JOHNSTON, MICHAEL VERN

<u>Birth</u>

July 25, 1953, Des Moines, Iowa

Death

May 13, 2011, Des Moines, Iowa

Cause of Death

Cemetery Lot

Row 3, Space 7 in the New Addition

Father

Lester Verl Johnston

Mother

Helen Merle Lett

Marriage

Married and divorced on December 28, 1994 in Des Moines, Iowa

Funeral Home

Hamilton's Southtown Funeral Home

Obituary

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Michael Vern Johnston, 57, of Des Moines, Iowa died May 13, 2011 at Bright Kavanagh House. He was born in Des Moines, Iowa on July 25, 1953. He was a retired truck driver and at one time owned Jughead's Tap.

Services will be held 11 a.m., Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at Hamilton's Southtown Funeral Home. Visitation will be held on Monday, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in PleasantRidgeCemetery, Orilla, Iowa.



He is survived by his daughter, Jolynn (Steve) Riedesel two sons Michael (Kelsey) Johnston and Ryan (Shelby) Johnston; his brother Brian (Monica) Johnston; his sister Barb (Don) Johnston; three grandchildren Madison, Makenna, and Cale.

Thank you to all the staff at Bright Kavanagh Hospice for all the love and care you gave to our dad and us during his stay and passing. You are all angels on earth. Memorial contributions may be made to Bright Kavanagh in his memory.

From the Memorial Card

In His Loving Memory

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Funeral Service 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2011 Hamilton's Southtown Funeral Home

Officiating Pastor Jerry Van Cleave

Musical Selections "You Can Let Go" "Psalm 23" "If Heaven Wasn't So Far Away" "Life Ain't Always Beautiful"

Pallbearers Mike Johnston, Ryan Johnston, Kevin Ochoa, Brian Johnston, Steve Riedesel and Cory Channon

Burial at Pleasant RidgeCemetery

Verse

Dad We'll Miss You

There just doesn't seem To be any easy way to say good-bye. We've shared so much life And so much laughter That it's really hard to imagine What things will be like without you. Yet, We're grateful For the good times we've shared. For when we think of you, As we so often will, It's the memories of those times That will bring you right back to us. And those times, Those thoughts of you, Will always stay in our minds And in our hearts.