



## Georgene "Jean" Johnson

February 22, 1939 - March 20, 2015

Georgene 'Jean' (White) Johnson

Jean Johnson, 76, of Florence, passed away on Friday, March 20, 2015 at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay. She was born on February 22, 1939 at Dickinson County Hospital and was the first-born child of the late George and Lillian (Derosier) White. Jean spent her childhood growing up in Florence with her parents, sister and three brothers. Her childhood years were spent doing housework, gardening, chopping wood, fishing and taking long walks with her best friend Olive. In high school she participated in the Glee, Pep and Nature Clubs, and played clarinet in the band marching in local parades and at Florence Bobcat football games.

Jean married her first love David Bowser, Sr. on March 2, 1957. That same year she graduated from Florence High School, became a mother and moved to Iron River where she stayed home to take care of their son while her husband worked as a miner. By 1961, the family moved back to Florence, Wisconsin where two more sons were born.

In 1967, the family of five moved to Neenah, WI. To learn more about the community, Jean volunteered as a 'pink lady' at Theda Clark Hospital helping out during night shifts and weekends. In 1969, Jean began working as a Crossing Guard for the Neenah Police Department. During this time, she took classes to sharpen up her shorthand and typing skills. In 1972, Jean was

hired as an Admitting Clerk for Theda Clark Hospital. She worked in this position for 9 years and then transferred to a Medical Records role at the hospital.

In 1982, Jean divorced her husband and moved back to Florence. There she worked three jobs to support herself. She worked as a full-time secretary for the Aging Unit at the Senior Center and as a nurse's aide at the Florence Nursing Home. She filled in the gaps of her weeks working as a waitress. It was while she was waitressing that she met her second love, Bob Johnson.

In 1985, Jean and Bob exchanged vows at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Kingsford with their joint families in attendance. After marriage, they relocated to a beautiful log home in the outskirts of Suamico where Bob worked at the local logging mill, while Jean kept house and in her caring manner, periodically provided in-home hospice care to local woman and waitressed at the local truck stop where she learned to make yummy fruit pies. The Suamico home provided many fondly-remembered events with their children and grandchildren in attendance.

In 1996, Bob and Jean retired and moved back to Florence to enjoy their senior years. During this time, Jean continued to assist others as she delivered meals on wheels and waitressed part time at the Black Bear bar and restaurant. She also enjoyed reading, gardening and cooking 'big' meals for visiting family members.

In 2009, Jean authored and illustrated two non-fictional children storybooks; she dedicated the books to her grandchildren and great grandchildren. In the fall of 2014, Bob passed away and her nights became lonelier.

Jean spent her entire lifetime caring for others by sharing her love, support and internal strength with family and friends. Her children, grandchildren and

extended family and friends admire, enjoy and love her as Mother, Grandma Jean and simply Jean.

Jean is survived by three sons, David (Pat) Bowser of Neenah; Michael (Becky Smith) Bowser of Luxemburg; Scott (Jean Worzella) Bowser of Wisconsin Rapids; two step daughters, Kathy Jo Johnson of Appleton and Robin Johnson of Las Vegas; grandchildren: Wesley (Megan) Bowser, Derek (Danni) Bowser, Kyle (Amanda) Bowser, Ryan Bowser, Alik Love, Tayla Love; June (Rueben) Contreras and Kristy Rochon; great grandsons, Wyatt, Marshall, Caden, Paxton and Austin Bowser, Emma, Matt, Nicholas and Alexis Contreras; sister, Bonnie Witt of Colorado, brother Daryl 'Butch' (Diane) White of Niagara, sister in law, Janell White of Florence and many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Robert Johnson, and her brother and sister in law Robert (Jackie) White and brother Jerold White.

Visitation is scheduled for Saturday, March 28 from 10:00-12:00pm at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. Memorial services will follow at 12:00pm at the funeral home. Rev. Thomas Mackey will officiate. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Florence.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Georgean Johnson online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Cemetery

3479 Montgomery Lake Road  
Florence, WI 54121

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 28. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Memorial Service

MAR 28. 12:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Avenue  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801  
(906) 774-7676  
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ Mom,

*There are no words big enough to hold what you meant to me. You were my first home, my first teacher, my steady place in every storm. Your love shaped who I am, and your strength carried me through more than you'll ever know.*

*You taught me kindness by living it. You showed me patience by giving it. You showed me what unconditional love looks like every single day.*

*I will miss your voice, your smile, and the comfort of knowing you were just a phone call away. But I carry you with me — in my heart, in my memories, and in the way I try to treat others with the same grace you gave so freely.*

*Thank you for loving me the way you did. Thank you for being my mom.*

*Until we meet again,  
I love you always. 💜*

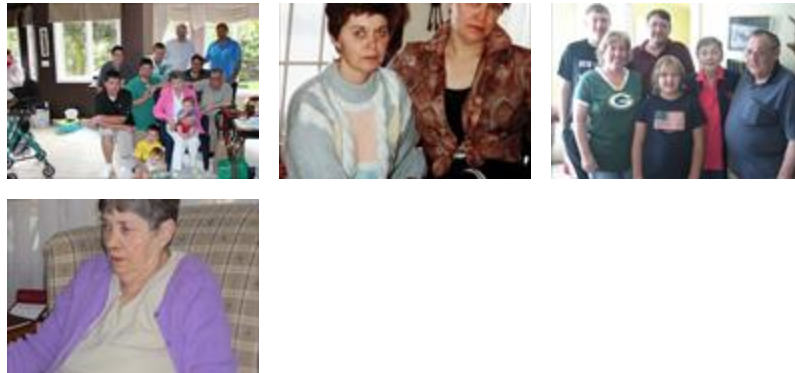
*Your son,  
Scott*

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**Scott Bowser** - February 21 at 07:42 PM

SB

“ 4 files added to the album Mom



Scott Bowser - February 21 at 07:31 PM

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“ olive brolin quist purchased the Sweet Tendernes  
s for the family of Georgene "Jean" Johnson.



olive brolin quist - March 27, 2015 at 03:28 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the  
family of Georgene "Jean" Johnson.



March 26, 2015 at 01:08 PM

WT

“ WSP sales management team. purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Georgene "Jean" Johnson.



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**WSP sales management team.** - March 26, 2015 at 09:26 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Georgene "Jean" Johnson.



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March 24, 2015 at 09:58 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Georgene "Jean" Johnson.



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March 23, 2015 at 09:26 PM

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**Pat Bowser** - March 23, 2015 at 07:02 PM

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**Pat Bowser** - March 23, 2015 at 07:01 PM

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**Pat Bowser** - March 23, 2015 at 06:44 PM

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“ *OLIVE QUIST lit a candle in memory of Georgene "Jean" Johnson*



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**OLIVE QUIST** - March 23, 2015 at 12:02 PM

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*I will miss my dear friend so much. So many good memories with her. She really was a very good person. We kept in touch all of our lives. Condolence to all the family. I shall never forget you Jean..*

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**OLIVE QUIST** - March 23, 2015 at 12:07 PM

PB

*Hi Olive, Your friendship meant a lot to her - we updated the obituary with her story and you are mentioned in the first paragraph. My husband Dave met you a few years ago when you were both visiting the cemetery. We hope to see you Saturday. Thanks for your memories and love.*

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**Pat Bowser** - March 23, 2015 at 07:07 PM

RJ

*“ I will miss talking with Jean as I called her each evening after my Dad died to say Good-night and make sure she was okay. She enjoyed our talks and we spent many hours laughing and talking about many different topics. I take comfort that we always ended our conversations by telling each other that we loved each other so that was the last thing I said to her. I can picture her dancing in Heaven with my Dad now that they are together again. I know how much she missed him. But I will miss her also. Robin*

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**Robin Johnson** - March 23, 2015 at 01:39 AM