



Dawn Johnson

January 21, 1947 - March 27, 2020

Dawn Johnson, 73, of Arnolds Park, Iowa died On March 27, 2020 at Every Step Hospice- Kavanagh House in Des Moines, Iowa.

She was born on January 21, 1947 in St. Paul, Minnesota to Vern Robert Foss and Elizabeth Foss (Gill). Her father passed away when she was a child and her beloved 'Papa' - Albert McNary, married her mother in 1955.

She graduated from Nevada High School in 1965 and was an art student at the University of Iowa and later joined a group of fellow artists for a distinguished fellowship in New York City, New York.

She married James Hanzlick and raised three children in Shenandoah, Iowa (Heather, Justin and Keri). In 1989, she married Paul Johnson and moved to Arnolds Park Iowa where she continued to live out her years.

Dawn was a brilliant fine art artist, peace\human rights activist, passionate lover of nature/environment, immensely civically engaged and huge Iowa Hawkeye fan. A beloved wife and mother, Dawn was especially nurturing and loving to family and friends. She adored music and dancing, cooking, history of the British isles, and gardening. All remember her beautiful smile, charming/witty sense of humor, gracious way and uncommonly generous spirit.

Survivors include - husband, Paul A Johnson (Arnolds Park, Iowa); daughter Heather E Hanzlick-Jaacks and husband Rick Hanzlick-Jaacks (Winona, Mn); daughter Keri M Hanzlick (Waukee, Iowa); stepson Chad Johnson (Lincoln, NE) and step-granddaughter Samantha Johnson; step-daughter Kate Livingston, husband Rob Livingston (Council Bluffs, Iowa) and step-granddaughters Emma, Isabel, and Greta Livingston.

Dawn was preceded in death by her son Justin A Hanzlick, and her parents.

Due to circumstances related to the Coronavirus, the family we will be holding a private family interment and then a celebration of life will be announced at a later date. Memorials may be made in Dawn's name and directed to the family at PO Box 272, Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360

Tribute Wall

ML

“ Dawn and I both were in the class of 1965, graduating from Nevada High School.
She was one of the nicest and prettiest girls in our class. She will be greatly missed
by her fellow classmates. I am deeply saddened by the news of her passing.
R.I.P. Dawn.

Murray Lounsberry - July 01, 2020 at 11:38 PM

KS

“ My deepest sympathy to Paul and Dawn’s family. My husband and I were classmates of Dawn’s in High School and I always considered Dawn a dear friend even though I hadn’t seen her since her Mother’s funeral many years ago. She was a beautiful, dear friend for many years. We had some wonderful times together in school. My condolences to all of you.

Kae (Robertson) Stratton - July 01, 2020 at 06:23 PM

DW

“ Doris Welle lit a candle in memory of Dawn Johnson



Doris Welle - April 09, 2020 at 01:08 PM

KS

“ *Karen Ridenour Stoller lit a candle in memory of Dawn Johnson*



Karen Ridenour Stoller - April 07, 2020 at 01:14 PM

CP

“ *Cheryl Petersen lit a candle in memory of Dawn Johnson*



Cheryl Petersen - April 02, 2020 at 10:13 AM

LD

“ *Dawn was a very special person in the lives of our family in Chicago IL. We are grateful for our family coming together many years ago and sharing the beauty and wits given to us from Dawn. We send oceans of love and hugs to Heather, Paul, Keri, and Rick. Lenette and your Chicgo family.*



Lenette Davis - April 02, 2020 at 05:27 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dawn Johnson.*



April 01, 2020 at 11:31 PM

AH

“ Annette And Bill Huse lit a candle in memory of Dawn Johnson



Annette and Bill Huse - April 01, 2020 at 08:47 PM

JG

“ Dawn Elizabeth became a close friend to my folks, Hale & Winnie Greenleaf in the early 80's. In fact, Dawn and Paul were united in holy matrimony in the living room of the Greenleaf home. The friendship that was forged lasted for many years. Dawn is now reunited with Justin and other family along with Hale & Winnie. May God grant Dawn Elizabeth eternal rest and May his loving arms be around Paul, Heather, Kerri, Chad and Kate as they deal with the grieving process. God bless you all.

John A. 'JAG' Greenleaf - April 01, 2020 at 08:16 PM

JH

“ Paul and family keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers on the loss of your wife, mother, grandmother and sister. May you always remember the good times and cherish the memories. John & Linda Higgins



John Higgins - April 01, 2020 at 07:32 PM

KL

“ She was a loving and generous Grandmother to four very lucky little girls. They were gifted with books and stuffed animals that made their worlds feel magical.

Kate Livingston - April 01, 2020 at 07:18 PM

JS

“ Dawn was and will always be one of the most beautiful, loving and caring friends a person could ever ask for. And yes a little ornery on occasion. I will miss her always. My love and hugs to the family.

Judy Sitzmann - April 01, 2020 at 07:04 PM

JB

“ Jaime Berning lit a candle in memory of Dawn Johnson



Jaime Berning - April 01, 2020 at 06:47 PM

JM

“ Dawn was one of the kindest and sweetest souls that I ever had the pleasure of meeting! Sympathy to her beloved family and know that she left a soft spot on many hearts.



Jen Munsen - April 01, 2020 at 04:48 PM