



## Erik G. Johanson

February 7, 1950 - February 20, 2021

Erik G. Johanson passed away on Saturday, February 20 after a year-long battle with pulmonary fibrosis. He passed days after his 71st birthday in the Tinton Falls home where he lived for most of his life, with his loving wife Sandy of 46 years, holding his hand.

Erik's career as an educator at Brookdale Community College spanned years from 1987 to his retirement in 2017. But Erik was much more - a true renaissance man - maker of art, with unlimited creativity in carpentry, sculpture, ceramics and boat-building to name a few. Erik was incredibly funny, kind, and devoted to his family, friends, many Black Labs, students and colleagues. When asked for help with anything - even the rare subject he wasn't familiar with - he volunteered with tools, humor and energy to tackle any challenge.

Prior to Brookdale, Erik worked as a freelance artist at Aesthetic Design/Flying Frog Productions and the Jeff Martin Studio. He earned his BFA in Sculpture from Drake University in 1972 and later entered graduate school to earn his MFA at Kean University in 2001.

Feeling this tremendous loss are his wife, Sandy; his nephew & niece, Mitch and Samantha Johanson, Cape Cod; cousins in FL, NC, TN, WI and Norway; the entire greater Horan family; countless friends; and his two best canine

pals, Obie and Romeo.

The Bongarzone Funeral Home is handling arrangements and a post-pandemic memorial is planned for the summer.

In lieu of flowers or food, please consider supporting the works of local artists or make a donation to the Hospice Program of the VNA of Central Jersey, 23 Main St, Suite D1, Holmdel, NJ.

# Cemetery Details

**All other services are private**

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Sandy,  
I have fond memories of sailing with Erik and his homemade beef jerky for longer voyages. He was a talented, wonderful, kind man taken too soon from us.  
With heart felt sympathy,  
Ward and Nancy Stokes

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**Edward Stokes** - February 24, 2021 at 04:32 PM

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**Bongarzone Funeral Home** - February 24, 2021 at 02:44 PM

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“ *The Best Memories !*

*Doug & Ida Keiper*



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**Doug Keiper** - February 24, 2021 at 12:21 PM

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**Bongarzone Funeral Home** - February 23, 2021 at 12:34 PM

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“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Erik G. Johanson*



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**Bongarzone Funeral Home** - February 22, 2021 at 11:09 PM