



Lawrence "Larry" M. Johnson

November 2, 1948 - June 28, 2026

Lawrence A. Johnson, known affectionately as Larry, passed away on June 28, 2026, at the age of 77, in Grove, Oklahoma, surrounded by his loving family. Born on November 2, 1948, to Eugene and Margaret (Tiller) Johnson in Estherville, Iowa, Larry led a fulfilling life marked by his devotion to family and friends.

Larry graduated from Baxter Springs High School, where he met his lifelong love, Darlene Copeland. The high school sweethearts married on December 8, 1966, and together, they built a life full of love and laughter. After high school, Larry furthered his education at a diesel mechanic school, which paved the way for his successful career.

For 20 years, Larry dedicated his professional life to Crossland Construction in Columbus, KS as a supervisor mechanic. He retired in 2015, leaving behind a legacy of hard work, integrity, and respect among his coworkers.

Larry was Baptist in faith and was baptized at Elk River Baptist Church.

Larry's hobbies included fishing, hunting, and hosting backyard parties that were the highlight for family and friends. He especially adored spending time with his grandchildren, who were the light of his life.

Described by those who knew him as easy-going, laid-back, and loving, Larry was known as "Papa" to many outside his family. He was always ready to lend a helping hand, making him a cherished figure in his neighborhood.

Larry's life was a testament to his loving nature and unwavering kindness. He will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Richard Johnson and dear aunt, Charlotte Johnson.

Left to cherish his memory, wife of almost 60 years, Darlene Johnson, daughter, Stacy Maute (Lloyd) and son, Larry Johnson (Shannon), brothers, Gene Johnson (Peggy) and David Johnson (Linda), all of Grove and sister, Lynette Higginbotham of Joplin, MO, 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be at 10am Thursday, July 2, 2026, at Buzzard Cemetery. Viewing will be open from noon to 5pm on Wednesday, July 1, 2026. Arrangements entrusted to Nichols-Stephens Funeral Service.

Cemetery Details

Buzzard Cemetery

Grove, OK 74344

Upcoming Events

Graveside Service

JUL 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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