



James Johnsen

November 10, 1971 - August 4, 2025

James "Jim" Carl Johnsen, age 53, of Copperas Cove, Texas, formerly of Eddyville, Iowa, passed away on Monday, August 4th, 2025. Jim was born on November 10, 1971, in Boone, Iowa, the son of Cleo and Marlin Johnsen. He graduated from Eddyville High School in the class of 1990. He enlisted in the Army following graduation and after numerous overseas tours and living in Germany for many years the Army brought him back to Fort Hood, Texas, where he retired from the Army in 2013. He then went to college and became a Certified Pharmacy Technician. He worked at CVS Pharmacy and then went to work for Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center at Fort Hood, Texas.

He also belonged to many organizations in Texas. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and served as a former Deputy District Grand Master Mason. He belonged to the Sojourners - Heroes of '76, he was the Chapter Treasurer, past President and past Secretary of Chapter # 208. He was a founding member and treasurer of the Central Texas Pride Community Center and a fully professed Sister "Divine Intervention" of the Weird City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. Jim dedicated his life to building inclusive spaces filled with joy, activism and community. He proudly held titles including Princess of the United Court of Austin, Daughter of the Emerald Dynasty, and member of the House of Hoot and Kappa Gamma Mascara Sorority. Whether organizing, mentoring, or dazzling onstage, Jim embodied service, love, and unapologetic authenticity. He will be greatly missed by family, friends and his community. His last service was to be an organ donor to help whoever he could one more

time.

Jim is survived by his sister Sandy Campbell and brother-in-law, Tim Campbell of Carlisle, Iowa and his two nephews, Dominick Campbell of Carlisle, Iowa and Dylan Campbell of Mitchellville, Iowa.

Jim was preceded in death by his mom, Cleo Johnsen, and grandparents, William and Wanda Miller and Hans and Geraldine Johnsen and other aunts and uncles.

Jim will be cremated and will be buried in the Iowa Veterans Cemetery, on September 8th at 2:00pm.

Rest in peace, Jim. Your legacy of light, laughter, and love will live on forever in our hearts.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was introduced to jim at a club fubar. What can be said about this sweet man that all of us don't know already. He was my brother in the army my friend and my family here in copperas cove Texas. A real and unique man who had such a soft heart and kindness like no other. Jim was the straight man to my jokes and the sarcastic one to reverse it back on me. Many times he came to our house and ate dinner with us laughing and chowing down on BBQ ribs and turkey salad. And then the end came so suddenly to us all. Now the table of life seems smaller but I know I will see him in the future and the past will open up with laughing and eating ribs again around the table of life. If you knew him you would of found a man soft spoken self man self taught with kindness in his heart to fill a room. Good bye my friend until we meet again. We love love jim love lisa

Lisa gilmore - October 08, 2025 at 03:23 PM

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“ Our condolences



Stephanie - September 23, 2025 at 02:08 PM

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“ Lisa Gilmore lit a candle in memory of James Johnsen



Lisa Gilmore - September 23, 2025 at 01:59 PM