



Donna Mae Johnson

April 26, 1955 - March 25, 2024

Donna Mae Johnson, 68, of Petersburg, Illinois, passed away March 25, 2024.

Donna Mae Johnson was born April 26, 1955. She was the daughter of Alvin and Claudine Pepmeyer and the sister of Rebecca Laumeier (Robert) of Penn Yan, New York. Donna had two children; Rod A Lane Jr (Kelly) of Springfield, Illinois and the late Stephanie D Lane (d. 2020).

She took great pride in being a mother and held great pride for her children and their interests. Donna loved theater and was active in school and local community theater, even getting a small part in a movie, Charming Billy, filmed locally. Donna was an avid writer and would often be typing into the night as her children slept. She composed poems, short stories and plays that she hoped would one day be published. She self-published a book entitled "Violet Bloom" which comprised a selection of her writings. Donna married her best friend Danial Johnson April 4, 1992 and referred to him as "God's gift to me." She enjoyed day trips with him often and loved him deeply. She would say with a smile, "they said it would never last and look at us now!" Donna is the proud grandmother of five grandchildren: Isaiah Lane, Jasmine Constant, Landon Lane, Andrew Constant, and Mairin Lane. She loved spoiling them on Christmas mornings and always made every event special. She loved her family and gave of herself tirelessly with her kids, grandkids, and husband.

Donna enjoyed long talks with her son one on one anytime she got the chance and gave priceless input and advice. She enjoyed creating dollhouses, most recently having completed several with her dear friend Nita. She put together and painted a restaurant, two cabins, several houses and even a church which she has on display in her home. Donna held many friends close to her heart including her church family at New Hope.

Her daughter Stephanie preceded her in death March 30, 2020. Donna expressed a joy in knowing God and knowing she had a place to go in her eternal rest. She was ready.

She leaves behind her husband, sister, son, and five grandchildren.

A Visitation will be held Friday, March 29, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m. with a Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. at Sandridge New Hope Baptist Church, 15777 E. Oakford Ave., Petersburg, Illinois 62675. Interment will follow at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in memory of Donna at Sandridge New Hope Baptist Church.

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, Illinois is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Laurel Hill Cemetery

1105 E Laurel Ave
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2986

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sandridge New Hope Southern Baptist Church
15777 E. Oakford Ave.
Petersburg, IL

Funeral Service

MAR 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna Mae Johnson



Hurley Funeral Home - March 28, 2024 at 02:26 PM

DF

“ Praying for the family--so sorry for your loss. My memories of Donna are from 8th grade through high school. We were in plays and attended church together. I thought she was extremely talented--a creative genius in a way. She was really fun and liked to make people laugh. I picture her in her youth, full of energy and very sweet. I know she adored her parents and I picture her reuniting with them. From facebook, I saw her devotion to her family. It's always hard to hear of a friend and classmate passing but I know she is with the Lord (and entertaining her friends and family!)

Dawn Futia - April 02, 2024 at 08:32 PM

PG

“ Patricia Gilbreath lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Johnson



Patricia Gilbreath - March 30, 2024 at 09:20 AM

MW

“ *Loved Donna. So sorry for your loss.*



Michelle Woods - March 29, 2024 at 07:06 PM

RQ

“ *RON QUINONES lit a candle in memory of Donna Johnson*



RON QUINONES - March 28, 2024 at 02:45 PM

KA

“ *Kat lit a candle in memory of Donna Johnson*



Kat - March 28, 2024 at 01:01 PM

LH

“ *Larry Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Donna Johnson*



Larry and Mary Hundt - March 28, 2024 at 09:55 AM

DW

“ *Dan Chris Wilson lit a candle in memory of Donna Johnson*



Dan and Chris Wilson - March 28, 2024 at 09:02 AM

CF

“ *crystal felles lit a candle in memory of Donna Johnson*



crystal felles - March 28, 2024 at 08:41 AM

RB

“ *Sending my condolences to Donna's family and all who loved her. I haven't seen Donna in years, so I love seeing all of these pictures of her! She was a wonderful person.*

Rita Badger - March 28, 2024 at 05:54 AM

CH

“ *Cheryl Hahn lit a candle in memory of Donna Johnson*



Cheryl Hahn - March 27, 2024 at 10:02 PM

JT

“ *jennifer trimpe lit a candle in memory of Donna Johnson*



jennifer bryant trimpe - March 27, 2024 at 07:16 PM

JC

“ *Julitta Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Donna Johnson*



Julitta Carpenter - March 27, 2024 at 06:04 PM

DW

“ *Sorry for your loss* 🙏❤️



Dan and Chris Wilson - March 27, 2024 at 05:20 PM

PZ

“ *Pam Ziegler lit a candle in memory of Donna Johnson*



Pam Peterson Ziegler - March 27, 2024 at 04:45 PM

LT

“ So sorry for your family's loss! She was an incredible person and loved life. She will be missed by many!



Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson - March 27, 2024 at 04:32 PM

RF

“ rebecca France lit a candle in memory of Donna Johnson



rebecca France - March 27, 2024 at 03:47 PM

NE

“ Nancy Elliott lit a candle in memory of Donna Johnson



Nancy Elliott - March 27, 2024 at 03:11 PM

LM

“ Lynne McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Donna Johnson



Lynne McDaniel - March 27, 2024 at 02:57 PM

SS

“ So sorry for the families loss. Donna was a very caring person. I am sure she will be missed.
Susan Brown Showalter



Susan Brown Showalter - March 27, 2024 at 02:48 PM

AB

“ AJ Burgett lit a candle in memory of Donna Johnson



AJ Burgett - March 27, 2024 at 02:16 PM

JB

“ She was always such a sweet woman who always talked to me when she saw me! I went to school with Stephanie and loved her dearly! Am so sorry!



Jennifer (Markley) Brooks - March 27, 2024 at 02:03 PM

LC

“ Lanette Richard Crum lit a candle in memory of Donna Johnson



Lanette and Richard Crum - March 27, 2024 at 01:34 PM

RL

“ 11 files added to the album *Memories of Donna*



Rod Lane - March 27, 2024 at 01:04 PM

WF

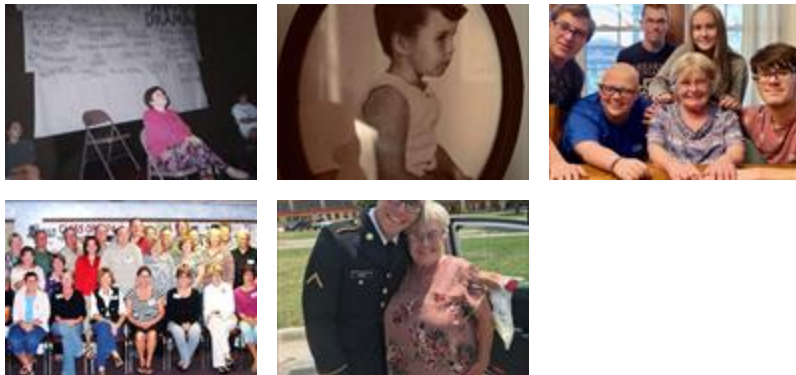
“ Wismer family purchased the *Sweet Tenderness* for the family of Donna Mae Johnson.



Wismer family - March 27, 2024 at 12:30 PM

RL

“ 17 files added to the album *Memories of Donna*



Rod Lane - March 27, 2024 at 12:22 PM

BL

“ *Brad Melody Lynn lit a candle in memory of
Donna Johnson*



Brad & Melody Lynn - March 27, 2024 at 11:39 AM