watch his superb casting skills and surprised him with a round of applause as he reeled in a prize trout.

Don is dearly loved, missed and survived by his mother Wanda, his wife of 38 years Gayla, his daughter Lea Jay Lott, his son Cody Jennifer Johnson, his brothers Alan and Jeff Johnson, and his most precious and endearing

granddaughter Adalina Johnson and grandson Dakota Johnson.
A Funeral Service will be held Wednesday, 1 p.m. at Bohlender Funeral
Chapel. Interment will follow at Grandview Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

CW

“ *Very nice tribute to Don. He is missed.*

Chris white - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Gayla ~ May God keep you and family in His everlasting loving embrace and bring you peace.*

Maryan Murrah - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Gayla, I am so sorry. Thoughts and prayers for your family.*

Linda Saliga - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ *Gayla, I am so sorry to hear about Don. Please know that my thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time. God's peace and comfort for you and your family. Teddy*

Teddy - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *To Don's family, I am so sorry for your loss. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Janet*

Janet Cutler - December 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Gayla and family, I am sorry to hear of your loss and have you in my thoughts. Steve Hansen*

Steve Hansen - December 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Gayla, Lea & Cody, Your Uncle Mel, JoAnn, Andres, Sophia, Cayo & I are all so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband & father...We hope that your many good memories will comfort you at this difficult time. Love, Cousin Amy

Amy Heithoff-Dominguez - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ Gayla We are so very sorry to hear of Don's Passing. Our thoughts and prayers with you and your family. I am sorry I will not be able to attend the memorial service. I would have loved to give you a great big Hug. Be strong and know that Don is in a wonderful place ..although a big loss for us. Love Nancy and Wayne

Nancy Hadenfeld - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Gayla, our prayers are with you and your family, will see you soon, respectfully, Jorge

Jorge Saldana - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing. I enjoyed working with Don for many years at CSU. He was a great guy and always spoke fondly of his family. I am glad he got to enjoy retirement with his grandkids, though he is gone all too soon and will be missed! Gayla and the family are in my heart and thoughts at this sad time.

Jeannine Kline - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Our prayers and condolences go out to Gayla, Cory and the Johnson family. Don was a wonderful gentleman and will surely be missed by his loving family. May he rest now in the arms of the Lord. Judy and Jerry Smith

Jerry Smith - December 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Gayla and the rest of Don's family. I enjoyed working with Don for many years at CSU. I learned many valuable skills from him. He spoke fondly of his grandchildren when I'd see him since he retired. I know he'll be missed and there will be a lot of memories.

Bill Cotton - December 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Hi Gayla, My heart goes out to you. I just found out this AM looking at the paper. I knew Don was not doing well, but I'm sorry I didn't know just how sick he was. Please, please let me know if there is anything I can do! I'll be stopping by your home with some food for you and your guests. I love you very much! Susan

Susan Shade - December 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Gayla, my thoughts are with you, Lea and Cody and the rest of the family. I'm was so sorry to hear about Don. Please let me know if there is anything I can do. Take care of yourself and let others help you.

Shelley Koogle - December 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *gayla sorry to hear of your loss my prayers are with you an your family*

pete smith - December 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ *My dearest Gayla, Words are hard to tell you how sorry I am that you have lost Don. I know that you are a rock, and handle so many things with grace and strength. Let us, your friends, be the ones you lean on during this time. No one has to bear life alone. See you at the service. With love, your amiga Nora Su*

Nora Su Alvarado - December 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *Gayla - we are so sorry to hear of your loss. As you know I just talked to Don a few days ago. As I drove by your house I was thinking of stopping by to see him as we are both home during the day and his politics agree with mine. My loss that did happen. He will be sorely missed.*

Gary and Barbara Fritz - December 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ *Caring Thoughts of Sympathy Love knows no yesterday or tomorrow, no beginning or end... Love never changes. May you cherish the love that will be with you always. Live Today, Remember Yesterday, Await Tomorrow Deepest Sympathy Maryann and George A. "Andy" Hofferber "and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying... Revelations 21:4*

George - December 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ You will be missed Dear Friend! love you, Susan & John

Susan Schmidt - December 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ To the Johnson family: I am terribly sorry to hear of Don's passing. My sincerest condolences, Mike Wojcicki

Mike Wojcicki - December 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Gayla: We were heartbroken to hear about Don. You have been in our thoughts and prayers and will continue to be so. I have not seen you in years but if I can be of any help please let me know. Bob and Kathy

Kathy and Bob Brown - December 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ Gayla, Lea, and Cody- so sorry for your loss. Wish you strength and peace.

nancy gus - December 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM