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On Thanksgiving morning 2014, our dad, brother and friend, Steven L. Johnson, died unexpectedly of a heart attack, while visiting Wenatchee. Born on August 25, 1942, to Paul and Irene Johnson, he was raised with five brothers and sisters in Forest Grove, OR. He graduated from Elgin High School in 1961. He entered the U.S. Army, where he completed training with the 82nd Airborne Division, completing his service as a paratrooper and was honorably discharged in 1965. He then went to college for a degree in the newly emerging field of computer programming. In 1970, while working for the Boise Cascade Company, he met Glennis Cunningham and her two daughters, Joni and Chris. They became a family in the spring of 1971, making their home in Gales Creek, OR. Joining the family in 1976, was son, Kolaiah "Butch" Baker. They relocated to the home of their dreams at Lake Wenatchee, WA in 1978. After Glennis passed in 1982, he created a family with Daria Floyd and her daughter, Rane. They made their home in Lyle, WA for the next 30 years, until Daria's death in 2013. He worked for the Oregon Cherry Growers for much of that time. He trained as a tax consultant and was working for H&R Block at the time of his death. He was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Lyle, WA.

Our dad was an avid outdoorsman, who was always at home in the woods, on a farm, on the beach or climbing a mountain. He was a strong athlete, who took up running in his late 40's. He spent many years participating in marathons throughout the Pacific Northwest. A lifelong animal lover, he always had two and four legged companions of many varieties, be it raising them on the farm or rescuing them from tragedy, he was never without animals to care for. Steven had a caring heart and always treated people as family. Never having any biological children, he was a father, mentor and friend for many over the years, helping them to grow into strong adults. His family was a priority for him and each Labor Day for the past 25 years he hosted the Johnson family reunion, at his home in Lyle, where many generations were welcomed to share stories, laughs, good food and enjoy family time. He had a strong sense of community service, spending many years as a volunteer fire fighter, EMT, Fire Commissioner, and donating many hours each week to the local humane society.

Steven is survived by four children and their spouses, Ranee and Scott Riffe of Centralia, WA, Christy and Dave Monnot of East Wenatchee, WA, Joni Trowbridge and Jamie Burns of Rock Island, WA, and Kolaiah and Sandy Baker of Anchorage, AK; brothers, David, Gary and Roger; sisters, Paula and Linda; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was happy to have found a special lady in his life, Donna Delancy. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Nancy; and wives, Glennis and Daria.

Celebration of Life will be held at Telford's Chapel of the Valley in East Wenatchee, WA on Friday, December 19, 2014, at 2:00 p.m., with a gathering at Abby's Pizza in East Wenatchee to follow the service. Arrangements by Telford's Chapel of the Valley.

Tribute Wall

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