

Robert Douglas Johnson

October 26, 1932 - September 11, 2021

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our father, Bob, on Saturday, September 11th , 2021

Dad was born on October 26th, 1932 in Berwick Nova Scotia, the eldest child of the late Raymond and Greta (Shaw) Johnson. He is survived by sister, Marilyn (Gerry) (Ottawa), brother Greg (Leanne) (Lombardy, Ontario), sons David (Sandra), Robert (Cathy) and Jim (Karen) all of Dartmouth, grandchildren Jeanette (Eric), Michael, Alexa and Matthew, great grandchild Isabel, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by our loving mother, Catherine (Arnold), second wife , Mildred Jane Johnson and recently, his third wife, "Miss" Margaret Alexander. Dad was also predeceased by his Grandson, Robbie .

Dad earned his pilot's license through the Halifax branch of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets and soon after entered the Royal Canadian Air Force, eventually rising to Chief Flying Officer in Petawawa, Ontario. He later enjoyed flying for Trans Canada Airways and Air Canada. The lure of friends and relatives on the East Coast led us to leave Ontario and return to Nova Scotia.

Dad started here as the chief pilot for Air Atlantic and later enjoyed a career with L.E.Shaw Ltd, where he held a number of positions including Sales Manager for Clayton Developments first big housing project, Colby Village.

Dad was inquisitive about life in general and had a number of hobbies that he enjoyed aside from aviation, including sailing, music, computers, photography, and electronic kit building. He also volunteered for the Dartmouth Air Cadets for a number of years.

Dad had a youthful, mischievous nature, a quality that lasted throughout his 88 years.

We tried to ensure he received as good as he gave. We would take great delight in teasing him by recalling close calls (that weren't there) when he took us flying or boating.

One of our favourites was dismissing his claim that he played a role in a movie with a young William (Star Trek) Shatner when he was in the Air Force. "No film, no proof" we said. Dad took the bait and made it his mission to track down a copy, which he did months later, through the NFB archives. He delighted in screening it for us one day when we arrived home from school. Many thanks to Bob's nephew Scott who recently painstakingly researched and found a copy of the William Shatner Movie.

Years later when he brought the subject up again we all denied ever seeing it.

Of all the things he loved doing, none topped getting together with family and

friends. He would look forward to such gatherings and always exclaimed after how great the occasions were.

Cremation has taken place. Messages to the family can be placed at

www.harboursidecremation.ca

A private family service will be held at a later date per Dad's wishes.

Donations in Dad's Memory may be made to Children's Wish, Hospice Halifax, or charity of choice.

Tribute Wall

MD

“ We are so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He had been a patient here at our practice for a long time and he will surely be missed. We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends. Sincerely, Doctors and Staff of Millstone Dental

Millstone Dental - September 28, 2021 at 09:57 AM

CH

“ Bob was an awesome man, no doubt about it! He and Cathy opened their home to his niece Sheri and I many times whenever we needed a Halifax fix! Their hospitality was always warm, welcoming and tons of fun and much laughter! He was so very young at heart, up for adventure anytime and loved to live life... bless you Bob... the world needs more people like you ❤️

Crystal Harris - September 22, 2021 at 06:38 PM

GJ

“ You can shed tears because Bob is gone
or you can smile because he has lived.

*You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back
or you can open your eyes and see all that he's left.*

*Your heart can be empty because you can't see him
or you can be full of the love you shared.*

*You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.*

*You can remember him and only that he's gone
or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.*

*You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back,
or you can do what he'd want:*

*Smile, open your eyes,
Love and go on.*

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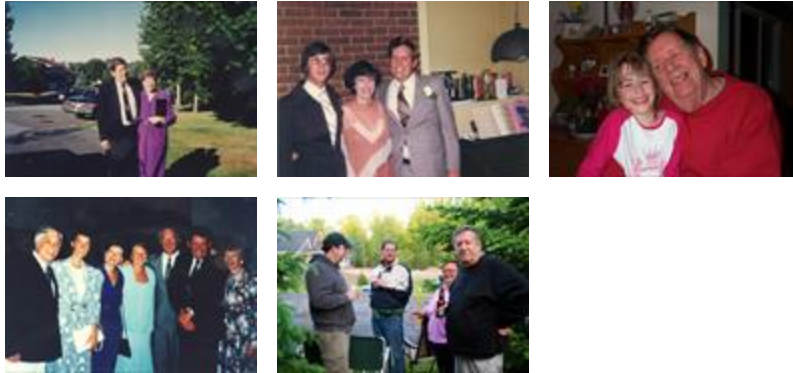
Please know, our thoughts, prayers and love is with you all.

*Much love,
Greg & Lee Ann*

Greg & Lee Ann Johnson - September 20, 2021 at 12:51 PM

SB

“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



Steve Bergwerff - September 16, 2021 at 08:38 PM

MB

“ I have so many fond memories of my Big Bro that I can't relate them all, of course. I was so fortunate to spend ten days visiting him in July. We sure loved our visits! Never often enough. Always he would write a message on the door with some lovely verse of Welcome! Also as most Johnson's like a "rye", he would buy be a deluxe bottle of Copper Pot for our happy hours before dinner! His thoughtfulness was awesome! Every night before eight, seldom missing, I would receive a phone call from him. He would say "what did you do today, Mel"? If I said housework or something boring, he would say, No, what did you do that was fun? He said that everybody needs an event to look forward to and I agree! Bless you, Bob. Hope you are watching over all of your family from heaven? Miss you so much!! Thanks for the memories! Love Sis.



marilyn bergwerff - September 16, 2021 at 04:05 PM