



Christopher Johnson

October 9, 1979 - March 26, 2015

Christopher Erik Johnson, 35, passed away Thursday, March 26th, 2015 at his home in Danforth. He was born October 9th, 1979 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital in Boston, the son of John L. Johnson, of Kankakee, and Linda A. Carroll, of Massachusetts. Christopher attended Herscher Grade School, and graduated from Natick High School in Massachusetts in 1998. He was married to Hillary T. (Knudsen) Johnson, of Kankakee, with whom he spent the last twelve years. Christopher served in the United States Marine Corps from 1998 through 2006. He was assigned to 1st Battalion 7th Marine 2nd Platoon, and completed basic training at Parris Island as a 0311 – Rifleman. His decorations and medals include the Rifle Expert Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with Merit Device, and Certificates of Appreciation. During his term of service, Christopher deployed twice to Okinawa, Japan and was also stationed in 29 Palms. Christopher was extremely proud of his military service, and kept in close contact with his fellow infantrymen after his honorable discharge in 2006. Christopher had a warm, fun-loving personality and a zany sense of humor. He loved everything Nordic and embodied the Viking spirit. He enjoyed camping, biking, hiking, and fishing, and was never happier than when he was surrounded by nature's beauty. Christopher was also a talented artist, a prolific gamer, and enjoyed playing guitar for leisure. Christopher cared deeply about animal welfare and, along with his wife, rescued and adopted many cats and dogs. He also was an active supporter of the American Red Cross. For the last eight years, he

worked as both a cable splicing and premises technician with Illinois Bell Telephone Company. He is survived by his father, John L. Johnson, and mother, Linda A. Carroll, three brothers, Nathaniel Johnson (Leah Wilbur) of St. Anne, Garth (Brook) Johnson of Bradley, and Sean Carroll of Massachusetts, one sister, Sarissa (Jordan) Boudreau of Bradley, paternal grandparents, Martin Lavern and Elizabeth Johnson of Clifton, one nephew, Julian Johnson of Bradley, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Charles and Rita Carroll of Natick, Massachusetts, and one uncle and aunt, Stephen and Marilyn Johnson of Tampa, Florida. Visitation will be on Thursday, April 9th, 2015 at 4pm at the Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. A 7pm service will be officiated by Pastor John Mohler from Kempton Church of the Nazarene. Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Tribute Wall



“ *Christopher Johnson*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *I know we hadn't seen each other in person in years but we have stayed in touch through Facebook. We used to talk about our love for Oregon and all its beauties. I will miss that and every time I see a beautiful Oregon picture I will think of you. I will always love you dear cousin and I know you are at peace now enjoying all the mountains oceans and forests.*

Ranae Bovelle - April 08, 2015 at 02:15 PM



“ *Chris, I will always remember that little boy who joined the family. We all welcomed you with open arms. I remember you playing out at the farm and sliding on the slip and slide toy (I think that was the name).*

Gayle Williams - April 08, 2015 at 02:13 PM

SB

“ I have so many memories with you, but one of my fondest is when you and Hillary took me and Jordan to a Japanese restaurant in Champaign to celebrate our engagement. The waiter brought out everyone's food but mine. I had to wait until everyone was almost done eating before my food finally arrived. Hillary started to chew out the server about that, and you tried (unsuccessfully) to prevent her from making a scene. I thought it was hilarious. Another memory, which I have often retold to your embarrassment and will do one more time on here, is the Thanksgiving dinner when you accidentally threw up a good portion of your dinner right onto Dad's computer because you "thought it was just going to be a burp". I love you, Chris. I'll always remember you fondly as my goofy, soft-spoken, generous, offbeat big brother. You and I had a lot of things in common- our crazy allergies, wearing glasses (Garth and Nate were born with perfect vision, those bastards), and our love for animals, to name a few. You and Hillary always gave the best Christmas presents, and both of you lit up the room with your laughter on holidays. It's going to feel empty without both of you there with us at family get-togethers, but you'll always be with us in spirit. We'll think of you often, and miss you always. Until we meet again, Chris.

Sarissa (Johnson) Boudreau - April 08, 2015 at 01:43 PM

GJ

“ Chris, I'll never forget how much fun we used to have. So many fond memories of us sitting together drawing, running around the neighborhood getting into trouble, playing Zelda... You and I were close and I'm thankful to have spent those years with you. Love you always, brother.

Garth Johnson - April 08, 2015 at 01:07 PM

GM

“ *RIP Chris! Prayers, & Love to the Johnson Family.*

Ginger McCormick - April 08, 2015 at 05:24 AM

NJ

“ *We shared so many adventures you and I... As thick as thieves and inseparable... Remember the time we let 36 hamsters loose in the Nevada desert? ;-)* I will never forget the look on your face! I wish we had more time but I realize now you will be with us always, sharing in all of our adventures. I envision you soaring through the cosmos on wings of stardust, watching over us like the moon watches the oceans. You will be in my heart always. Love you brother. Remember... *The Marmot Exists!!!*

Nathaniel Johnson - April 08, 2015 at 05:22 AM

LE

“ *My favorite memories with you would be our early morning grooming the horses and that crazy 4am breakfast at Denny's. Good times! I wish we had more time... we could have gone on that epic camping trip we always talked about. It will not be the same without you. You are forever in our hearts. Love always, Leah*

Leah - April 08, 2015 at 05:19 AM

EJ

“ *Continuing to send all my love and light to the entire family.*

Elizabeth James - April 06, 2015 at 06:22 PM

SB

“ *I love you so much, big brother.*

Sarissa Boudreau - April 06, 2015 at 04:41 PM