

NOTICE TO STAFF - REPORT OF DECEASED MEMBER

Member: Gerald A. Johnson

Classification/Trade: Building Trades Journeyman Steamfitter

Age: 67 years old

Deceased Date: May 22, 2014

Years of Service: 43 year

Reported to Local 32: Mrs. Linda K. Johnson, wife
Brett Johnson, son

Services: Saturday, June 7, 2014
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Yahn and Son Funeral home
55 West Valley Highway S
Auburn, WA 98001
Website: Yahnandson.com



Gerald A. Johnson, Sr.

March 15, 1947 - May 22, 2014

Jerry Johnson lost his hard fought battle with cancer on May 22, 2014. He was born Gerald A. Johnson on March 15, 1947 to James Johnson and Cora Frasier Johnson in Grand Coulee Washington. He was the third of 4 boys born to the couple. He grew up in Eastern Washington and graduated from Eastmont High in East Wenatchee. He enlisted in the Navy in 1965 right after graduation and spent 4 years in the Seabees, most of which in Vietnam with occasional time in Japan. Upon discharge he joined his father's Union, Local 32 as Steamfitter/Pipefitter and became a member in 1971. He retired in 2000, and remained a member until his death. He was married briefly in 1965 to Patricia Potter and they had two children, Jerry Bedford Wilhelmi and Stacy (Wilhelmi) Hoefner. On July 24, 1971 he married Linda (Kerlin) Johnson and they have been married 43 years. They had 2 sons Brent Edward Johnson (married to Cassi Johnson) and Jerry Johnson Jr. He was preceded in death by his parents and his younger brother Doug Johnson, granddaughter Stephanie Wilhelmi and nephew David Kerlin. He has 9 grandchildren, including Eva Johnson, Porter Johnson, Wyatt Johnson, Leila Johnson, Luke Hoefner, Henry Hoefner, Kristopher Hoefner, Kelsy Wilhelmi and Stephanie Wilhelmi. He also has many nieces, nephew and grand nieces and nephews. His time with his children and grandchildren were always what he treasured. He loved to fish. He built amazing remote control airplanes and flew them though his building skills far exceeded his flying ability. Some of his crashes will always be mentioned in family lore. In later life he discovered a compelling love of travel and along with his wife and sister in law Marty traveled to many places, usually much warmer and sunnier than home. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the ARC of Whatcom County, an organization that provided immeasurable help to Jerry's granddaughter along with many other children or the DAV who helped Jerry and Linda and so many other veterans and their families. A memorial service will be held on June 7, 2014 at 3:00 Pm at Yahn & Son Funeral Home. Please come and join us in the celebration of his life.

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