

EULOGY

Tom, a unique, caring, loving, committed husband, father, grandfather, brother, friend and citizen rode on to his next adventure on May 18, 2022.

Tom was born July 16, 1946 in Pittsburgh, PA to Jetter and Thomas, Sr. Thanks to his father's Army career, Tom lived in many places: Pennsylvania, Missouri, Germany, California, The Philippines and New Jersey. He attended 26 schools before graduating from Long Branch New Jersey High School with a certification in electronic technology. While in the Philippines, his Mom got him a motorbike which was the beginning of his lifelong love of motor vehicles. He worked for the phone company in Pittsburgh after high school before moving to California where he learned to build motorcycles and became a member of the Chosen Few. During a visit to his parents in Santa Fe, and tired of life in California, Tom settled in Santa Fe in 1976, and began work at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Shortly thereafter he met a nutritionist with the Indian Health Service, Carol Irene Eichelberger, with whom Tom shared the same birthdate. They married April 12, 1980. Their pride and joy, son Russell Thomas Johnson was born August 21, 1981. Tom was always there for Russell with guidance, support, and many adventures and shared memories.

Tom was happiest doing for others and enjoying the outdoors: traveling, camping, on a horse, a Harley or his Slingshot. He was a Santa Fe NAACP President, volunteer firefighter, member of Buffalo Soldier Society, Back Country Horsemen, Harley Davidson Owners Group, Old Farts, New Mexico Search and Rescue, Santa Fe County Sheriff's Posse, movie extra and computer instructor at Santa Fe Community College.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Carol, son Russell and wife Kim, son Sean of Pittsburgh, PA, grandsons Santos, Sol, Jude and Emmett, sister Bernethia and numerous other family and friends.

A Celebration of Life
June 6, 2022

Santa Fe Sheriff's Posse Building
3213 Rodeo Road
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Cedric Page - Master of Celebration

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Remembrances - Family and Friends

Committal Service at The Santa Fe National Cemetery
by
Chaplain "Chappy" Jose Villegas

Thank You!

The family of Thomas Russell Johnson, Jr would like to thank all those who have reached out in support since his death. We would also like to thank you for your prayers and kind thoughts during this period of mourning. We are comforted by all you have done for him in life and the knowledge that he is enjoying his richly deserved heavenly rewards. His life was enriched by the wonderful people who crossed his path here on earth and may we someday be reunited with him in heaven.

We should not seek 'closure' with his passing. We should be at peace with the experiences we had with Tom during his life.

THOMAS RUSSELL JOHNSON, JR.
July 16, 1946 – May 18, 2022



Ride on, our friend, ride on!

