



## Gregory G. "Tex" Johnson

October 4, 1955 - September 14, 2014

Gregory G. "Tex" Johnson of Grass Lake passed away unexpectedly, Sunday, September 14, 2014 in Grand Rapids. He was 58. Greg was born October 4, 1955 in Fremont, Michigan to Dean and Joan (Spruell) Johnson. He was a selfless, caring, and beloved husband, father, papa and friend.

Greg graduated from Cadillac High School in 1974 and later with his Bachelor's Degree from Ferris State University in 1979. He began working at Speeds Automotive as a salesman and moved onto owning and operating his own store, Central Speeds also known as Big Rapids Automotive. Greg retired from the auto parts business in 2008 and had been a petroleum transport driver until his passing.

He was a member of Elks Lodge #974 of Big Rapids, a former member of the Elks Lodge #680, a member of Friends of Ferris and was affiliated with First Christian Church in Cadillac. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, music, sports, water skiing and boating.

On September 15, 1979 in Cadillac he married the former Marjorie A. "Marji" Hillard and she survives him along with their children: Derek (Valerie) Johnson of Dexter, Michigan, Curtis (Gina) Johnson of Cadillac and Carly Johnson of Marquette; grandchildren, Aria Pearl Johnson and Silas Gregory Johnson; his parents, Dean and Joan Johnson of McBain; siblings:

Mike (Neva) Johnson of Moran, Jody Johnson of Jackson Hole, Wyoming and Jeri Johnson of McBain; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death in death by his beloved in-laws, Carl "Speed" & Pearl Hillard.

Memorial services will be held 2:00 p.m. Sunday, September 21, 2014 at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac with Pastor Judy Coffey officiating. Friends may meet the family Saturday from 5-7 p.m. at the Funeral Home. The Elks Lodge of Sorrow Service will be held at 7:15 PM Saturday. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ Our deepest condolences to Greg's family. We are so deeply saddened by your lost. May Greg rest forever in eternal peace.  
Friends, Randy and Diane Hamilton

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**Randy and Diane Hamilton** - October 04, 2014 at 12:50 PM

CN

“ My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Greg was one of the first drivers I spoke with when I started working for Crystal Flash. I thought of him as soon as we had an opening in Marshall. I was so happy for him when he was offered the job. He was always a pleasure to speak with on the phone. I pray the Lord brings you peace and comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

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**Cathy Nischan** - October 02, 2014 at 10:37 AM

RM

“ Marji and family, please know that our hearts are with you. I know that Greg was a remarkable man and a wonderful friend, father and husband. I know that he will be greatly missed. Please accept our sympathy.

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**Robert and Penny Moomey** - September 25, 2014 at 03:57 PM

LB

“ *Marji,  
I was so sorry to read about Greg and wanted you to know I was thinking about you. I know how difficult a time it is for your family. It was great spending a little time with you and Greg when our kids were in high school. I' ll keep you in my prayers.  
Linda*

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**Linda Bechaz** - September 23, 2014 at 06:25 PM

DW

“ *Margie and family....you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I remember Greg as such a funny and loving person. May that be with you always. God Bless*

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**Debi (Sapatka) Wright** - September 20, 2014 at 06:38 PM

DW

“ *Marji, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Greg always had a smile and a friendly hello..thinking of you...Deb*

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**Deb Whaley-Johnson** - September 20, 2014 at 05:01 PM

DS

“ ”  
*Marji, our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. We were blessed to have known Tex, he is one of the nicest guys we have ever known. We send you all love and prayers.*

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**Dan and Julie Scarbrough** - September 19, 2014 at 12:18 PM

MJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are for Marji and her family's comfort as she deals with this horrific loss in her life. I'll forever remember Tex as one of a kind, a true " Viking" in every sense.

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**Mike and Kelly Johnson** - September 19, 2014 at 10:30 AM

BW

“ Another great classmate living us to early....

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**Brian Witbeck** - September 18, 2014 at 03:10 PM

TM

“ Marji, I cannot imagine what you are going through as you know Tex was a terrific guy. Many fond memories of college and beyond. My heart aches for you and your family. Mac

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**Tom McIntyre** - September 18, 2014 at 12:31 PM

ML

“ Marji, I am so sorry to hear of Greg's passing. What a tragic loss. Working with Greg over the years, I knew him as a compassionate, caring, friendly person. He was truly a family man, always putting them first in his life. We had some great times at the parts store, and Greg always treated me with respect. Above all, Greg had a great sense of humor, which is something I really appreciated and admired. He made my life a little more complete. I know he will truly be missed.

