



## Jon Brian Johanson

April 21, 1943 - September 26, 2011

Jon Brian Johanson, age 68, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away Monday evening, September 26, 2011 at War Memorial Hospital. Jon was born on April 21, 1943 in Mount Pleasant, Michigan the son of the late Oscar and Mildred (Hall) Johanson. Jon served his country in the U.S. Navy on board the USS Kearsarge, an aircraft carrier based in Long Beach, California. He attended Kirtland Community College, Wayne County Sheriff Police Training Academy, and the Indian Police Academy of Utah State University. Jon served Clare County Sheriffs Department as a deputy, then developed a Tribal Police Department in Mount Pleasant area. Later he developed the Sault Tribe Police Department where he was Chief of Police. He was also a Private Detective both here and down state. Jon was a member of the American Legion Post #3, the Moose Lodge #717 , the Cherokee Nation, and Disabled American Veterans. Jon was an honest man who enjoyed traveling, smoking his cigars, hunting and fishing. Jon continued to study Sociology, Psychology, and the indigenous rights of the Native Americans. Jon is survived by his wife: Marjorie L. Hartwig, who he had been with for 26 years, a son: Brian J. (Amber) Johanson of Bedford, TX; two daughters: Amy A. Johanson of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; and Jennifer R. Johanson of Brimley, MI; a sister: Charlene Woodbury of Mount Pleasant, MI; and eight grandchildren: Kaitlyn, Casey, Michael, Shelby, and Kaleb Johanson, Joshua Messer, Haley Brown, and Zoey Parrish. Jon was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers: Arnie and Bob Johanson. A memorial service will be held at 12:00

noon on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with Pastor Eloise Kremel officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to help with funeral expenses.

# Tribute Wall

SN

“ *Brian & Amy...  
So many years have passed and I've tried to find you both. I'm so sorry it had to be this way. Just remember what we took from Pip-Fest and all will be fine. I'm here if you guys need me and would love to get back in touch...my prayers are with you...*

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**Staci Nelson** - October 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ *Amy, Jen, Brian and kids,  
I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Im thinking alot of you all, and have been praying for you guys during this difficult time. No matter what, I remember his sence of humor, and incredible smile. And, ESPECIALLY! How MUCH he loved his family. Best regards,  
~Amy*

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**Amy DiMassimo-Hamelin** - September 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ *He is missed.*

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**Brian Johanson** - September 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Marjorie,*

*My condolences to you and your family. I was married to Jon Brian's brother, Arnie. You will all be in our prayers.*

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**Kathy (Johanson) Hagen** - September 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *RIP Brian, we had an amazing life for 22 yrs, 3 beautiful children, Brian, Amy, and Jennifer and 8 beautiful grandchildren. I wouldnt have changed it for the world. You were a great Father. You will be greatly missed by us all. God Bless, Sally.*

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**Sally Johanson** - September 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *Thank you everybody! My dad was a great man, and the stories on here about his smile, big heart and awesome talks are all the more to prove it! I love you and miss you so much dad.*

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**Jennifer** - September 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *We are so very sorry for the loss of your father, husband and friend.. Our heart's are with you all.. Brian you will be miss by all that have even known you...*

*Cinda & Bill Schafer*

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**Cinda Schafer** - September 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *I have fond memories of Uncle Brian. Even as a child I understood that his influence was positive and powerful. I specifically remember one conversation when he shared with me that "I CAN" do anything. That I should never allow myself to say "I CAN'T". I never forgot his words, and often reflect on them during difficult times. I loved his charisma and infectious smile!*

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**Jodi Woodbury** - September 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ *I love you Jon you were my other Dad. you will be truely missed.*

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**Robyn** - September 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ *Marge;  
I know I will not be able to attend the services as I will be away, but  
you are in my thoughts.*

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**Gloria Larke** - September 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Growing up I remember Uncle Brian as being the "cool,hip" Uncle,  
with that twinkle in his eyes. We could joke around and laugh with  
him and yet he would let you know with just a look if he thought you  
were doing or going to do something you shouldn't. Uncle Brian  
always talked with you, not down to you, even though he was the  
adult and we were just kids. He will remain in our hearts until such a  
time that we will all be together again.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Jamie and Bruce Sirmans** - September 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM