



Brian Johnson

April 5, 1962 - April 5, 2009

CRYSTAL FALLS - Brian D. Johnson, 47, of Crystal Falls, completed his journey to eternal rest with the Lord on Sunday, April 5, 2009, at his home.

He was born on July 12, 1961, in Marquette, the son of Mary (Frazier) and the late Douglas Johnson. He attended the Marquette Schools graduating from Marquette Senior High School in 1979.

He worked for several years as a journeyman roofer through Local 247, and then he went on to complete an apprenticeship with the Sheet Metal Workers International Association. He was currently employed with SMWIA Local 7 as a journeyman sheet metal worker, which led him to many destinations over the past several years.

On June 11, 1988, he married Kathy Beauchamp at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette, where the couple began raising their family.

Brian was a lifelong resident of Marquette until he and his family moved to Crystal Falls in August 2003. He was a member of Guardian Angels Catholic Church.

He loved to fish, ice fish and hunt, always looking for the ultimate buck. These activities took on an even greater special meaning when he was able to share

them with his boys. He loved to bowl and had been a member of the U.P. Balance Team for the Sunday Night Men's League until this past year, when he requested to be an alternate so he could accommodate his sons' sports schedules. Being the awesome dad that he was, he volunteered his coaching services for many of his sons activities, including hockey, soccer, indoor soccer, 3-on-3 basketball tournaments and Pop Warner football. Even though Brian was an avid Green Bay Packer fan and Detroit Red Wings fan, he often said that no game was greater to watch than one that his sons played.

Brian is survived by his loving wife, Kathy, of Crystal Falls; his sons whom he treasured, Daniel, Jeffrey and Jeremy Johnson, all at home; his mother, Mary Johnson of Marquette; a brother, Leonard Johnson of Traverse City; two sisters, Christine (Brian) Davis of Traverse City, and Debra (Ted) Sharkey of Marquette; his mother-in-law, Mary Beauchamp of Crystal Falls; a brother-in-law, John Kelley of Gwinn; a sister-in-law, Mary Sue Kelley of Marquette; five nieces, Amy and Patricia Davis of Traverse City, Crystal (Nathan) Curry of Trenary, Meagan Johnson of Traverse City and Jenni Kelley of Marquette; four nephews, Patrick Sharkey of Marquette, Jeffrey (Amanda) Kelley of Gwinn, James Kelley Jr. of Cincinnati, Ohio and Michael Kelley of Colorado; and many loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

Brian is now in the company of his father, Douglas; sister, Patricia; his father-in-law, Donald Beauchamp; and his brothers-in-law, James, Joseph and Jeffrey Kelley, all of whom preceded him in death.

Visitation will be Monday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Central time) at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls, where Fr. Daniel Moll will perform a vigil service at 7 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. (Central time) at Guardian Angels Catholic Church, where Fr. Daniel Zaloga will offer the Mass of Christian

Burial.

Pallbearers will be Rick Luft, Dean Aberly, Bryan McGregor, Paul Dumoulin, Andy Kachmarsky and Leonard Johnson.

Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery in Crystal Falls.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in Brian's memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Brian Johnson online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

His family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

SZ

“ Dear Johnson Family,
I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sad to hear about Brian. I know his love for sports (especially hockey) will live on through the boys. I'll miss seeing him at the rink. Dear Chris, Debbie, Mom, and Kathy, I pray for strength and peace.
Love and blessings,
Sandy

Sandy Zinski-Enright-Nadeau - April 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Kathy, Dan, Jeff and Jeremy,

Our sympathies are with you during this difficult time. We pray that the Lord will help you through and that you hold on to the happy memories you have.

God Bless you all.

John, Cathy, Emily and Katie Faccin

The Faccin's - April 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Kathy and Boys, You have my deepest sympathy at this time of loss in your lives. My thoughts and prayers are with you daily!
Feel and accept the comfort of the Lord, you are a strong family!!

Joy Stachowicz - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Kathy and boys. I am so sorry to have not been here for you as I was in Georgia. I have you all in my thoughts and prayers. If I can do anything please let me know. Keep the faith. cherish your memories they will carry you through this difficult time. All my love.

stacy nichols - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Dear Kathy, Daniel, Jeff, and Jeremy, No words can express our deepest thoughts and prayers for you during this journey. This will be a long road for you all but please know we are her for a ear to listen or a shoulder to cry on. Brian will be missed and remembered for all the times he helped Nathan with soccer, basketball and overall guidance with sports. We love you all....

Adrienne Stachowicz and family - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ Dear Kathy and boys, sorry to hear about the loss, my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. If you and the boys need to reach out to talk. Brian will be greatly missed. Love you and the boys.

Nancy Burnette - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Mary, Chrisy, Debbie, Leonard, Kathy, and boys; We are deeply saddened to hear of Brian's passing. My fondest memories of visiting Marquette as a child were the times spent at aunt Mary's house with Patty Jo, Brian, Chrisy, Debbie and little Leonard. What a bunch! I will treasure those memories forever.....my love to all of you during this difficult time, may peace be with you always.

Tina (LaFayette) Wood and Family - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Dear Kathy and boys, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Brian was a great guy and he will be truly missed by many. I have so many good memories of Brian that I will always cherish. You will always be in our thoughts and prayers, especially on this Easter weekend. Love Tom, Kathryn and Alex

Thomas Aird - April 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Kathy and Boys, We are so sorry to hear about your loss of Brian. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Mike and Diane Frazier

Mike and Diane Frazier - April 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

C(

“ Chistine, Debbie, Len, and Mary I am so sorry for your loss. I didn't know Brian that well, only when I would come to your house on Rock Street to visit with Patty. I learned a little bit more of him in the past few years especially when I would care for Mary or when I would run into Debbie occasionally. I would ask how everyone was doing? And they would tell me a little bit about everyone. I think I remember Kathy from school. I would see pictures of the family at Marys house. I just wanted to say that everyone is in my thoughts and prayers.

Christine Clark (Koepp) - April 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ We love all of you, and we will miss Brian very much. You are all in our prayers.

Tanya, Andy and Sara - April 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ to Brian family my thoughts and prays are with all of you at this sad and difficult time. always remember brain now has his wings and is in better hands than all of us. his former classmate

carol croschere brugman - April 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

YN

“ Dear Christine, Debbie and Mary:

My deepest sympathy goes out to you and the other members of Bryan's family. I was so very sorry to read his obituary and wanted you to know my prayers are with all of you. May you find peace during this difficult time in all of your wonderful memories.

Yvonne

Yvonne Niemi - April 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ I did not know Brian personally but I knew his Marquette family through just being a Marquette native all of my life. I graduated with Patty and think of her often. She also was a wonderful person, and a joy to have as a friend growing up. I am very sorry for the loss that you are all feeling with Brian's passing. Even though I do not know you all I am thinking of you and sending thoughts and prayers your way.

Tricia from Marquette

Tricia - April 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I am thinking about you, and keeping you in my prayers. Brian will be missed and never forgotten. Love Sara

Sara Laitinen - April 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ Dear Kathy, Daniel, Jeff, and Jeremy,
We were saddened by the news of Brian's death. Please accept our deepest and heartfelt condolences at this most challenging time.
You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Love, Ruth, George, Matt and Nate

Ruth Isola - April 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am hoping that you will find some comfort in knowing that others care.

~Kristin a/k/a Kendricks Bordeau days

Kristin - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Kathy and Boys
You are in my prayers, and we all will miss Brian dearly.
Know you have lots of love and support as you carry on...

love and blessings,
Kris

Kris Hazeres - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Dear Kathy and Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

David, Colleen, Jacqueline and Brendan Aird

David and Colleen Aird - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dear Kathy and boys, I wish there was something we could say or do that would help you at this sad time. Brian will be missed by all of us. You are in our prayers. Love, Harpo and Joan

Dave and Joan Marx - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WT

“ Kathy, Dan, Jeff and Jeremy-
Wanted you to know we are thinking about you constantly. Such a great loss. Having been through something similar, I wanted you to know that time does help to heal. Please call on us if we can help at all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Will, Sally and Toby - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Dearest Kathy and boys,
Life deals us often life-changing situations that we wonder how in the world we are ever going to get through it. May your happy memories survive and you hold each other close as you deal with your loss. You have many friends who love you and your community feels your tragedy and will be there for you, you only have to let them in. My prayers and thoughts are with you and know that peace is finally found and the Lord will hold you tight and be by your side.

Stacy - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM