



Steven D. Johnson

October 1, 1945 - February 4, 2019

Steve Johnson, more than any other man I know, was a contributor to the world around him. Without a doubt, this man used himself up to better the lives of others. Without an ounce of arrogance and a heart full of compassion, Mr. Johnson left a wide wake of good in his lifetime.

Steve was born in Salina, Kansas in 1945. He loved working on old cars, in high school he worked in an upholstery shop.

Steve Johnson began attending Blue Mountain Community College in 1963. Steve's dad, Burl Johnson, died when Steve was just 23, forcing him to be really responsible at a young age. Taking care of others and being responsible for their welfare, was something that Steve took very seriously.

While at a party, Steve met the love of his life, Jacque (White), and they were married shortly after in 1966. Steve and Jacque moved to Elko, Nevada in 1967. You know how the saying goes: first comes love, then comes marriage, then comes.... Shane was born in 1969. Chris was born two years later, and Toby one year after that. After being highly involved within the community of Elko, Steve received a promotion as a land surveyor in Wenatchee, Washington.

Steve Johnson dedicated himself to his job. He first began by marking boundaries all around north central Washington. Later, he received another promotion as Assistant Lands and Title Manager, where he worked closely between the National Forest Service and landowners to solve difficult problems that had existed for many decades. Steve was great at being

diplomatic; with a calm manner, he seemed to understand everyone's needs and found creative solutions fixing the “unsolvable” land boundary issues. After 40+ years of service, Steve retired in 2005. Mr. Johnson also served as the Washington State Land Surveyor’s president in 1991. In the National Forest Service world, Steve was known as gifted trainer/speaker regarding land survey and land title topics. However, that’s not the most memorable thing about him.

Steve Johnson was a servant, always looking for ways to help others. Even as I write this, I remember him taking me to elderly ladies’ homes in the summer to mow their lawns - for free. I remember going to single mothers’ rentals where their children had punched holes in the walls, to fix their sheetrock--for free. Memories abound of the hundreds of times my dad served those around him; he helped pour concrete, build sheds, re-roof houses. He even helped all three of his sons build/rebuild their own houses. In 2005, Steve and one of his best friends, Ron Bundy, bought a shop where they worked on single mothers’ and widows’ cars. They spent years ministering to hundreds of helpless women as they kept their cars running and their homes working.

Steve had a heart for the Lord, and knew that “more was caught than taught”; he taught mightily by his kind heart. Steve and Jacque both loved serving the Lord via youth programs. He spent 41 years working with the youth groups here at the Wenatchee Free Methodist/Sage Hills Church. Steve Johnson went on 38 short term mission trips on 6 of the 7 continents helping these young men and women have a heart for the underserved and underprivileged. Steve’s life was cut short at the age of 73, but those who know him would say he did more for others in those 73 years than most would do with TWO lifetimes. Steve Johnson used himself up, giving every ounce of himself away to others. He was kind, generous and very hard working.

Steve is survived by his wife (Jacque), mom (Verna Johnson), brother and sister (Ole and Jill Johnson), three sons (Shane, Chris and Toby), eight grandchildren (Shaina, Mattie, Jacey, Noah, Abraham, Phillipa, Anna and Emmett), and one great grandson on the way!

Please come share your story of how Steve touched your life, on Saturday, Feb 23 @ 1pm at Sage Hills Church. In lieu of flowers please donate to Sister Connection; an organization that support widows and orphans in Burundi.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

FEB **23**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Sage Hills Church
1601 Fifth St
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Tribute Wall

RO

“ *Smart, exceedingly hardworking, generous, helpful, kind, fair, respectful, honorable, trustworthy, friendly, reliable, unselfish, considerate, cheerful, funny, humble, reverent, a true servant to those in need, a great soldier and an outstanding leader are a few words that describe Steve. He always could be counted on to get jobs done well from start to finish including extremely difficult and incredibly complex ones. So many of us are better people because of Steve. Working for him was an honor and a privilege. Our many thoughts, prayers and love are with you Jacque, Shane, Toby, Chris and Family.*

R. Alex Martinez and Jo Richards

Robert - February 22, 2019 at 11:00 PM

DC

“ *Our prayers go out to you all. We have many great memories of times spent with Steve. We are grateful for all the kindness he showed to Wendy and Shane and our shared granddaughters. We are in Palm Springs for 2 months, so are unable to attend the service. Will be thinking of you.
In Christ, Don and Carol*

Don and Carol - February 16, 2019 at 12:52 PM

BJ

“ The way I knew Steve was as a man of great influence with a humble approach. I respected him greatly as did many surveyor's in WA. and across the nation. I am grateful for his service to people in the work that he did but also in the service he performed for his Savior Jesus in serving others for His kingdom. I'm sure Steve's crown will be full and will await to see him again with a perfect body not prone to this world.

