



## Rickie Lee Johnson

April 19, 1957 - April 13, 2026

Rickie L. Johnson, 68, passed away on April 13, 2026, after a long battle recovering from a Traumatic Brain injury. He was surrounded by his loving family.

Rickie was born in Butte, Montana on April 19, 1957, to Lennie and Ilene (Meyer) Johnson. He went to school in Butte and graduated from Butte High School in 1975. He started his working career after graduating high school and he began working at MT Department of Transportation in 1976. Where he worked for 34 years. Starting with a survey crew working his way up to Bridge Inspector and retired as a Project Manager.

He met the love of his life, Dawn (Bukema) Johnson when she was 14 years old. Instantly they knew they would build a life together forever. They got married on August 20, 1977. Together they have four children, Holly, Michael, Magen and Troy. Later, they adopted their grandchild, Chloe.

Rickie had a passion for hunting, fishing with his family, going to get pull tabs on Sundays with Michael, and most of all he loved taking his family on vacation. He loved to root for his favorite football team, Da Bears. He was so excited when he bought his boat to take his family out fishing. He enjoyed watching his grandson Peyton on Friday nights playing football at Butte High stadium. His biggest passion was watching his family grow and succeed in their lives and loved to see them light up. He always had a nickname for everyone, Holly dolly (Holly), Spud (Troy), Buckwheat (Magen), Glowbug (Chloe), P (Peyton), Poo & Tater (Shade), Zada Zoo (Zada), Bella Wella

(Bella), Baby girl (Willow), and My Girls (Chloe, Zada, Bella, and Willow). Rickie is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 48 years Dawn. His children Holly (Rodger), Michael, Magen (Will), Troy, and Chloe. Rickie was blessed with six amazing grandchildren Chloe, Zada, Shade, Peyton, Bella, and Willow. In addition to four bonus grandsons Daelan, Broden, Corbin, and Axston. Also surviving his sister Rita Butler, brother-in-law Tim Ryan, Sisters in law Connie (Dan) Mueller, Debbie (Jerry) Cerise, brother-in-law David (Bernie) Bukema. Along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Rickie is preceded in death by his parents, Lynn and Ilene Johnson, sister Mabelle Ryan, brothers Arty, Lonny, and Dale, mother and father-in-law Audrey and William Bukema.

A Celebration of Life will be held Wednesday April 22nd at 11:00 am at Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home in Butte, Montana. A reception luncheon will be held at McQueen Athletic Club at 1:30 pm. Where family and friends are invited to gather and share their favorite memories.

Memorial donations may be made to donors' choice. Rickie will be deeply missed and forever remembered. Till we meet again, you will always be the love of my life.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **22**. 11:00 AM (MT)

Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home  
1800 Florence Ave  
Butte, MT 59701  
(406) 723-3221  
<https://wayrynen-richards.com/>

## reception

APR **22**. 12:00 PM (MT)

McQueen Athletic Club  
3250 Hecla  
Butte, MT 59701

# Tribute Wall



“ *My thoughts and prayers to the Johnson Family, May his memories hold dear in your hearts. Rest in peace Rick.*

*Janice Clark Muniz*

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**Janice Muniz** - April 22 at 09:12 PM

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“ *Dear Dawn and family. Please know that our thoughts, love and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We're so sorry for your sad hearts and feel so grateful that we've been friends and neighbors with Rick and your family for so many years. Love -- Patricia, Tim, Patrick and Thomas Sullivan (Royette's daughter & family)*

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**Patricia Sullivan** - April 19 at 03:00 PM

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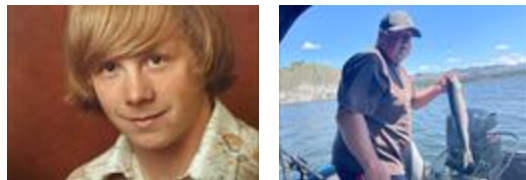
*Dawn, so sorry for your loss sending prayers! Nancy and Tim Rowe*

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**Nancy Rowe** - April 21 at 06:15 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home** - April 17 at 10:34 AM

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*I was hoping to make it over for Rick's celebration of life. So sorry to have to miss it. Dawn & family - you have been in our thoughts & prayers. Gods speed to Rick - may he now rest in peace.*

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**Bonnie Van Dyke** - April 22 at 02:30 PM