

Robert Bob David Johnson

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July 7, 1951 - October 18, 2015

Robert David Johnson went into the presence of his Savior on October 18, 2015, as a result of a car accident. Bob was born in Salem, Oregon, on July 7, 1951, to Joseph Vernon Johnson and Charcelene Barnes Johnson. In 1955, his parents moved to Bend where Bob attended school, graduating from Bend High in 1969. He received a B.S. in Mechanical Technology from LeTourneau College in Longview, Texas, in 1973. While there, he served as president of the Automotive Society and, also met his bride, Marsha Gray. They were married September 1, 1973. Their sons, David and Brian, were born in 1974 and 1977.

Bob returned to Bend after college to work in the family business, JV Johnson Building, and later, The Home Center, which became Johnson Brothers TV and Appliance. He eventually assumed the general manager role and ran the business with integrity. He was respected and loved by his employees. His business model resulted in success which enabled him to do what he most loved, which was serving others and giving to others. It gave him great joy to be able to share his resources without acknowledgement and many local and foreign charities, churches, and individuals have been the beneficiaries of his generosity.

Bob was a man of deep faith. He trusted completely in Christs death and resurrection for the forgiveness of his sins. He was active in Sunday School ministry for much of his adult life. He taught classes and served on the Christian Education Board at First Baptist Church. He taught for the American Sunday School Union in Brothers, Oregon, and most recently, taught at Grace Bible Church. He loved the Bible and loved teaching children.

Bob earned a pilots license in high school and later enjoyed taking his family on trips in his plane. He had a knack for mechanics and could fix just about anything. He was able to pass along many practical skills to his sons and nothing delighted him more than working on projects with them. Spending time with family was a top priority for Bob. He and Marsha had recently shared ten memorable days in the mountains of Wyoming and Montana.

In recent years, Bob took great delight in his eight grandchildren. He was a very hands-on grandfather, working puzzles, telling bedtime stories and adventuring around the farm on the four-wheeler loaded with kids.

Bob is survived by his wife of 42 years, Marsha; son, David, and his wife, Carrie, of Klamath Falls, Ore.; son, Brian, and his wife Kelly, of Williams, Ore.; his sister, Charcie, and her husband, Steve; grandchildren, Scarlett, Jude, Georgie and Charlie of Klamath Falls; and Katy, Alli, Emma and Clara of Williams; as well as numerous extended family.

A memorial service for Bob will be held Saturday, October 24, 3 PM, at Grace Bible Church of Bend. In lieu of flowers, please consider an honorary gift to one of these organizations that Bob enthusiastically supported: The Elisha Foundation, Orphanages of Kenya, or Grace Bible Church of Bend.

Arrangements: Niswonger Reynolds. Guestbook can be signed at www.niswonger-reynolds.com
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