



## Dean Marcellus Johnson

June 29, 1955 - September 1, 2022

Spring Grove, MN

Dean Marcellus Johnson passed into the eternal care of our Lord on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at his home.

He was born on June 29th, 1955 in LaCrosse WI, the son of Luverne and Wilma (Kinneberg/Kragness) Johnson of Spring Grove. Dean was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Spring Grove.

Dean attended K-12 at Spring Grove Public Schools. He enlisted in the U.S. Marines and served from 1973-1975.

He also attended Bemidji State University from 1977-1981 majoring in Russian studies.

Because of Dean's dedication to the military, he was a member of the Spring Grove's American Legion 249. He served in many dedicated capacities and was well known for calling cadence as the Unit marched in parades, and his role as Commander of the Guard, serving at over 200 military funerals.

With his lifelong passion for astronomy, Dean was a member of the Rochester Astronomy Club and spent many nights observing the stars. He really loved being outdoors and spent a good portion of his life planting trees, well over one million, and then working for Sodko. In his final years, he worked at Northern Engraving in Spring Grove.

Dean married Betty Sundet at Trinity Lutheran Church on July 11, 1987. Their union was blessed by two loving children, Matthew and Laura.

Survivors include his son Matthew and daughters Laura (Isaiah Heberlein)

and Jennifer Bottke and granddaughters Lucy and Livi. He is also survived by his sister Cindy (CJ) and husband Charlie Huber and by his brothers Leighton (Joan) Kragness and Leonard "Sonny" Kragness and in-laws Marcia (Orel) Tollefson, Judy (Jeff) VonArx, Renee Wagner, Rick Sundet, Mary (Scott) Parsons, Jeff (Bonnie) Sundet, Kathy (Oscar) Rosendahl, and Karen (Mike) Folstad. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews, and many special cousins and friends.

Dean was preceded in death by his wife, Betty, his parents, his brother, Larry and his wife Carole, sisters Lorraine Lager and Audrejean Myrah, brothers-in-law Corky Lager, Ed Myrah, and Richard Wagner, and nephews Robert Lager III, Steven and Jon Kragness.

The funeral service with military rites will be held Sunday, September 18th at 1 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Spring Grove. Pastor Lane Zaffke will officiate. Burial will be in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the Trinity Lutheran Church Sanctuary in Spring Grove. Roble Funeral Home in Spring Grove is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Hwy 44  
Spring Grove, MN 55974

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **18**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
203 E. Main St.  
Spring Grove, MN 55974  
trinity@springgrove.coop

## Memorial Service

SEP **18**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Dean, thank you for being the friendly and forthright person you were and for always giving a hand when needed to your community. I met you in Blackhammer and then as part of the Rochester Astronomy Club. You were one of the best observers i've ever known and i know your view of the heavens is much better now where you currently reside. May God bless you and your family & friends and help us all to get over the tremendous loss your passing has left. RIP Dean! darkskyjim

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**James Benthall** - September 18, 2022 at 10:50 PM

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“ Love Russ & Laurie, Mike & Lynette purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dean Marcellus Johnson.



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**Love Russ & Laurie, Mike & Lynette** - September 17, 2022 at 08:39 AM

JL

“ Dean-O so many wonderful memories were made back in our day. You, Charlie and Pete staying up till all hours of the night playing Euchre with my mom. Nothing made her happier! Thanks for all the wonderful memories❤️

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**Jacky Larkin** - September 14, 2022 at 11:33 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Dean Marcellus Johnson.*



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September 14, 2022 at 11:24 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dean Marcellus Johnson.*



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September 13, 2022 at 10:10 PM



“ *Sometimes you have classmates that become a friend for life, you can sit & chat with them about anything and the conversation is always interesting and entertaining and always with a smile, that's what you could say about Dean (Psycho), and was true for many of us who grew up with him.. I'd like to think of him enjoying being closer to those heavenly constellations and enjoying the stars up close! Remembering the article he wrote about his brother Larry, they are now reunited and Dean Is now a member of the Post Everlasting. Dean will be missed by many. My thoughts & prayers are with Cj and Dean's family, God be with you to comfort and give you peace. 🙏*

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**Lynette Henderson** - September 06, 2022 at 04:26 PM

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“ *Dean sure gonna miss you calling cadence in your Marine uniform at the parades! Semper Fi brother and fair winds and following seas! Remember back in 1983 when I decided to run out to Blackhammer with you and you left me in the dust! This sailor couldn't keep up! Love you forever!*

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**Ann Bartell** - September 05, 2022 at 09:19 AM