



## Gary Lee Johnson

August 27, 1946 - May 15, 2016

GARY LEE JOHNSON August 27, 1946 ~ May 15, 2016 Gary Johnson, passed away in Portland, OR. He was born to Alvin and Ida Johnson in Crosby, ND and graduated from Charles M. Russell High School in Great Falls, MT. Gary served as a radioman in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He worked for Coe Manufacturing as a Pneumatic Instrument tech. and owned his own business, Kiln Tech, servicing the lumber industry. Gary was a RC enthusiast and a member of the American Model Association. He enjoyed kayaking and was a father to everyone. Gary was a great cook and showed his love by preparing many great meals for his family and friends. He also loved living on his sailboat, Sounds of Silence, in which he designed the interior. Gary is survived by his wife, Janet; daughters, Jaime Bullen, Jenna Garske, and Joey Connolly; son, Gabe; eight grandchildren, Max, Tyler, Reagan, Luke, Jaley, Charlie, Drew, and Evan; sisters, Vickie Putnam and Deborah Oldfield; and niece, Valorie Oldfield. His parents and sister, Mary, predeceased him in death. A memorial service with military honors will be held at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, OR, 11800 SE Mt. Scott Blvd., on Fri., May 27, 2016 at 12:15 p.m. Please join us for a gathering afterwards at 2:00 p.m. at Gary and Janet's home. For information: [vickieputnam@gmail.com](mailto:vickieputnam@gmail.com). Please sign his guest book at: [www.columbian.com/obits](http://www.columbian.com/obits).

# Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:15 PM



“ As does the wind to the smallest flowers we too, plant seeds of love into others' souls to bloom. Wishing you and your family comfort and peace.

Alki Beach Charles Family - May 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one. Please find peace and comfort in Psalms 119:76.

May 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy, but fondest memories are sent with this message.

David Berg - May 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Sail that big blue ocean in the sky. Happy to have met you. Say Hi! to Al and Ida for us.

Gloria Brace - May 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ You are loved and will be missed. Your intelligence always amazed me. Your smile and that wink behind it spoke stories... love, Kathy

Kathy Abels - May 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was lucky enough to have worked with Gary for about 8 years. He was incredibly smart; ridiculously funny; and brutally honest. I will miss him.

*Sail on dude, sail on.*

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**Tobe Halen** - May 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Gary was a wonderful, kind and smart man. He was my Mom's best friend & loved her very much! He loved to tell stories about his life experiences and I loved to listen. When I hear Jimmy Buffet , I always think of him.

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**Jaime Bullen** - May 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Gary was an awesome human being, I had the pleasure of working with him for 8 years...he was incredibly smart; amazingly funny; brutally honest and I will miss him. Sail on, dude, sail on.

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