



## Kelly G. Johnson

June 22, 1960 - May 19, 2026

Kelly “Beefy” Gale Johnson, of Smithville, Missouri, passed away peacefully on May 19, 2026 with his wife and daughters by his side. He was 65 years old.

Born on June 22, 1960, in Louisiana, MO, Kelly lived with a big laugh, a bigger heart, and a spirit that could fill any room. If you knew Kelly, you knew you were probably about to hear a joke, a hunting story, or his favorite saying, "mighty good"

On December 20, 1980, he married the love of his life, Karen Francine Johnson (Bronson). Together they built a life full of love, family, laughter, and memories that will live on.

Kelly is survived by his devoted wife, Karen; his daughters, Samantha Johnson and Jordan Johnson; his beloved grandsons, Keegan Dy and Kaiden Dy, who brought endless pride and joy to his life. He is also survived by his sister Joni Smith and his brothers Scott Johnson and Kevin Johnson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marylin and Francis "Pete" Johnson.

Kelly loved the outdoors with his whole soul. Hunting, fishing, mushroom

hunting and just being outside was where he felt most at home. He never met a stranger and was always ready to lend a hand to anyone who needed it. Outgoing, generous, and funny as hell, Kelly had a way of making people feel welcome wherever he went.

Growing up, Kelly and his brothers were known around town as a trio of troublemakers, creating stories that still make people laugh today. Those stories, along with his unforgettable personality, will continue to be shared for years to come, passed between friends and family.

Kelly leaves behind a family who loved him deeply, and a community that will miss his laughter, kindness, and larger than life presence. The world feels a little quieter without Beefy in it, but his spirit will echo in every "mighty good" moment shared by those who loved him.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 26th at the Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO. Graveside services will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 27th at the Riverview Cemetery in Louisiana, MO.

Memorials can be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverview Cemetery

N. B Street  
Louisiana, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 26.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.  
117 Barnard Dr  
Louisiana, MO 63353  
(573) 754-4800  
collierfuneral@att.net

## Graveside Services

**MAY 27.** 1:00 PM (CT)

Riverview Cemetery  
N. B Street  
Louisiana, MO

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ So sad to see this. The family is in my prayers for peace and comfort. 🙏

-----  
**Connie Wright** - June 01 at 12:16 AM

RB

“ RIP Beefy



-----  
**Rita Bland** - May 26 at 09:01 PM

DA

“ I remember Kelly from Boy Scouts.

*Funny and unique.*

-----  
**Darrell Akers** - May 26 at 11:55 AM

DL

“ Doris Bryce Love lit a candle in memory of Kelly G. Johnson



-----  
**Doris Bryce Love** - May 25 at 10:15 PM

MP

“ *Melanie Powell lit a candle in memory of Kelly G. Johnson*



---

**Melanie Powell** - May 25 at 08:42 PM

JS

“ *Jana Salathe lit a candle in memory of Kelly G. Johnson*



---

**Jana Salathe** - May 25 at 04:30 AM

MJ

“ *Mike, Cathy Jean, Lisa, Janet purchased the Enc hanted Cottage for the family of Kelly G. Johnson.*



---

**Mike, Cathy Jean, Lisa, Janet** - May 23 at 11:50 AM

MJ

“ *Mike, Cathy Jean, Lisa, Janet planted a <a href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518">Memorial Tree</a> in honor of Kelly G. Johnson.*

---

**Mike, Cathy Jean, Lisa, Janet** - May 23 at 11:50 AM

SK

“ Susan King lit a candle in memory of Kelly G. Johnson



---

Susan King - May 22 at 10:53 AM

NN

“ Nieces and nephews purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of Kelly G. Johnson.



---

Nieces and nephews - May 22 at 10:24 AM

NN

“ Nieces and nephews planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kelly G. Johnson.

---

Nieces and nephews - May 22 at 10:24 AM

JS

“ Joni, Kevin, Scott purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of Kelly G. Johnson.



---

Joni, Kevin, Scott - May 22 at 10:16 AM

JS

“ *Joni, Kevin, Scott planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kelly G. Johnson.*

**Joni, Kevin, Scott** - May 22 at 10:16 AM

WH

“ *WANDA HUNTER lit a candle in memory of Kelly G. Johnson*



**WANDA HUNTER** - May 22 at 10:04 AM

JW

“ *A better friend I never knew than Kelly, we met in Houston Texas working together doing maintenance in a high rise office building, Beefy was always quick to come up with a nickname for everyone and they stuck. Our first day working together turned to fishing and that next weekend we were at the Texas city dike wade fishing and cemented our friendship forever. Oh the stories I could tell and hopefully will get the chance with some of you. Kelly and Karen have remained friends ,with us in Iowa and them in K. C. through the years. Love you Buddy*

**J. R. Wasson** - May 22 at 08:35 AM

CW

“ *Beefy(Kelly) & I have been friends since I can remember! It made me real sad the first time I saw him in a wheelchair! Cause I know he loved doing all kinds of outdoor things. But when I talked to him on Facebook or when he was in La. He always was smiling & had a great outlook on life. I know the last time I talked to him though in La. he told me he was in a lot of pain. We will all miss him! I am happy he is not suffering anymore. Rest in Peace my dear friend! You will definitely be missed!*💔😭💙💙  
*Karen & the rest of the family. I am so sorry for your loss. Beefy was a great friend!*💙 *He will definitely be missed!*❤️

---

**Chrystal Walker** - May 21 at 06:47 PM

CO

“ *Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of Kelly G. Johnson*



---

**Cindy Poyser Osborne** - May 21 at 04:06 PM

LB

“ *Ptayers*



---

**Lisa hughlett burns** - May 21 at 03:29 PM

AJ

“ Allen and Terri Johnson purchased the *Finest Farewell Spray* for the family of Kelly G. Johnson.



---

**Allen and Terri Johnson** - May 21 at 03:16 PM

AJ

“ Allen and Terri Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kelly G. Johnson.

---

**Allen and Terri Johnson** - May 21 at 03:16 PM

DP

“ I grew up with Kelly aka Beefy. We had a lot of good times together. It saddens my heart to see that he has passed. My prayers are with his family.

---

**Dennis Parsons** - May 21 at 03:07 PM

RR

We grew up in the same neighborhood, went to school together. We part our way as we grow up. We were a community, you were not forgotten by friends. I'm sorry and give the family my deepest condolences.

---

**Rhonda Ruffin** - May 21 at 03:57 PM

SM

“ Sammy Meyers lit a candle in memory of Kelly G. Johnson



---

**Sammy meyers** - May 21 at 12:15 PM