

Kenneth Johnson, age 57, of Topeka, Kansas, and formerly of Cherokee, Iowa, died on Thursday, March 16, 2006.

Ken was born on January 16, 1949, in LeMars, Iowa, to Gustav and Ruth Johnson. Ken received his primary and secondary education in the Schaller School and graduated from Schaller High School in 1967. He continued his education at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls, Iowa, where he received his associate degree. He was awarded a B.A. in accounting from Fort Lauderdale University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

On April 22, 1972, Ken was united in marriage to Peggy Paulsen in Storm Lake, Iowa. They were blessed with two sons, Scott and Ryan.

Ken served his country with honor in the United States Army from 1971 until 1973. He was employed as a C.P.A. by Ryun Givens and Company in Cherokee, Iowa; later moving to Colby, Kansas where he was employed by Kennedy and Coe. Ken held the position of Dean of Fiscal Affairs with Colby Community College from 1989 to 2004. After moving back to Cherokee, Iowa, in the fall of 2004, Ken was employed with Burkhart and Dawson CPA's prior to being diagnosed with cancer.

Ken was active in his community, having served as chairman and member of the board of directors of Medical Alternatives in Colby; on the advisory committee of Citizens Medical Center in Colby; and was a former member of Rotary International in Colby. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby, Kansas for 20 years. He enjoyed playing golf, woodworking and spending time with his family and grandchildren. Ken will be remembered as a loving husband and devoted father and grandfather. He will be missed dearly by his family and friends.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife Peggy of Topeka, Kansas; sons Scott (Julie) Johnson and Ryan (Tabitha) Johnson, both of Topeka; grandchildren Andrew Johnson, Travis Johnson and Kyleigh Johnson, all of Topeka; mother Ruth Johnson of Storm Lake, Iowa; sisters Carol Regennitter of Vancouver, Washington and Elaine Georg of Fort Dodge, Iowa; and brother Roger Johnson of Spencer, Iowa.

Ken was preceded in death by his father, Gustav Johnson, two infant sisters and his granddaughter, Emma Grace Johnson.

Memorial contributions may be made to Colby Community College Endowment Association or the American Cancer Society.

Remembering...

A Special Life

**Kenneth
Johnson**

I'd like a memory of me
to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing
times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who
grieve, to dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
When life on earth is done.

—author unknown



Footprints

One night I had a dream —
I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord and
across the sky flashed scenes of my life.
For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand.
One belonged to me and the other to the Lord.
When the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that many times along the path of my life,
there was only one set of footprints.
I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest
and saddest times in my life.
This really bothered me and
I questioned the Lord about it.
“Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you,
you would walk with me all the way.
But I have noticed that during the most
troublesome times in my life
there is only one set of footprints.
I don’t understand why in times when
I needed you most, you should leave me.”
The Lord replied, “My precious, precious child,
I love you and I would never, never leave you.
During your time of trial and suffering,
when you saw only one set of footprints,
it was then that I carried you.” author unknown

Thank You...

We wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced in thought
and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited for lunch
and a time of sharing at the church immediately following the burial.

 *The Johnson Family*



IN MEMORY OF

Kenneth Johnson

January 16, 1949 — March 16, 2006



FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, March 20, 2006 at 10:30 a.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Schaller, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend David Lyons

ORGANIST

Carol Wendel

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

“Beautiful Savior”

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

“How Great Thou Art”

CASKET BEARERS

Craig Parkinson, Don Johnson

Bob Johnson, Delayne Johnson

David Johnson, Greg Brandt

INTERMENT

Military Rites by Schaller VFW

Schaller Cemetery — Schaller, Iowa



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