



## Ronald L. Johnson

October 13, 2020

Ronald L. Johnson, age 73, of Berlin, was called home by our Lord on October 13, 2020 surrounded by the love of his family.

He was born February 11, 1947 in Berlin, Wisconsin to Lester and Lorraine Johnson.

Ron was a 1965 graduate of Berlin High School. During his life, he was employed at Berlin Texaco, Mercury Marine, Hess Auto Body and Aurora Farms for over 25 years. Most recently, he spent his days enjoying retirement.

He was married to his soulmate, Karen Crimmings on January 30, 1971, in Marinette, Michigan and they enjoyed 46 years of marriage. She was his heart and there was no greater love story than theirs.

He was a smart man and could fix just about any machine around. Ron was a talented mechanic and was extremely knowledgeable about how things worked. He spent many hours in his shed, especially with his neighbor and best friend, Terry and was proud of the designs, machinery, and inventions that came out of there.

Ronnie loved muscle cars and Ford Trucks. In fact, he restored his own '67 GTO. He and Karen, along with their close friends, Emil and Barb Burmeister

attended many NASCAR races around the country. Here, many dear friends were made, alcoholic beverages were consumed, and a ton of memories were created.

Ronnie may have come across as intimidating if you didn't know him. If you did, you thought of him more as a gruff teddy bear. He enjoyed spending time down at the shack with his hunting buddies where many outrageous stories were told, and many laughs were had by all. He also enjoyed being a part of the Aurora Snow Blazers – his station on the grill at the fisheree was an annual event.

Ronnie was a character. He had a ton of friends and they all loved to give each other a hard time. He could tell you hours of stories that would make your mouth fall open, laugh uncontrollably, or shake your head in awe.

He loved the outdoors, his apple trees, and his grizzly bear. He had a special place in his heart for his deceased dog, Odie and adored his grand-dog, Ginger. He found great joy in all the birds and animals he was blessed with on his much-loved property as well. Oftentimes, he could be seen cruising around enjoying the view from his lawn mower.

Ron had one beloved daughter, Valerie and son-in-law, Randy, both of which he was very proud of, and two treasured grandsons, Griffen and Grayson. He also had three sisters, Luanne, Candy, Melanie who he was very close to and loved very much.

Ron is survived by daughter Valerie (Randy) Whiteaker; Luanne Johnson, Candy (Fritz) Joram, Melanie (Peter) Arthurs; grandsons, Griffen and Grayson Whiteaker; brother-in-law, Jack (Debbie) Crimmings; sister-in-law Judy Jodarski; best friend, Terry Roxbury; and many friends and relatives.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Lorraine Johnson; parents-in-law, George and Jessie Crimmings; niece, Erin Arthurs; and many special friends and relatives whose life he touched.

At the end, with a smile on his face, he told us, he had a good life and if God wanted him, he was ready. Give mom a big hug and a kiss for us, Daddy!

Special thanks to the caring staff of ThedaCare Hospice and his aides, as well as his friend, Joni who took such good care of him since the loss of his wife.

To celebrate his life but also maintain social distancing, a drive-thru visitation will be held at Ronnie's house in Berlin on Saturday, October 24th from 1pm to 3pm. The house is located at N 1284 County Road XX, Berlin. The family strongly encourages following CDC guidelines by remaining in the car while making the loop in the driveway.

Please be sure to enjoy a tribute video dedicated to Ron on the funeral home website, [www.wieckiskipchakfuneralhome.com](http://www.wieckiskipchakfuneralhome.com)

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to New Pawsabilities in Oshkosh as Ron was an avid dog lover.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **24**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Johnson Home  
N1284 Cty Rd XX  
Berlin, WI 54923

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald L. Johnson*



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**Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home** - October 20, 2020 at 07:24 PM

JH

*Beautiful tribute. What nice pictures to capture his life!*

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**Jodi Hess** - November 02, 2020 at 02:32 PM

JG

“ *Uncle Ronnie was not only my uncle, but my Godfather💙 He was a big man with a big presence, intimidating most would say, without knowing him, BUT underneath that exterior was a BIG hearted man who loved loved loved his family! A one volume kind of family we are! Val all my warmest, loving, thoughts, and vibes for You, Randy and your babies! Love you and here if you need anything! Take care and love always💙*

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**Jamie Gerner** - October 23, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald L. Johnson.*



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October 23, 2020 at 07:06 PM

KC

“ Oh and another great memory. I had just bought a 1967 Ford Mustang which needed a bunch of work. I decided (in my infinite wisdom) to disconnect all the spark plugs from the cylinders because I thought they were wrong. BIG MISTAKE. I couldn't get the car to turnover, so I called my Uncle Ronnie. He answered, as always, YELLO! I said Uncle Ronnie, it's Kelley (I hadn't of spoke to him in years), he said Hi Kelley, hows your family? I said, it's good, but I have a BIG problem! He said, if you and your family is good what could be so big?? I said my Mustang won't start!! He calmly said, well what did you do? I told him the above and he said, IF IT WAS RUNNING WHY WOULD YOU SCREW WITH IT??

