



Carl Andrew Johnson

April 23, 1963 - February 25, 2021

We lost Carl Andrew Johnson (April 23rd, 1963-February 25th, 2021) as he continued cancer treatment in Tucson, AZ. After more than three years of surviving leukemia, he entered hospice care, was made comfortable, and passed peacefully. He was 57.

Carl was adamant about living life to the fullest and chose all-or-nothing treatment options until the end. Carl was a big character, engaging and charismatic - the manager, the coach, and the captain of fun.

Ever-proud of his family, friends, teams, his hometown, Cadillac, and his country, Carl's network extended nationwide and to Germany as a sales manager and corporate chef for Leon's Sausage and Rose Packing, both based out of Chicago, IL. A natural connector of people and joy, Carl was a "hoarder" - of objects, but really of loving people and happy memories.

Carl is survived by his father and hero, Donald; his sisters Karen, Kelly, and Yuki; his beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins; and countless family, friends, and players who saw him as their brother, uncle, mentor, coach, godfather, or support person.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Beverly, his brother, Steve, and several dear friends and cousins.

Carl's family is so grateful to his extensive network of caretakers and supporters, especially for their collective care of Carl as he lived on his terms up to the very end.

He will be greatly missed as we carry on Carl's optimism and love of life.

A memorial visitation will be held Friday, April 23, 2021 from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Cadillac High School Athletic Department or Pine River High School Athletic Department. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

JD

“ It was not just my pleasure in working in the food service business with Carl but also sharing many terrific athletic events with him. One or the other of us would get tickets including:
MSU/Wisconsin football games
Detroit Red Wing hockey
Detroit Piston basketball
Chicago Bears football
Detroit Lions football
Others as well as our many discussions? about UM and Michigan State football and basketball! RIP one of a kind Carl!

Jack Deppong - May 07, 2021 at 01:38 PM

BB

“ Gone too soon. Rest in Peace Carl. Your Bold Spirit Will Not Be Forgotten ~ Brenda and Bryan Burns

Brenda Burns - April 21, 2021 at 07:21 AM

DK

“ He will be missed. Learned a ton from him during college and after. He was a very generous person.

Dustin G Kaupp - April 13, 2021 at 07:36 AM

NA

“ I'm devastated to hear of Carl's passing. He was one of my first-ever clients when I started working in real estate 20 years ago and he has been a loyal friend and encouraging, supportive business partner ever since. He filled this world with positivity and enthusiasm and made everyone he met feel like there's nothing they could not do. I always counted on him to brighten my spirits no matter how rough the day. He leaves this world bigger and brighter than it was before him and he will be sorely missed.

Niko Apostal - April 12, 2021 at 11:55 AM

MM

“ What a great guy. Always a lot of laughs when Carl was around. He was fun, caring and interesting. He loved his family and friends. You will be missed but never forgotten Carl. May you Rest In Peace
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Marge and Jeff McCoy - April 01, 2021 at 08:46 AM

TR

“ Amazing human being and awesome friend. Going to miss you Carl.

Tim Rutowski - March 21, 2021 at 07:13 AM

TE

“ You will be missed for sure. I will miss our frequent phone calls and chatting about sports basketball in particular. You are the most giving and loving person I have met. Always willing to do whatever to help someone who needed it. What you did for so many especially me will never be forgotten. Until we meet again and we can coach another game together while you yell in my ear ፲፯፻፳፯. I love you my friend and family.

Travis Eastlund - March 20, 2021 at 04:05 PM

JH

“ We'll miss you always, Carl. Your warm and welcoming spirit were a balm for all who had the privilege of knowing you. You've been an absolute anchor for our family, and your passing may leave some of us adrift, but we will find our way back. May you be at peace and be ready to greet us again when we take the leap into the great unknown. Love you always.

Julie Huerta - March 09, 2021 at 10:13 AM

KG

“ My heart is with you at such a sad time. Carl is now at rest and cured. ႁႃႏႏႏ ႁႏႏႏႏ

Karen Hodge Greenleaf - March 07, 2021 at 10:14 AM

JV

“ Maggie and I first met Carl when we moved to Diamond Lake four years ago. He was so very welcoming and friendly and encouraging regarding our move that we knew it was a good sign. We quickly came to know him and witnessed his generosity, leader ship, sense of humor, and his competitive nature, soon to be turned toward fighting his cancer. There was never any doubt in his mind that he would beat it which brought comfort to all his friends and family. We take comfort in knowing that he finally did beat it with the help of our heavenly father who he now does his daily walks with in person. See you when we get there Karl. ႁႃႏႏႏ ႁႏႏႏႏ

Jim & Maggie Veenstra - March 03, 2021 at 06:56 AM

DN

“ Thanks for the lamb roasts.

