



Gordon Nelson Johnson

February 26, 1947 - September 29, 2020

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Gordon Nelson Johnson, affectionately called “Nellie” by his closest friends, passed away on September 29, 2020, after a brief battle with cancer. He is preceded in death by his parents, Bennie and Myrtice Johnson. Nelson is survived by his wife, Pamela Johnson of Belen, NM; his children, John, David and Kate Johnson and grandson, Jackson of Fayetteville, Arkansas.

He was born in Hope, Arkansas in February of 1947 and moved to the Arkansas side of Texarkana soon thereafter. A shining star at Arkansas High School, he was Senior Class President of the Class of 1965, a member of the football team, science club and math club, Rotary Good Citizen, and too many other activities to count.

Nelson attended the University of Arkansas and graduated in 1970 with a degree in Business Administration. While at the university, he was active in the Army ROTC and a member of the Pershing Rifles. After graduation, he worked for JC Penney’s as a corporate buyer and then Anson, Grove, and Haack Architects in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Gordon returned to Fayetteville, Arkansas to work for his father-in-law at Fayetteville Milk Company, launching bulk-milk transport as Howard Liles, Incorporated as part of the Mid-America Dairymen.

A dedicated and genuine loving spirit, his greatest joy in life was his family. He spent many evenings and weekends on the sidelines of ball fields and tennis courts as the loudest and most passionate fan. As a scout leader, Nelson enjoyed many pinewood derbies and baking contests with his son, but most enjoyed the musical abilities of his offspring ranging from home concerts on guitar and clarinet to karaoke.

Nelson found a way to enjoy everything in life from meeting new people and keeping in touch with the old and loved being involved. This ranged from Jaycee Haunted Houses, bed races, and firework shows to coffees, phone calls, and emails to all of those he loved. From Arkansas to New Mexico and many places in between, Nelson lived a life all should emulate: he loved deeply, cared immensely, helped effervescently, laughed loud and played hard. Services will be held at a later date due to Covid.

Please sign Nelson's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com
Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

Tribute Wall

RB

“ It broke my heart to hear you share your story about Nelson's death. How heartbreaking that you were unable to spend the last moments of his life TOGETHER!!

I wish I would have known about his situation, I would have gone to see you.

Wow, what a man of many talents!

I never knew about all of the activities Nelson was involved in. He was like a bee, buzzing to every activity with gusto.

His laugh was so infectious and genuine.

What an awesome pair you were.

Racy Bowersox - March 08, 2021 at 08:21 PM

MP

“ Nellie Johnson , a True Friend and Neighbor was always willing to help at anytime and with anything! You are and will be truly missed. We Love you Nellie! Pam if you need anything anytime Marie and I are here for you. God Bless you and your Family. We Love You!

marie palmer - October 22, 2020 at 10:31 AM

MP

“ He was a great neighbor and friend. We will greatly miss him dropping by and us sharing truck driving stories. He was a wonderful guy. Pam we love you and are so sorry for your loss. We are here for you, if you need anything (talk etc.) I'm here love you my friend and neighbor. Marie Palmer

marie palmer - October 22, 2020 at 10:21 AM

BT

“ Dear Pam...It is with great sadness that we read about Nelson's passing. It is odd because I was just talking about Nelson and you with Bill wondering how you were doing.

We knew both of you through the Belen Community Center Gym...we always looked forward to talking with both of you. We particularly enjoyed our WWII conversations with Nelson. Always smiling and a story to tell. We are in hopes that this pandemic will come to an end sooner than later and we can personally talk with you.

We, of course, loved Nelson....he was warm and welcoming...I already miss him.

Much love and sympathy,

Bill and Beth Taylor

Beth and Bill Taylor - October 17, 2020 at 04:39 PM

RM

“ Uncle Nelson was always happy. That's what I remember most about him. And he laughed a lot! Social media makes it a lot easier to stay in touch. Although we did not see him much in person, due to distance, he always made sure to reach out to us and send a little birthday cake pic! Pam, Sarah, John, David, Kate and Jackson I am so sorry for your loss. His suffering is over and he is at peace. Hugs and lots of prayers to your family.

Remy Mason - October 15, 2020 at 07:07 AM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Gordon Nelson Johnson*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - October 09, 2020 at 06:22 PM