



Rodney B. Johnson

February 4, 1942 - April 28, 2026

Rodney B. Johnson, 84, passed away on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at his home in Libertyville, Illinois.

He was born on February 4, 1942, in Waukegan, Illinois, to Hilbert and Cathern Johnson. Rodney was a lifelong resident of Libertyville, where he graduated from Libertyville High School and played trombone in the school band. During his youth, he was an active Boy Scout and cherished annual summer road trips with his family.

Rodney earned his bachelor's degree in biology from Lake Forest College and went on to build a career as a biologist, working for several pharmaceutical companies in the North Shore area before his retirement. He generously volunteered his time with the Lake County Forest Preserves and had a deep appreciation for nature. He especially enjoyed bird watching, gardening, and hiking. He also enjoyed his annual trips to Idaho to visit his cousins over the holidays and special occasions in the summer.

Rodney lived in his current home for almost 70 years, and enjoyed his longtime friendship with neighbors Chuck and Lori. He also had a passion for history and a well-known sweet tooth, often choosing dessert over a regular meal. He will be remembered for his quick wit, quiet dedication, and enjoyment of the natural world.

He is survived by his cousins, Lois (Robert) Renfro, Christine (Russ) Peterson, Daniel (Sara) Knigge and Kimberly Knigge.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hilbert and Cathern Johnson.

Private family services and interment will be held at Northshore Garden of Memories in North Chicago. Arrangements are entrusted to Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. For information, please call 847-362-3009 or visit www.burnettdane.com to share a memory.