



## Jacob Johnson

September 19, 1989 - June 22, 2019

Jacob Steven Johnson, 29, of Topeka, Kansas passed away Saturday, June 22, 2019.

Jake was born September 19, 1989, in Topeka to James and Janice Gress Johnson. Jake attended Most Pure Heart of Mary Grade School, graduated from Hayden Catholic High School in 2008 and attended Washburn University.

Jake was a life-long member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Church. His adventurous nature drove him to be very involved in Boy Scouts, spending many summers at Camp Jayhawk and earning the rank of Eagle Scout in 2006. Jake's participation in wheelchair sports fulfilled his competitive spirit, spending many years involved in wheelchair soccer, basketball, and track and field. He played tennis and participated in debate throughout high school. Jake loved staying informed about politics and discussing them with his Aunt Deb and his late Uncle Joe. He greatly enjoyed learning history, especially related to World War II.

Jake loved his job at Hy-Vee, touching the lives of many customers and co-workers. He had a passion for community involvement, advocating for inclusion and accessibility for people with special needs. Jake was enthusiastic about cooking barbeque, trying new recipes and sharing them with family and friends. He cherished the daycare children whom his mother cared for and he was devoted to his dog, Shelby. Jake was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Grateful to have shared Jake's life are his parents, Jim and Janice Johnson; and his siblings, Justin, Julie and Jeana Johnson and Kevin Newman.

Jake's family will greet friends from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church where a rosary will be prayed at 6:30. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Most Pure Heart of Mary Grade School or Hayden Catholic High School in Jake's memory to support students with special needs, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

# Cemetery

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## Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd  
Topeka, KS, 66606

# Events

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**JUN** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 06:30PM

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Most Pure Heart of Mary Church  
3601 SW 17th Street, Topeka, KS, US, 66604

**JUN** **Rosary** 06:30PM

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**JUN** **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:00AM

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Most Pure Heart of Mary Church  
3601 SW 17th Street, Topeka, KS, US, 66604

# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - June 27, 2019 at 03:10 PM

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“ Jim, Janice & family, we are so very sorry to hear about Jake. He had a smile that would light up the room when he came in. As if his goal every day was to make people smile, and he did it so well. Know that God holds Jake in the palm of His hand, and now he brightens everyone's day in The House of Our Lord.  
God Bless you all,  
Ray, Sandi, Daniel, Ethan Parnell  
& Amber Parnell-Keehn

**RF Parnell** - June 29, 2019 at 01:40 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jacob Johnson.



June 28, 2019 at 03:31 PM

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“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Jacob Johnson.



June 28, 2019 at 01:33 PM



“ I am deeply saddened to hear about Jacob's passing. I grew up with Jacob in the Cub & Boy Scouts, spending countless hours with him and his older brother Justin on camping trips, at scout meetings and other adventures. Jacob didn't let anything stop him and even achieved his Eagle Scout rank, a feat only 2% of Scouts ever achieve. As a fellow Eagle Scout myself, I could not be prouder of him and what he has accomplished. Jacob always posted the most entertaining Facebook posts and had an amazing personality that shined on everyone that came across his path. He will be dearly missed.

Michael Comstock

Michael Comstock - June 28, 2019 at 11:57 AM

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“ Jim and Janice, and family,  
We are so saddened to hear about Jake. We wish to express our deepest sympathies and heartfelt prayers to you and your entire family. Bob and I would stop by and visit Jake at Hyvee once in awhile. He was always so pleasant and happy to spend a little time visiting. May God be with you every step of this journey. Our sincere condolences from Bob, Elaine, Matt and Rachel Hiatt.

Elaine Hiatt - June 27, 2019 at 08:22 PM

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“ Jim, Janice, Justin, Julie, and Jeana,  
We have such fond memories of Jacob. Whether it was at a Hayden football game or Hy-Vee, he always had a smile on his face, and was never too busy to visit. He was quite a young man, and will be missed.  
Praying for your family during this difficult time.  
Rod and Susan Chilson

Susan Chilson - June 27, 2019 at 08:12 PM

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“ Dear Jim, Janice and family,

We love the picture of Jacob and so charming. Barb would head to HyVee just to say hi to Jacob and have him check out her groceries. She would have to wait often as his line was always busy. Jacob had great people skills and people loved him at HyVee.

His parents and siblings are most awesome and were devoted to taking care of Jacob.

Love and prayers to each.  
Bernie and Barb Dunn and family.  
Topeka, Kansas

**Barbara Dunn** - June 27, 2019 at 03:32 PM

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“ Dear Jim, Janice, Justin, Julie, and Jenna, So sorry to hear about Jacob passing. Boy was he a fun young man as he was growing up. Full of personality and smarts. Always loved seeing him when we would either drop or pick up Maggie. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. John & Laura O'Grady, John Kyle, Ryan, Thomas, and Maggie

**Laura O'Grady** - June 27, 2019 at 02:05 PM

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“ I was deeply saddened to learn of Jacob's passing. He was a remarkable person in every sense of the word. I have known Jacob every since he was just a little fellow. I have so many memories of the many times I was involved in Jacob's life and the many stories I could share about him. He never let his disability stop him from doing anything including full participation in Boy Scouts and the MS 150 bike ride. There is a special place in Heaven for Jacob. May God be with the Johnson family at this most difficult time.

Gary Comstock

**Gary Comstock** - June 26, 2019 at 01:48 PM

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“ Janice and Family,  
Jacob was such a joy at Hyvee. I would always go to his line just to talk to him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May Jacob rest in peace.

**Barb Montgomery** - June 26, 2019 at 09:08 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God be with you all during this difficult time. Rest In Peace

**Amanda Rodriguez** - June 26, 2019 at 12:51 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jacob Johnson.



June 25, 2019 at 10:04 PM

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“ Jacob was one of our history majors at Washburn. Though physical issues often complicated attendance, he consistently proved his intellectual worth and merit. He read widely, was deeply curious, and was a joy to have in class and as part of the community of history oddballs in the department. He demonstrated every day that we are all more than our physical shells. We will truly miss him.

**Kim Morse** - June 24, 2019 at 11:29 AM



“ I didn't know Jacob very long, but he was truly one of a kind. We will miss his great smile and attitude. Theresa Carrier Hy-Vee Cashier

**Theresa Carrier** - June 24, 2019 at 05:52 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers to the Johnson family.  
Alice & Kenny Ziegler family.

**Alice Ziegler** - June 26, 2019 at 06:14 AM



“ Johnny, Jeannie and family, so sorry for your loss. Jake was always fun to visit with. He always had a great attitude and big smile.

**Bobby Freeman** - June 27, 2019 at 10:08 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for you at this time. I remember him being such a sweet boy.

**Carol Flynn** - June 28, 2019 at 04:31 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jacob Johnson.



June 24, 2019 at 08:58 AM