

## Bradley Donald "Doc" Johnson

Bradley Donald "Doc" Johnson was born December 19, 1955, in Watertown, SD, to Donald and Mary (Rowe) Johnson. Brad passed away from a brave and courageous battle of esophageal cancer on July 13, 2019, at the VA medical Center at Ft. Meade, SD. Brad graduated from Watertown High School in 1974. He competed in wrestling and rodeo while in school. He spent his summers working on his sister and brother-in-law's ranch near Whitewood, SD. He had fond memories of this time and learned a lot. He enjoyed a variety of things in both work and play.

Over his lifetime, he worked as a ranch hand, an underground miner for Homestake, machinist, counselor, soldier, EMT, construction worker, garbage man, taxidermist, factory worker, roustabout, and hardware man. Brad enjoyed a variety of activities including riding in all 3 rough-stock events in rodeo, hunting, fishing, traveling, and judo.

Between active duty, Army Reserves, and National Guard, Brad served 36 years and 10 months in the US Army. Most of his military career was spent as an Army Medic, but he also trained as an artillery man, truck driver, and engineer. He deployed to Iraq in 2003-2004 and to Afghanistan in 2011-2012, both times with the 842nd Engineer Company from Spearfish, SD.

In 2001, he moved to Camp Crook to work at Sky Ranch for Boys. In 2010, Brad married Deb Halen and together they made their home in Camp Crook, SD. He instantly became a step-dad of 4 and was "Papa Doc" to 4 grandchildren. Brad especially loved his role as "Papa." Brad and Deb loved to travel, go on side-by-side rides, and spend time with family and friends.

Brad is survived by his wife, Deb of Buffalo, SD; step-sons, Jason Brenna of Nashville, TN, Tony (Brittany) Vernlund of Sioux Falls, SD, and Patrick Vernlund of Glenwood, IA; his beloved grandchildren, Austin, Shyloh, Light, and Auren; sisters, Deb (Dan) Hefner of Whitewood, SD, and Kim (Dave) Stevens of Hayward, WI; brother, Marc Johnson (Teri) of Watertown, SD; and sister-in-law, Val Johnson of Fargo, ND.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Don and Mary Johnson; brother, Leland Johnson; mother-in-law, Linda Rauenhorst; step-son, Curtis Vernlund; and nephew, Justin Stevens.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the Camp Crook Community Center following the committal service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

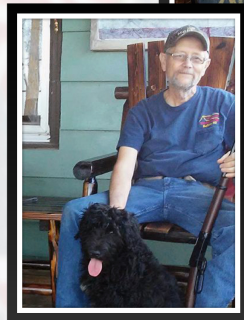
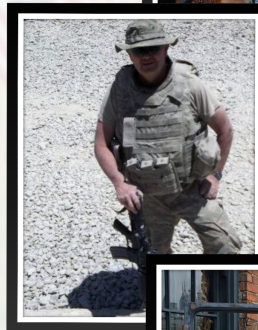
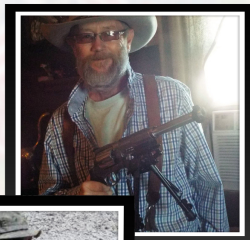
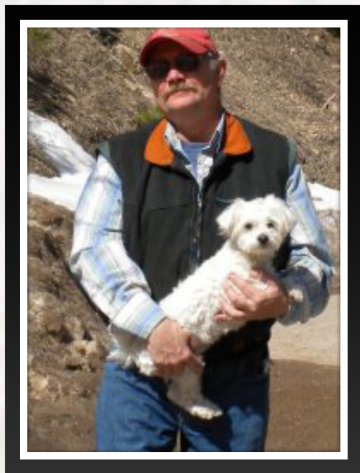


*In Loving Memory*

***Bradley Donald "Doc" Johnson***

***December 19, 1955 ~ July 13, 2019***





# The LORD is my shepherd: *I shall not want.*

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

*He restoreth my soul:*  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for His NAME's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
for THOU art with me;

*Thy rod and Thy staff  
they comfort me.*

THOU preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies:  
THOU anointest my head with oil;  
*my cup runneth over.*

Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD  
*forever.*

## In Memory Of **Bradley Donald "Doc" Johnson**

**Date of Birth**  
December 19, 1955  
Watertown, South Dakota

**Date of Death**  
July 13, 2019  
Fort Meade, South Dakota

**Funeral Service**  
Wednesday, July 17, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.  
Camp Crook Community Center  
Camp Crook, South Dakota

**Officiant**  
Pastor Jerry Densmore

**Musicians**  
Mary & Dean Tarter Carol Comes Laura Johnson  
Holsti Sisters Ann & Lane Dingfelder

**Pallbearers**  
Rick Hand ~ Rick Zimmerman ~ Rick Allen ~ Tim Olson  
Sam Olson ~ Caitlin Cordell ~ Matt DeBow ~ Shaine Odell

**Honorary Pallbearers**  
All 842nd members that served in Iraq and Afghanistan with Brad

**Military Honors**  
Lamnison Post #147 American Legion

**Final Resting Place**  
Fairview Cemetery  
Camp Crook, South Dakota