

Jeff's Wisdom for Life

1. Need to get in the last word? "Yes, dear" are the words to say
2. Getting married? "Don't do once what you don't want to do the rest of your life."
3. Going on a trip? "Don't bring home anything you can't wash off." "Take your time going, but hurry back." or "Do I need to stop this car?"
4. Need to describe the weather? "Raining like a cow peeing on a flat rock." "Slicker than snot."
5. Need to describe growing kids or new clothing trends? "You'd be a lot taller if half your leg wasn't turned down to walk on." "Legs all the way up to your hind end." "You PAID for those pants?"
6. Had a bad day? Perhaps "Up your nose with a rubber hose," or "Twist off anyone's head and shit down their neck?" or "When I say it tastes like shit I know what I'm talking about" are good ways to describe it instead.
7. Need to describe yourself? "If I were a lizard, I'd be a belt" or "If a caveman could do it, I'm a dinosaur" or "Like what I'm wearing? Good, you'll see it tomorrow" or "Only a man whose ass is narrow" or "Never made enough to leave" or "I'm not your uncle, I'm just sexually related to your aunt"
8. Need to describe someone else? Try "Dead in the ass from both ways" or "Can't polish a turd" or "Not fit to pick eggs," which are more colorful ways to do so.
9. Talking about adventures of your youth? "Steeper than a cow's face" or "I buy you books and I buy you books" or "Thought I found my gum three times" are good ways to start.
10. Need a response to see you tomorrow? Try out "Fraid so" or "Thanks for the warning" instead.

And always

"Endeavor to persevere." "Adios"

Celebrating THE LIFE OF **Jeffry Allen Johnsrud**

Born to Alvin & Cecelia Johnsrud

June 21, 1954
Watford City, North Dakota

Returned to His Heavenly Father

August 30, 2022
Watford City, North Dakota

Visitation

Friday, September 2, 2022
12:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel
Watford City, North Dakota

Celebration of Life

Saturday, September 3, 2022 at 10:00 AM
Rough Rider Center
Watford City, North Dakota

Officiating

Hayley Moe

Music

"Dad" ~ Tyler Wood
"We'll Meet Again" ~ Johnny Cash

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home
Watford City, North Dakota

In Loving Memory Of

Jeffry Allen Johnsrud

June 21, 1954 - August 30, 2022





Jeffrey Allen Johnsrud, 68, a lifelong resident of rural Watford City passed away on August 30, 2022, peacefully at his home and surrounded by his loving family.

Jeff was born to Alvin and Cecelia Johnsrud on June 21, 1954, and was the oldest of three children. Jeff graduated from Watford City High School in 1972 and attended ND State School of Science in Wahpeton, ND, for heating and air conditioning training. He returned to Watford City and worked at R&T Plumbing for several years before purchasing part of the business, which then became Great West Plumbing and Heating in 1983. During his time working Jeff was one of the unsung heroes of Watford City, not only as a volunteer fireman, but also replacing water mains, sewer mains, and, having one of the only backhoes in town, digging many, many graves at the cemetery. His vast knowledge, and pocket screwdriver, will be missed by many.

Jeff met the love of his life, Ann Faulkner, in the spring of 1969 during a record dance at the Catholic church in Watford City. The two lovebirds were married June 22, 1974, just one month after Ann's high school graduation. Jeff and Ann welcomed three children to their family: Justin, Erica, and Bret. The family enjoyed spending time at the lake with friends, fishing, good jokes, and laughing together. Jeff had a love of sports, including playing basketball, baseball, and softball in his younger years and, later in life, following his children and grandchildren in whatever sport was going on at the time. He loved his family and it showed in all he did.

Jeff began experiencing symptoms of Multiple Sclerosis in 1982, which forced his retirement from Great West in 1999. In his retirement Jeff became a self-proclaimed "wood butcher" and spent his time making ducks, Cherry Creek woodpeckers, and reindeer, and always looking for that perfect "treasure" for a someday project. Later Jeff spent his time crafting hundreds of vases from old cedar fence posts.

Additionally, Jeff used his skills and knowledge to help each of his children build and improve their houses and, most importantly, how to fill them with laughter and love to make them a home.

Jeff was extremely proud of his yard, even living in the country it was rare to find any weeds growing in his grass. It was often joked that he talked to and combed his grass routinely, it was beautiful and the envy of many. He could often be seen in the mornings with a 5-gallon bucket picking weeds, especially dandelions before they could go to seed. It was only after his kids all went away to college that Jeff broke down and purchased a riding lawnmower, but always made sure to mow in different directions every time so as not to leave tire ruts in the lawn. His kids have inherited this trait as well.

Jeff was a man of great wit – he had so many great one-liners, which will continue on as he is remembered. "Yes, dear," "don't do once what you don't want to do the rest of your life," "not fit to pick eggs," "thanks for the warning," "don't bring home anything you can't wash off," and "endeavor to persevere" were some of his favorites. He was a great conversationalist and never met a stranger. Everyone he met looked forward to their next conversation with him.

Jeff is survived by his beloved wife, Ann, children Justin (Nikki) Johnsrud, Erica (Chas) Johnsrud, and Bret (Lacey) Johnsrud, grandchildren Judd, Carter James Julius, Courtney, and Callie, brother Jim (Vonnie) Johnsrud, sister Ruth (Mark) Gress, sisters-in-law Mille (John) Larson and Wanda Faulkner, brothers-in-law Duane (Kim) Faulkner and Wesley (Cheryl) Faulkner, numerous nieces and nephews, and his many friends.

Jeff was preceded in death by his precious granddaughter Gracie Rose Johnsrud, his parents, in-laws Bill and Millie Faulkner, sisters-in-law Lila Opsta and Wilma Smith, and nephew Cole Gress.

Memorials can be sent to the Gracie Johnsrud Memorial Scholarship Fund at First International Bank and Trust of Watford City.