Doug Neville - February 28, 2021 at 03:17 PM

AC

“ *What a great guy! i didn't get to know Carl very well until we got to work on Class Reunions together - and i am grateful I had that opportunity to find out what a big-hearted, caring guy he was. He was larger than life and a true warrior. I am glad he is resting now in the arms of the Father and pain-free. See you on the other side big guy!*

Ann (Greenfield) Clous - February 28, 2021 at 06:12 AM

GK

“ *Heavy hearted today hearing of Carl's passing. His compassion,courage and conviction was and will always be contagious. We are honored to be his friend and will miss him greatly! Love and prayers Cheryl and Gordie*

Gordon and Cheryl Kuehn - February 27, 2021 at 01:51 PM

TL

“ *Our hearts are broken but we are glad Carl is finally out of pain. He struggled long enough. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Shoot some hoops and make some baskets. Happy Trails Carl.Till we meet again. Hugs*

Tac and Carol Lee - February 27, 2021 at 01:50 PM

MR

“ *A genuine human being who lived his life with gratitude and compassion. He will be greatly missed*

Mark Rutowski - February 27, 2021 at 06:32 AM

JG

“ You will be missed by many. Always ready for a good time and brought smiles to so many.

Jane Gagnon - February 27, 2021 at 05:36 AM

HK

“ Carl always had a smile and joy that just pulled you in. So very sorry for your loss.

Heidi Kleyn - February 27, 2021 at 04:20 AM

BM

“ Rest Easy! Carl

Brad Marine - February 26, 2021 at 07:35 PM

MB

“ Carl gonna miss you a lot brother. You were a great friend and taught me a lot. Thanks for all the great memories and for all the good times and talks. You touched so many lives and we are so blessed to have known you. Love u man! Until we meet again.....

Michael Bush - February 26, 2021 at 06:02 PM

BA

“ We will miss our great neighbor. Yes he was high energy, a professional networker, and lived as if failure was not an option-. God bless Carl and the Johnson family during this difficult time.

BRIAN AHRENS - February 26, 2021 at 05:13 PM

SB

“ Carl was the kindest most loving man I have meet. He pored his heart out with love, caring and yes discipline. Nothing comes without hard work and dedication. I have so many found memories of Carl that it would take a very long time to list. The most important was his love for family, friends and kids. Nothing meant more to him!! This is going to take a long time to get over. He was The Man-! Peace Carl, see you when it's my turn.

Scott Benson - February 26, 2021 at 04:50 PM

PB

“ So sorry we never had the privilege of meeting Carl. His courage over the last few years speaks volumes about him.
A reminder to live life to it's fullest.
Our prayers go out to all of you.

Pauline Schlegel & Tony Blume - February 26, 2021 at 04:33 PM

SH

“ So sorry for your loss Don. You and your family are in my prayers!!

Steve Hobbins - February 26, 2021 at 04:26 PM

MW

“ Don and family, we are so sorry to see of Carl' s passing. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike and Dalene Wilkinson - February 26, 2021 at 03:08 PM

AH

“ Carl had a bigger then life personality and will be greatly missed. He will remain in the hearts of all who knew him.

Allison Herndon - February 26, 2021 at 02:04 PM

JL

“ *Such sad news to hear of Carl's passing. He was an incredible guy and a dear friend to so very many. Carl is surely in the care of our Heavenly Father, pain free and made whole again. Prayers of support , compassion and strength to Don and the siblings. Our thoughts and memories of the Johnson family will live on.*

Jerry & Diane Leavell - February 26, 2021 at 01:49 PM

AC

“ *What a guy! i didn't really get to know Carl until the last two or three reunions that we worked on together, and for some reason (probably more his personality in general) we became good friends. His personality was so grand and his heart so generous- he loved and wanted to include everyone - how could you not like the guy?*

I will treasure the times I was able to visit with him - at Diamond Lake, at his house on Lincoln Street, and then the house back on Lake Cadillac. The dude always had a story to tell!

He always made you feel like he was so glad to see you - and i felt so lucky to be his friend.

*I will miss the sound of his voice, I'
ll miss being able to text him, I'
ll REALLY miss planning the next class reunion without him.*

I am so thankful you are no longer in pain. The tissues are for my tears - you are already resting in the arms of Jesus and lighting up heaven with your famous " stories"

. Love you my friend!

Ann (Greenfield) Clous - February 26, 2021 at 01:43 PM