



Kathleen M. Johnson

March 17, 1945 - March 4, 2019

Kathleen Marie Kelleher Johnson, 73, of Okoboji, passed away on Monday, March 4, 2019 at Keelson Harbour in Spirit Lake.

A memorial mass will be held at a 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford. Burial will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday in the St. Margaret's Cemetery in Spirit Lake.

Kathleen was born on March 17, 1945 in Fort Dodge, IA to John D. and Mary Elizabeth Kelleher.

She graduated from North High School in Phoenix, AZ and attended college in Phoenix.

She later returned to the Lakes area and worked as a professional executive assistant.

Kathleen was united in marriage to Paul Johnson on May 29, 1998 in Phoenix, AZ.

Kathleen was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford, IA. In her free time, she enjoyed playing cards and was an avid duplicate bridge player. She enjoyed spending time outdoors, tending to her flower garden and working on landscaping projects. Kathleen had a special passion for dogs, and especially loved her dog Bella.

Kathleen will be fondly remembered for her great sense of humor and the fact that she was not only full-blooded Irish but born on St. Patrick's Day as well.

She is survived by her husband Paul Johnson of Okoboji, and four stepchildren: Melanie Johnson of Santa Barbara, CA; Lance Johnson (Cindy)

of Fairfax, VA; Melissa Johnson Cantrell (Don) of Coralville, IA; and Kristi Johnson of Santa Barbara, CA; 2 step grandchildren Alex Johnson and Nicole Johnson. She is also survived by brothers Travis Kelleher of San Francisco, CA; Denis Kelleher of Okoboji; and sister Molly Kelleher McEnnis of Phoenix, AZ.

She was preceded in death by her parents and older sister Patricia Kelleher Melcher.

Cemetery Details

St. Margaret's Cemetery

Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Previous Events

Service

APR **27**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1301 Okoboji Ave.
Milford, IA 51351

Tribute Wall

DK

“ I got to know Kathy when she moved back to Fort Dodge to be near her aunts and uncles. She was my husband Tim’s cousin. We had many fun bridge games. We are all shocked and disappointed to just now learn of her death. My mother-in-law had remained close to her until the last few years when she hadn’t heard from her. Our sympathy to the rest of her family.

Deb Kelleher - August 17, 2019 at 03:25 PM

RC

“ Roger And Nancy Cook lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. Johnson



Roger and Nancy Cook - April 26, 2019 at 10:23 PM

KW

“ *Kathy was a very dear friend of my mom, Marge Hall. Mom and Kathy traveled to many bridge tournaments together and always had such fun!!*

Mom was bridge partners and dear friends for years with Paul's first wife, Joan. You know that bridge group are a real circle of close friends!! (You wouldn't always know it at tournament time. HAHA) Seriously, they are great sports and fun loving folks!

I don't think there could have been anyone happier than Mom, when Kathy and Paul got together. Kathy just glowed with happiness! She loved Paul beyond measure!!

In turn, Paul's love and devotion to Kathy was beyond measure! When her health turned for the worse, Paul's loving dedication to her well being was a credit to his devotion to their marriage vows! A true inspiration!

Our family always thought the world of Paul & Kathy! We will miss Kathy's sweet smile, and fun loving "Irish" attitude toward life! May you RIP dear friend!!!!

Kris & Ron Walker

Kristine Walker - April 24, 2019 at 10:41 AM

BK

“ *I knew Kathy through bridge, always enjoyed playing with her, one of my favorite partners. Marlene Kelley*

Bernard Kelley - March 10, 2019 at 06:01 PM

RB

“ Paul and family, sending my heartfelt sympathies to you. I enjoyed working with her at Berkleys , she always had a smile for everyone! Keeping you in my prayers.



Rosemary Booth - March 08, 2019 at 03:10 PM

SH

“ So sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. She always had a bright smile and kind word when we saw each other. RIP sweet lady.



Sandy Haht - March 08, 2019 at 08:09 AM

CP

“ I am sorry for the loss of Kathy. She always had a smile and a kind word.
Cyndy Powers



Cyndy Powers - March 07, 2019 at 05:03 PM

DR

“ Dianne Roberts lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. Johnson



Dianne Roberts - March 07, 2019 at 04:53 PM

JA

“ *Kathy was a wonderful neighbor and a special friend to our family. She was always smiling and a joy to be around. We loved her and she will surely be missed by many. May she rest in peace with her Heavenly Father.*

Jean Ahrens - March 07, 2019 at 09:38 AM

RC

“ *Ron And Sharon Crowley lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. Johnson*



Ron and Sharon Crowley - March 06, 2019 at 11:19 PM

MR

“ *Marjorie Roelofsen lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. Johnson*



Marjorie Roelofsen - March 06, 2019 at 10:09 PM

VE

“ *Voanne Edwards lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. Johnson*



Voanne Edwards - March 06, 2019 at 06:27 PM

VE

Kathy was a very special person full of love and life. She will be greatly missed.

Voanne Edwards - March 06, 2019 at 06:29 PM

MR

May God rest her soul. She will be missed.

Marjorie Roelofsen - March 06, 2019 at 10:10 PM

RB

“*Rosemary Booth lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. Johnson*



Rosemary Booth - March 06, 2019 at 03:02 PM

MR

“*Mary Kay Rolling lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. Johnson*



Mary Kay Rolling - March 06, 2019 at 04:49 AM

SR

“*Susan Reiser lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. Johnson*



Susan Reiser - March 05, 2019 at 11:16 PM

MT

“ *Marlin & Tracy Theye lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. Johnson*



Marlin & Tracy Theye - March 05, 2019 at 09:48 PM

MN

“ *Marlys Nolan lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. Johnson*



Marlys Nolan - March 05, 2019 at 12:22 PM