Brent L Johnston - February 13, 2019 at 11:06 AM

RO

“ I also worked with Steve. He taught me so much about public lands with patience and kindness. He would always greet me and others with a smile and always had the time to chat or sit down for lunch. He will be missed. My condolences to the Johnson family. 🙏❤️

RoseMarie - February 08, 2019 at 03:05 PM

PW

“ I treasure the times I had with Steve. He was a great friend and mentor; he taught me a lot. He was a really good person!



Pam White - February 08, 2019 at 12:09 PM

FS

“ Steve's knowledge of public land and tenure was always his real talent. He'll be missed.

Forrest Shoemaker - February 06, 2019 at 04:44 PM

ES

“ Steve was great person and friend, he will be missed.



Earl Snyder - February 06, 2019 at 11:21 AM

LU

“ Luci lit a candle in memory of Steven D. Johnson



Luci - February 05, 2019 at 09:11 PM

KR

“ The day I met Steve I instantly liked him. I can't think of a more honest, patient, likable man than Steve. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and many friends. Keith Rowland

Keith Rowland - February 05, 2019 at 08:58 PM

BH

“ Steve is an example of a great man. I look forward to meeting him in heaven. He knew God. As a follower of Christ, Steve lived his life in honor of the Savior.
Bill

Bill ham - February 05, 2019 at 04:20 PM

LF

“ Steve was a dear friend, mentor, colleague and brother in Christ. Steve and I go back to the fall of 1977 when he arrived on the Wenatchee National Forest as the Forest Land Surveyor. We worked together for 27 years before he retired from the Forest Service. But retire was not in Steve's personal make-up so he never did retire he just moved on to other projects and ministries. Steve played a large role in who I am today. I already miss him and I know I will think of him often.

Love you Jacque and Family.

Leland Fischer

Leland Fischer - February 05, 2019 at 02:29 PM

PW

Leland said a lot of true words. Steve was a gentle but very respected and professional person. My prayer is that he is in heaven with God and able to enjoy eternal peace without anymore pain.

Pete Weber

Pete Weber - February 06, 2019 at 10:59 PM

WC

I worked with Steve for about 20 years and he was a professional gentleman and a gentle man. He undertook some tough projects and brought them to a finish.

Wayne Christensen - February 08, 2019 at 01:06 PM

LS

Steve was a great example of how to live the Christian life. I looked up to that example. He was a great help to my family. I will have lasting memories and dearly miss his smile. Larry Shaw

Larry Shaw - February 16, 2019 at 11:38 PM

MB

Steve was my mentor and boss starting October of 1977 - I remember like it was yesterday - walking into the NorthTech center trailer on the edge of the Leavenworth ranger district compound. Asking for a seasonal job with his land surveying team. He, Mike, Leland, Bob, Frank to name a few really treated me like a sister and team mate.... Total Gentlemen and such dedicated workers. He was an amazing Boss and really cared for the public lands and the private landowners that bordered those boundaries. He was a true steward of justice and bringing solutions to the many problems that were ongoing- especially with the Entiat Valley Property lines. He brought Land Surveying Classes and training to our Community thru Wenatchee Valley College- and seminars through out the western states. Dear Jackie and sons - he loved you all so dearly ! and spoke highly of you often.

Mary Pat (McCaffrey)Barton

Mary Pat Barton - February 21, 2019 at 01:18 AM

RH

I had the great honor of getting to work with Steve when I transferred to the Okanogan and Wenatchee N.F.s late in my Forest Service career. While serving as the Central Zone Engineer, Steve & I collaborated on several work issues including our cooperative agreement with Chelan County. I knew I could always count on Steve for the true facts in all matters & that he would always conduct himself in the most gracious and professional manner. It was a privilege to share the same retirement party with Steve, Rick L., & Pam W. back in 2005. My thoughts and prayers are with Jacque & all of Steve's family at this time of his passing. I know your fond memories of your life with him will help carry you through tis time of loss.

*With sincere condolences,
Bob Hulet*

Robert Hulet - February 23, 2019 at 12:44 PM