



David G. Johnson

March 21, 1943 - June 28, 2026

David George Johnson, 83, of Gaylord, Michigan, passed away peacefully at his home

surrounded by his family on Sunday, June 28, 2026.

Born on March 21, 1943, in Harbor Beach, Michigan, to Claire and Lucille (Wagner) Johnson,

David grew up in Harbor Beach and had a wonderful childhood there. He graduated from Harbor

Beach High School in 1961 and went on to attend Western Michigan University, where he

graduated in 1966. He later enjoyed a fulfilling career in education.

David worked as an educator and coach for a combined 30 years at Carsonville and later at North

Branch Area Schools, retiring in 1997. Following his retirement, he served as camp director at

Lake Louise Baptist Camp in Boyne Falls, a place he had attended as a child, and led the camp

for 12 years. He later worked as a claims adjuster for BC Johnson & Associates for four years. In

addition to his primary career, David worked a variety of summer jobs, including driving semi

for Ma Brown Pickles, serving as director and golf instructor at Teela-Wooket Horseback Camp

in Roxbury, Vermont, and earning his residential builder's license.

Outside of work, David loved spending time with his family, golfing, hunting, fishing, and being

a good and faithful servant at Higher Ground at Lake Louise Camp in Boyne Falls.

David is survived by his loving wife, April (Beverly); his children, Lia (Dave) Gulick, Rhonda

(Paul) Bucholtz, David (Lennon) Johnson, and Laura (Doug) Griffin; and his stepson, Charlie

(Tammy) Adams. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Jacob (Tiffany) Gulick, Cody

(Claire) Gulick, Isaiah Griffin, Lucille Griffin, and Oliver Griffin; step-grandchild Zachery

Adams; and step-great-grandchildren Braelyn and Kaylee. He is further survived by his sister,

Mary Ellen (Jack) Hessling; a very special nephew, Bruce Johnson; and many other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Claire and Lucille Johnson; his brother, Bruce Johnson; and his sister, Marjorie Ahrens.

David made friends wherever he went and seemed to know everyone. He had an incredible

memory and was known for remembering names and sharing stories from decades past. Dave

loved fishing and hunting with his friends, and spending time at the cabin he built with his son.

He also had a deep passion for golf and was a member of Michaywe Golf Club in Gaylord,

where he played on three leagues. His Tuesday traveling golf league held a very special place in

his life, and the friendships he built there meant a great deal to him.

A private family graveside burial will be held at Rock Falls Cemetery in Harbor Beach, Michigan.

A celebration of life to be held on Sunday July 19, 2026 at 2:00pm at Higher Ground at Lake

Louise Camp, 10750 Stafford Rd. Boyne Falls, MI 49713.

Memorial contributions may be made to Higher Ground at Lake Louise Camp at

<https://highergroundatlakelouise.com>.

Arrangements are being handled by the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach.

Memories can be shared at www.RamseyFH.com

Upcoming Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 19. 2:00 PM.

Higher Ground