



## Ralph H. Johnson

July 10, 1941 - July 18, 2023

Kind, caring and loving, Ralph H. Johnson passed away on July 18, 2023 at home in Hudson, NH, at the age of 82.

Ralph was born in Nashua, NH, on July 10, 1941 to the late Ralph H. Johnson, Sr. and Louise (Parkinson) Johnson. He attended Nashua schools and graduated from Nashua High School with the class of 1959. His high school classmates continue to meet each month for lunch. He and his wife, Joanne Dowd, were classmates in the 4th grade at Amherst Street School.

In his youth, he loved playing little league baseball, hunting and fishing. As a teenager, he started playing the game of golf and maintained a lifelong passion for the game.

Ralph cherished his time in the US Navy, serving on the USS Dahlgren in 1960s. During the Cuban Missile Crisis, his ship escorted the Russian ships that removed the missiles from Cuba.

Ralph worked in management at Anheuser-Busch in Merrimack for over 25 years. He was there the first day it opened and was considered a plank owner. He played on their golf team for many years and made many dear friends. After suffering an intracerebral hemorrhage at the age of 49, he was no longer capable of working and had to retire. He spent many years of

rehabilitation.

Ralph built a home in Hollis NH, and it was there he (and ex-wife, Doreen Johnson) raised three children, Tanya, Tim and Todd. While in Hollis he bred and trained beagles for field work, belonged to the Hollis Men's Bowling League and relished his time driving his Trans Am.

Ralph's day always started with his favorite meal, breakfast, preferably eggs Benedict. He would dress in khakis and a golf shirt before heading out the door to do daily errands and sneak in a stop at Hayward's ice cream for a hot fudge sundae. He loved watching Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy and eating a nice grilled steak for dinner. He spent many years of rehabilitation and then became a volunteer at St. Joseph's Hospital for 15 years.

Ralph was always so thankful to have friends and family around. He loved playing cards and especially loved teaching card games to his granddaughters. He loved to burst into song ("Take Me Home, Country Roads" was a favorite) and after everyone joined in, Ralph would always say "Thanks for the memories."

Ralph was predeceased by his parents and his brothers, John and David of Nashua.

He is survived by his wife, Joanne Dowd, whom he cherished with all his heart; his daughter, Tanya and her husband, Patrick Engle, and their two daughters, Caitlyn and Cassidy; his two sons, Tim and Todd Johnson; his step-daughter, Suzanne Graham and her two children, Alison and Adam. He is also survived by nieces and nephews and so many wonderful friends.

Following cremation, his cremains will be buried next to his brother, John, at Edgewood Cemetery in Nashua. There are no calling hours, but a Celebration

of Life will be held at a later date. Donations in his loving memory may be made to the Nashua Soup Kitchen, 2 Quincy St, Nashua, NH 03060 or online at Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter at [www.nsk.org](http://www.nsk.org)

# Tribute Wall



“ Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph H. Johnson



Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes - July 27, 2023 at 09:06 AM

SS

Beautiful memories of a wonderful man and his family & friends.  
Rest in Peace Ralph ❤️

Sandy Soucy - July 30, 2023 at 07:09 PM



“ Ralph H. Johnson

October 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ Ralph H. Johnson

September 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM

RW

“ SO SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS OF RALPH, LENNY AND I  
SEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES & BLESSINGS TO ALL.

Roseanne P Whitney - July 29, 2023 at 10:24 AM

EL

“ *Exceptional kind person, never heard a complaint from Ralph. He will be missed by many people.  
Joanne, my heart is with you.*

Elizabeth - July 26, 2023 at 08:40 AM

HH

“ *My sincere condolences to Joanne and Ralph's family. He was such a kind person, it was a pleasure to have met him.*

Holly Howes - July 25, 2023 at 08:15 PM

BW

“ *Love you brother-in-law. So many laughs playing golf and just general conversation was so enjoyable with you. I will miss you, your sense of humor and your welcoming me into your home at any time. Rest pain free. Never another like you.*

Beverly Wrobleski - July 25, 2023 at 08:01 PM

EU

*So sorry to hear that. I am sure that you have many memories to cherish. Thinking of you.*

*Elaine and Larry*

Elaine Ussery - July 26, 2023 at 09:18 AM

SS

*He was always gracious. We always looked forward to his company, good memories of playing Mexican Train and still remember his delicious home made Lamb Shepherd's Pie! Ralph could cook!  
We will miss you Ralph.  
Rest in Peace ❤️  
Our Love,  
Dan & Sandy*

Sandy Soucy - July 26, 2023 at 04:20 PM

SU

“ *Almost heaven, West Virginia  
Blue Ridge Mountains, Shenandoah River  
Life is old there, older than the trees  
Younger than the mountains, growin' like a breeze  
Country roads, take me home  
To the place I belong  
West Virginia, mountain mama  
Take me home, country roads  
All my memories gather 'round her  
Miner's lady, stranger to blue water  
Dark and dusty, painted on the sky  
Misty taste of moonshine, teardrop in my eye  
Country roads, take me home  
To the place I belong  
West Virginia, mountain mama  
Take me home, country roads  
I hear her voice in the mornin' hour, she calls me  
The radio reminds me of my home far away  
Drivin' down the road, I get a feelin'  
That I should've been home yesterday, yesterday  
Country roads, take me home  
To the place I belong  
West Virginia, mountain mama  
Take me home, country roads  
Country roads, take me home  
To the place I belong  
West Virginia, mountain mama  
Take me home, country roads  
Take me home, (down) country roads  
Take me home, (down) country roads*

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**Suz** - July 25, 2023 at 07:10 PM

AF

*So, so sorry, Jojo. Ralph was such a nice man.*

**ann frigard** - July 25, 2023 at 09:12 PM

TW

*JoJo so sorry for your loss. Teresa Wrobleski*

**Teresa V Wrobleski** - July 26, 2023 at 11:41 AM

NL

*So sorry for you in losing "your Ralph." He was quite a guy!*

**Nancy LeBoutillier** - July 26, 2023 at 03:07 PM

SS

*Ralph was a friend and respected by all of the Hollis men's league members. And very competitive .... Steve s*

**steven sacherski** - July 27, 2023 at 04:37 PM

SS

*I am so very sorry to learn of Ralph's passing. He was one of my favorite people ever. I had no idea he was ill and I'm sorry I didn't get to say a personal goodbye and thank you for being my friend.*

**Sandy Sheppard** - August 06, 2023 at 12:00 PM