

Rodney Keith Johnson

NOVEMBER 12, 2025

Rodney “George” Keith Johnson, age 74, passed away after a valiant battle on November 12, 2025 in Regina, Saskatchewan.



Rod was born in Fulton, Mississippi on December 20, 1950. He is predeceased by his mother, Mary Allah Cochran, sister Janice, and brother, Ryan. He grew up with his sisters in Missouri and Arizona. His sister, Joanne (Scotty Anderson, children Sarah and Laura) still lives in Odessa, Texas.

He was gifted academically and became a baseball pitcher in the minor leagues. He trained for service in the army at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. In 1981, Rod was proud to become a Canadian citizen. He worked a variety of jobs, including crisis centre counsellor, Fyfe Parts, and Sears warehouse.

A huge fan of music (especially Bob Dylan and Rory Allen), he did his part singing karaoke and singing in Christmas choirs. He knew every trivia question, and could not be beat at Jeopardy or cribbage.

He is survived by his wife, Shelley (nee Melnyk), and children Britton (Kirk Cowman), Jordan, and Courtney (Mike Gosselin). Rod boasts eight grandchildren: Alixandra, Tyra, Liam, Emma, Luka, Caesar, Ruby, and Eden, and one great-grandchild, Kastor.

Loving extended family members include the Melnyks: Stacey, Craig, Linda, Chad, Kim, Elijah, Nevaeh and Jaxon. We are certain Rod has already reconnected with

Melnyk family members who paved the path to heaven before him: Alfie and Dot, and beloved niece, Amanda.

Much love to the Olsons and Ketchemonia families for their unwavering support. The family would like to thank the caring staff at the William Booth Salvation Army care home where Rod was a resident for the last three years.

“We must laugh and we must sing, / We are blest by everything...” W.B. Yeats, The Winding Stair

Messages of Condolence

So sorry to hear of Rodney's passing. I haven't been to work for a few months due to being ill myself. I was supposed to be looking after him and am sorry I missed the opportunity to say goodbye. You are all in my thoughts. Sending you hugs ☺
Tall Heather

— **Heather Schiazza**

I remember Rod from working with him at Sears he always made it so much fun to come to work. Please accept my condolences. May he rest in peace.

— **Heather Johnson**

Sorry to hear of Rod's passing. Our condolences to Kirk and Britton and the extended family. Our lives are so brief, with what seems just a brush of contact with one another and then we depart. It was good to have met Rod a few separate family occasions. God gave him some extra time after his diagnosis and I know that he enjoyed being together with everyone when the opportunity presented itself. Lots of Love and prayers for you all.

— **Larry Anderson**

Shelley, Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss of George. A deep love
□ and bond that kept you undivided and so much respect for each other. He is now
in the protection of our Lord and surrounded by the Angels □□ one special one
AMANDA RAE. George will always be in your □ until you meet again

— **Craig and Linda**

My condolences, Shelley to you and your family.

— **Susan Appell**

Shelley and Family: This arrives much too late but I only just found out about
George's passing. I am so very sorry for your loss. I did not know him well, but I
liked him. Thinking of you. Donna

— **Donna Weisshaar**



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