



Kathleen M. Johnson

October 31, 1938 - August 5, 2016

Kathy (nee Burke) Johnson passed away on August 5, 2016. She was born in Clinton, Iowa on October 31, 1938. She attended Mount St. Clare High School. She then completed her nursing training at St. Anthony's in Rockford, Illinois. Shortly after completing her training, she began a long career at Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital. She was an operating room nurse.

She married her husband and travel partner, Richard, in October of 1971. She stepped away from nursing for a few years to stay home with her daughter, Megan, in March of 1976. She spent some of this time as a Brownie troop leader, a figure skating mom, and doing whatever else Megan got her into. Her love of nursing brought her back to Illinois Masonic in March of 1986. She kept the doctors on their toes until her retirement in April of 2005. She spent her retirement volunteering and caring for her friends.

Kathy enjoyed spending time with her friends and family the most. She was a devoted church goer. She served as the unofficial building nurse. She still sent snail mail cards for all occasions and held the family calendar that remind us to celebrate all sorts of milestones. There was often a list of friends that Kathy was calling to check in on but Megan was on the list daily. She was on top of all of the going ons and always wanted to know how people were doing and laugh with them.

Her survivors include: her daughter and son in law, Megan and Tom Zienkiewicz; her sister and brother in law, Margaret and George Hornburg; her brother and sister in law, Tom and Kathy Burke, her nephews, Ryan, Matthew and Tom, and grandnephew Robbie and new baby on the way. She was proceeded in death by her husband, Richard Johnson, and her parents, Tom and Pearl Burke.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Racine County Juvenile Detention-Library Fund, sent to: Megan Sienkiewicz 320 East Buffalo St. Apt. 811, Milwaukee, WI 53202. This project would be important to Kathy because it helps children develop their love of reading and it is important to Megan and her passion.

Cemetery Details

Rosehill Cemetery

5800 N Ravenswood Ave
Chicago, IL 60660
(773) 561-5940

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Barr Funeral Home
6222 N. Broadway
Chicago, IL 60660
(773) 743-4034
info@barrfuneralhome.com
<https://barrfuneralhome.com/>

Service

AUG 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

St Gertrude Catholic Church
1420 W Granville Ave
Chicago, IL 60660
(773) 764-3621

Tribute Wall



“ *Kathleen M. Johnson*

October 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM



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shanon - August 08, 2016 at 04:02 PM



I will miss her so very much .May she rest in peace .She was a sweetheart.

Pat Birely - August 16, 2016 at 11:09 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies to all of Kathleen's family and other loved ones. She was one of the kindest and most thoughtful persons I have ever known, and we will miss her greatly at St. Gertrude Parish. I am very sorry to learn of her death, and I lift you all up in prayer at this time of sorrow. May she rest in the peace of Christ whom she loved with great devotion!*

Father Michael Bradley - August 08, 2016 at 01:14 PM

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shanon - August 08, 2016 at 11:54 AM

CM

“ CB, DR, MD, MS, DM, KM, CS, AJ, LP, MG purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Kathleen M. Johnson.



CB, DR, MD, MS, DM, KM, CS, AJ, LP, MG - August 06, 2016 at 07:45 PM



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Love, Cousin Donna Lewis Stangle

Donna Stangle - August 06, 2016 at 04:36 PM

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Love, Cousin Donna Lewis Stangle

Donna Stangle - August 06, 2016 at 04:03 PM

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Love, Cousin Donna Lewis Stangle

Donna Stangle - August 06, 2016 at 04:00 PM

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Donna Stangle - August 06, 2016 at 03:58 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kathleen M. Johnson.*



August 06, 2016 at 01:21 PM



“ *Connie Shepherd purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kathleen M. Johnson.*



Connie Shepherd - August 05, 2016 at 10:20 PM



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Barr Funeral Home - August 05, 2016 at 03:54 PM