



## Gary Lee Johnson

August 16, 1953 - February 9, 2018

Gary L. Johnson "Hock 'em", 64 of Logan, Utah went to be with the Lord February 9, 2018. Gary was born August 16, 1953 in Cheyenne Wyoming.

Gary is survived by his father Don Johnson and his wife Patty Johnson of Logan, Utah; his mother Carolyn Johnson of Montrose, Colorado; his brother Leroy Johnson of Cortero, Arizona; his son JD Johnson and his wife Annie Johnson, and his granddaughter Jobi Johnson of Temple, Texas.

Gary was professional horse trainer and farrier. He also picked up bucking horses for a spell. He was a "Hand." Never met a stranger. Always had a story to tell. Lived and died a professional cowboy.

Memorial services will be held at 12 noon, Friday, February 16, 2018 in the Cache Valley Mortuary. Share a memory of Gary to the family at [www.cvmortuary.com](http://www.cvmortuary.com). Arrangements are under the direction of Cache Valley Mortuary, (435) 787-8514, 80 West 4200 North, Hyde Park.

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**Ron Auger** - February 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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Gary was a well rounded person willing to share his knowledge with every one and any one that wanted his help, I spent many hours with him visiting and talking about his life I remember him telling the story coming of the mountains in Colorado with at least 18 head of pack mules behind him early hours in the morning and his mom was worried about him all the time . Sorry to see a good man taken so early thanks Gary and family for letting me be a part of his life Ron Auger

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“ Gary was not only my friend, but my horse shoer. I was lucky enough to have known him for 26 years. Many hours were spent shoeing my horses. As one might guess, Gary spent as much time talking as he did shoeing! I learned right off to plan for extra time to allow for visiting. Gary was one person that I trusted to help me start my colts. He ponied me on all of my colts. When they were ready to be ridden in the big arena he was also there. I always knew if something ever did go wrong Gary would be there to keep us safe. I did not take that lightly. And I thank you for that Gary. I could always call Gary if I needed something. I was one of those lucky people that I honestly think Gary would of done anything for. He was a great support to me with my show horses. A win was not only a win for me, but a win for Gary. He often called after the show to see just how things went. I do remember one occasion that I gave Gary quite a talking to. I really got after him for a decision he made. Afterwards I wondered if Gary would ever talk to me! Well a week or so went by and I had a horse to be shod. The appointment arrived and there I was. Gary told me that he understood why I scolded him and said that he had deserved it. Our friendship never missed a beat! That is what a friendship is about, the good and the bad. Gary was very close with his mother even though she lived a state away. There was so many times that I would show up for an appt. and he was on the phone with her. She had never met me but knew who I was when he mentioned my name. I hope to meet his mother in person at the services. Gary always asked how my parents were. He showed great concern for them. My father and Gary always had a joke to tell each other when they saw each other. One of my favorite sayings of Gary's was, "Between you and me and the fence post". He had so many sayings I could not keep up with them. Gary was very proud of his son. He loved him a great deal. Gary was never more happy to become a grandpa. Horses will come and go. But a friendship with Gary never ends. As he always said, "Love you my friend!" Julie Wilhelm-Wiley

Julie Wilhelm-Wiley - February 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sincere condolences to Gary's family and friends. Our daughter, Carolyn, was one of his 4-H "kids". As a parent, I always felt she was safe when Gary was around. He taught her, kept an eye on her, and treated her like his own. He was a friend to all he met and always had a story to tell. He will be missed.

Susanne Paulsen - February 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Gary was awesome! He trained my first horse and taught me to ride when I was 14. He had great patience and a wonderful way with animals. I grew to love horses and the rodeo with his influence. This tradition has been passed on to my 10 year old daughter who is now learning to ride and is in beginning barrel racing! Thank you Gary! Your legacy will live on through my family!

**Susie Reeder** - February 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ I worked at Tessoro at 3rd South for a number of years, and Gary was by far one of my favorite regulars. He had a rugged sense of humor that is rare these days.

**Steven Emile** - February 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM