



Craig Louis Johnson

September 19, 1949 - May 6, 2023

Craig Louis Johnson, age 73, of Wadsworth, passed away peacefully, Saturday, May 6, 2023 at Bickford of Gurnee surrounded by his loving family. He was born September 19, 1949 to Charles and Eleanor (Patterson) Johnson in Saint Joseph, MO.

Formerly of El Paso, TX, Craig has resided in Wadsworth since 1995. He was a graduate and received his degree in Journalism from the University of Texas at El Paso. Craig honorably served in the US Marine Corps as a Naval Aviator, earning the rank of Major. His military career was followed by nearly 40 years as a Corporate Pilot, where he proudly retired as the VP/Director of Aviation for Zeno Air.

His loves in life were flying, golf, entertaining, and especially his family. He was an avid reader and loved history, but perhaps his greatest joy was getting a rise out of people with his tall tales. He would often brag to his children and his grandchildren about his injuries from fighting off tigers. They hold these memories and stories near and dear to their hearts.

Craig is survived by three children, Jennifer (Kevin) Balkin, Craig (Amanda) Johnson, Katelyn (Jamey Stutz) Johnson; four grandchildren, Liam, Logan, and Kade Balkin, Charlie Johnson; and his former wife and dear friend, Darlene Johnson.

Craig was preceded by his parents, Charles and Eleanor Johnson, his sister, Carroll Dibler, and his niece, Kristin Dibler.

Per Craig's wishes, a private ceremony and scattering of his ashes will be held by the family.

Memorial donations can be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758540, Topeka, KS 66675-8540. Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville, IL. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Craig Louis Johnson.*



May 11, 2023 at 06:31 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Craig Louis Johnson.*



May 10, 2023 at 06:47 PM



“ *Vicki Johnson Clarke lit a candle in memory of Craig Louis Johnson*



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