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**Michael Lewis** - September 18, 2014 at 09:38 AM

KH

“ *Marji and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers, although we can not make the trip down we will be there in thoughts and prayers. love you*

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**Kim and Sheila Hillard** - September 18, 2014 at 08:07 AM

PR

“ *Marji- You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Know that all your Phi Mu sisters are sending their love to you- I have not seen you in many years but remember we are sisters forever. Love, Patty*

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**Patty Saunders Reddicks** - September 18, 2014 at 01:45 AM

PR

“ *We are truly blessed to have been touched by Greg's love. True and pure DEAREST of friends do not come along every day. Our hearts swell in sadness. Margie, Derek & Val, Curtis & Gina, Carly take comfort in knowing he is with you and nothing can take that away from you. Listen and you will hear him deep in your heart, for he will always be with you. For now, rest in peace our dear friend, until we meet again.*

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**Pat & Penny & Abbey Rose** - September 17, 2014 at 11:07 PM

CS

“ *Marji and Family: I am so very sorry for your great loss. I remember fondly your and Greg's wedding and the arrival of your children and the delight you both took in your growing family. My heart is with you as your family grieves together.*

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**Carol Stadden** - September 17, 2014 at 08:08 PM

DB

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**David Byrnes** - September 17, 2014 at 07:37 PM

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**David Byrnes** - September 17, 2014 at 07:36 PM

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**David Byrnes** - September 17, 2014 at 07:35 PM

CF

“ Sending my condolences, Marji. Greg was such a fun person to be around. My thoughts are with you and your family.

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**Cherie Bell, FRS** - September 17, 2014 at 02:08 PM

BK

“ A truly god man!  
Soar with the angels my friend!

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**Blase K Kearney** - September 17, 2014 at 12:34 PM

KS

“ Margie, My hearts aches for you at the loss of Greg. He was such a great, caring man that loved you and the children so very much. I don't have your phone number or else i would call you. Please when you need someone to talk to give me a call (231-250-8250). Remember you are in my thoughts and prayers and I pray that the Lord will hold you tight during this terrible loss.  
Love and Prayers  
Kay

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**Kay Spalo** - September 17, 2014 at 12:14 PM

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“ Marji- Our deepest sympathies, thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

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**Rich & Janet Harrold** - September 17, 2014 at 11:23 AM

DC

“ Greg was a good, kind man and always had a smile on his face. Our prayers go out to the family. Dan and Paula, two " old" friends from high school

Dan and Paula Crandell - September 17, 2014 at 11:04 AM

CG

“ Greg was sweet and good. He was a true gift and my deepest sympathy to all who loved him.

Char Bourassa Garber - September 17, 2014 at 10:40 AM

TM

“ I have fond memories of Greg visiting us every week at Scott's for the supply order. He was a great guy. My heart and prayers go out to the entire family. I am so sorry for your loss.

Tiffany Buffin Monahan - September 17, 2014 at 09:19 AM

DH

“ Marji, Derek, Curtis, and Carly we are so very sad in hearing of the devastating untimely loss of Greg. Cant even begin to imagine your grief. Greg was a first class guy, always pleasant, ready to tell or hear a good joke or story. Memories of all the great times with your family and friends at Horsehead lake will never be forgotten. Our prayers and hearts go out to you ! Dave & Joan

Dave & Joan Hummel - September 17, 2014 at 09:13 AM

MZ

“ Our thoughts are with all of you. We have only fond memories of our times together. Hugs to you all.

Mimi and Gene Zwolak - September 16, 2014 at 08:28 PM

CM

“ Margie, I cannot put into words how my heart aches for you at the loss of your dear Greg. I want so much to be with you at this time and in my thoughts I am, but as I battled the MS and the road gets rougher I'

m unable to comment this time. I do want you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers as well as the children and I want you to call me, I do not have your phone number and I have tried every way I can think of to find one. From my experience I know you will need me in a month or two when everything else goes on in the emptiness fills your heart. So please call me so we can get together and hopefully you can come and we could spend the evening or an overnight together and I can give you the proper attention that you do so deserve. My number is 616-608-6075. Or I have a cell phone that is 231-884-6547.

Do remember my heart goes out to you my dear and I'm praying that your children will watch over you, love you much,  
Cheri

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**Cheri L. Dahlstrom Matyjaszek** - September 16, 2014 at 07:44 PM

PK

“ Greg was a great person, in spite of all he had gone through , he always had a smile on his face .His passing is heart breaking.

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**Patti Kingsbury** - September 16, 2014 at 04:34 PM