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**Kelley Crimmings** - October 23, 2020 at 06:51 PM

KC

“ I am remorse I will not be able to attend tomorrow. Your Dad had such an unbelievable impact on my life. I have been reminiscing and so much still lives with me. Your Dad was one of the smartest, strongest men I have ever known. I will miss him dearly.

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**Kelley Crimmings** - October 23, 2020 at 06:43 PM



“ My Uncle Ronnie was a good listener. He would listen to you complain and then offer some positive insight. It would catch you off guard, because you assumed he saw things the way you did. Next thing you know, your perspective changes and you feel guilty. But he wasn't judging you at all, it was just an offering.

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**Jessica Schuetz** - October 22, 2020 at 07:13 PM

BS

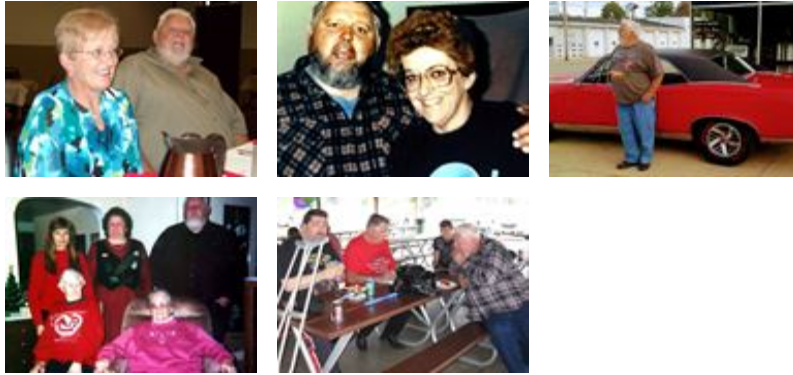
“ *Bev Sorenson purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Ronald L. Johnson.*



Bev Sorenson - October 21, 2020 at 05:14 PM



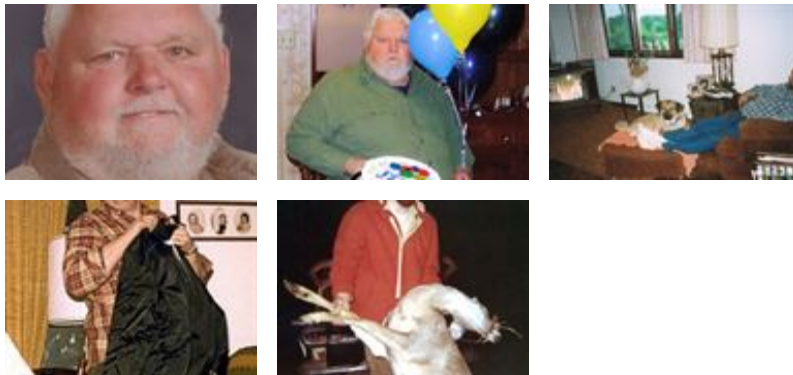
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Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - October 20, 2020 at 09:01 PM



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Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - October 20, 2020 at 07:16 PM

JS

“ My Uncle Ronnie got me my first job hoeing in the fields at Gatzke's where he worked. Val and I would get up at the crack of dawn, and be ready in 15 minutes. All three the of us would get into the front seat of the "blue bomb". Uncle Ronnie would drive 10 miles an hour while the oldies played on the radio, taking every curve in the wrong lane. Not to worry, we never met an oncoming car because no one else was up that early.

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**Jessie Crimmings Schuetz** - October 19, 2020 at 09:23 PM

JT

“ To Ron's family want to express my sympathy. Haven't seen Ron in years but as kids we had many memories and stories about things we did. So sorry for the loss. Please remember the good times and he will open his arms to you when you meet again.  
Judy(Doro) Trochinski

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**Judy Trochinski** - October 19, 2020 at 01:08 PM

BG

“ I remember Ronnie as being a man of few words, and always very accepting of my family and myself. He was a blessing to be around with a smile on his face, he didn't say much unless it was positive. I never heard him complain and he was always busy working on something mechanical. Enjoy your family and Jesus in eternity. We'll all see you soon! 2 Peter 3:8  
King James Version "a day is as a thousand years" Barb Gottsacker

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**Barbara Gottsacker** - October 18, 2020 at 10:19 AM

JG

“ Always good memories meeting up with Ron and remembering family. Rest in peace Ron.

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**Judy Grosskopf** - October 17, 2020 at 08:01 PM