

**Richard Matthew Johnson**, (10 Dec 1951 – 10 Sep 2004), Patriot-News, The (Harrisburg, PA)  
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NEWPORT - **Richard Matthew "Rich" Johnson**, 52, of Newport, PA, entered into eternal rest Friday evening, September 10, 2004 in the Holy Spirit Hospital, Camp Hill, PA. His passing was sudden and unexpected.

He was born in Harrisburg, PA on December 10, 1951, the son of the late **Harold E. and Anna G. (Smith) Johnson**.

On July 10, 1981, he was married to the former **Patricia M. "Patti" Corkle**, who survives.

Rich graduated in 1969 from Greenwood High School, Millerstown, PA. At the time of his passing, he was employed as a HVAC Mechanic for H.B. McClure Company, Harrisburg, PA. He worked for the company for 20 years. Previously, Rich was employed by Eshenauer's Fuels, Harrisburg, PA and initially worked for Nace's Electrical & Plumbing Company, Millerstown, PA.

He was a member of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Liverpool, PA, held membership in the Hunters Valley Sportsmen's Association, Liverpool, the Liverpool Home Association (social membership), the Liverpool Volunteer Fire Company and the Liverpool Ambulance League, where he had been an EMT.

Rich loved his family and enjoyed the outdoors, especially in hunting, fishing and viewing NASCAR races, as he was a Dale Jarrett #88 fan.

Surviving in addition to his wife, **Patti**, are a daughter, **Erin Michelle Johnson** of Newport, PA; two sisters and brothers-in-law, **Carol L. Gingerich** and husband, **Burl J.** of Dallastown, PA and **Suzanne E. Eckenrode** and husband, **Lawrence B.** of Camp Hill, PA; three nieces; one great niece and five great nephews; also his mother and father-in-law, **Robert C. and Joyce C. Corkle** of Newport, PA and his beloved Chocolate Lab, "Bubba." Rich was preceded in death by two infant brothers, Carl Jacob and Edgar Eugene Johnson.

The funeral service will be conducted on Tuesday evening at 8 p.m., from The George P. Garman Funeral Home, 606 N. Front Street, Liverpool, PA. Burial will be at a later date at the discretion of the family. Family and friends will gather for the viewing on Tuesday from 6 p.m. until the time of the service, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be directed in loving memory of Rich, to The American Heart Association, Central Pennsylvania Chapter, 1517 Cedar Cliff Drive, Camp Hill, PA 17011 or to The American Diabetes Association, Central Pennsylvania Chapter, 3544 N. Progress Avenue, Suite 202, Harrisburg, PA 17110.