

Joan Carol "Joannie" Flink

April 6, 1932 - June 15, 2015

Joan "Joannie" Carol (Johnson) Flink, 83, of Norway passed away peacefully on Monday, June 15, 2015, after a short illness surrounded by her family.

She was born April 6, 1932, in Norway, MI., daughter of the late Einar and Ida "Bernice" (Gustafson) Johnson.

Joan attended school in Norway and graduated from Norway High School, class of 1950. She then attended Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan. She married Charles "Chuck" Flink on June 21, 1952, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Norway. Chuck preceded her in death on June 14, 1978.

Joan and Chuck moved to Pittsburgh, PA in 1969 and Joan returned to Norway in 1980 after Chuck's death.

She worked at Ebeling's in Norway until the death of her brother, Larry "Hairdo" Johnson. She then helped her sister-in-law Marybelle Johnson care for her four children, Leanne, Brock, Kristen, and Kevin whom she loved and cared for as her own.

She was an active member of Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh, PA and Bethany Lutheran Church in Norway later renamed Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. She served as the church Treasurer and was on the altar

guild.

She was a member of the Oak Crest golf course for many years. She enjoyed golfing with her friends and having a beer after their round of golf. She loved to bake and everyone raved about her “pumpkin bars”. She played cards for years, and always looked forward to playing with her 500 Club.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Larry Johnson and infant twin brothers, Terry and Teddy Johnson and three sisters, Rita Anderson, Lois Whitford, and Nancy Curiel.

She leaves three sons, Frederick Flink (Grace Holleman) of Norway, James “Ted” Flink (Nancy) of Cary, NC, Patrick Flink (Bonnie) of Cranberry Township, PA; three daughters, Jane (Roch) Carter of Mequon, WI, Julie (John) Hepner of Dayton, OH, and Sally (Chris) McDonald of Dorr, MI; a brother Robert Johnson of Norway; and two sisters, Sally (Robert) Zanoni of Milwaukee and Shirley (David) Oberthaler of Kingsford, MI; Grandchildren, Brian (Jacquelyn) Flink, Jason Flink, Ashley Hepner, Brittany Hepner, Madison McDonald, Natalie McDonald, Vincent Carter, Matthew Carter, Monica Carter, Susie Moore, Larry Bowman, Sara Jason, and Theresa Schultz; Great-grand children, Meghan Schultz, Marissa Schultz, Alona Hepner, Tanner Hepner, and Evan Carter.

The visitation will be held on Friday, June 19, 2015 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Norway. The funeral service will follow at 12:00 noon at the church. Rev. Dr. Michael Langlais and Rev. John T. Voelker, Ph.D will officiate.

Burial will be in Norway Township Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established in her memory to Good

Shepherd Lutheran Church in Norway.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Joan "Joannie" Flink online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Norway Twp. Cemetery

Norway, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **19**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Good Shepard Lutheran Church
805 Iron St.
Norway, MI 49870

Funeral Service

JUN **19**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Good Shepard Lutheran Church
805 Iron St.
Norway, MI 49870

Tribute Wall



“ So very sad to hear of Joannie's death. It was a joy to have her across from my parents home for many years. I would stop in whenever in Norway and always had such a wonderful visit. Many stories and history that we shared. Love and prayer to the family.

Jim Holmberg

James Holmberg - July 13, 2015 at 02:41 PM



“ I will miss our phone calls. May you rest in peace dear friend. I still miss our tea breaks & baked goodies. Can never replace those days. You will be in my heart. Carol Dulik

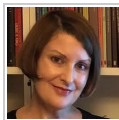
Carol Dulik - June 20, 2015 at 10:19 AM



“ Monica Carter lit a candle in memory of Joan Carol "Joannie" Flink



Monica Carter - June 20, 2015 at 05:45 AM



Dear Jane and the Flink family, I am so truly sorry for your loss. It's obvious what a giving and loving woman she was. My sympathy and prayers are with you. How wonderful that all of you are together to celebrate her life! With All My Thoughts and Sympathy, Monica

Monica Carter - June 20, 2015 at 05:49 AM

JR

“ Great picture of Aunt Joanie. I can just hear her talking. Thinking of you all and remembering all the good memories of times in Coleraine, at the lake and in Norway. Jean Thompson-Remsbecker

Jean & Art Remsbecker - June 19, 2015 at 11:32 PM

JT

“ Jim T. purchased the Heavenly and Harmony for the family of Joan Carol "Joannie" Flink.



Jim T. - June 19, 2015 at 11:14 AM

AO

“ A very sad loss, such a wonderful and caring woman. I will miss my visits with you Joannie and the wonderful dinners you have made for me over the years. You have six wonderful children and one of them (Sally Jo) I consider my best friend. . you raised them all very well and each one of them carry on your love and kindness. God Bless and Rest in Peace Joannie .. you are now reunited with your husband Chuck .. until we meet again.

Amy Orn

Amy Orn - June 19, 2015 at 10:50 AM

FP

“ We were so sorry to hear of Joanies passing. She was such a wonderful person to be around, always a smile on her face and a big hug when I saw her. She will be missed by all who knew her. Know you are all in our prayers and thoughts at this difficult time. Dave & Faith Peterson

Faith Peterson - June 19, 2015 at 09:14 AM

LD

“ To the family of Joan Flink we send our sincere condolences on the loss of your mother - she was a wonderful woman who we knew through the golf course. Joan always had a smile on her face and was very friendly to all and she raised some pretty amazing children! I am sorry we cannot be at her services. Mike and Lisa Dionne

Lisa Dionne - June 19, 2015 at 07:54 AM

DM

“ Words don't come easy at times like this. I know you all will draw strength from each other and from your faith. Joannie welcomed our family into hers with such ease when Chris and Sally married. She was always gracious. She will be missed by so many. Love you to all. Diane & Willy McDonald

Diane McDonald - June 18, 2015 at 07:12 PM

JC

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JC - June 18, 2015 at 04:45 PM

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The "Flink" Girls! Julie, Sally, mom, & Jane

JC - June 18, 2015 at 04:46 PM

SS

Janie, all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. I know you have so many wonderful memories. I'm sorry I never got to meet your Mom but I feel that I know her. Love, Sunny.

sunny stout - June 18, 2015 at 11:11 PM

JC

Sunny, Thank you!

JC - June 18, 2015 at 11:24 PM

RU

*This is a very beautiful picture for all of you to cherish.
Love, Ruth*

Ruth Usher - June 19, 2015 at 08:19 AM

JB

I am thinking about you during this difficult time. Your Mother sounded like such an incredible lady and this does not surprise me.

Joanne Bertrand

Joanne Bertrand - June 19, 2015 at 03:01 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of
Joan Carol "Joannie" Flink.*



June 18, 2015 at 02:22 PM

LG

“ Love, The Smith Girls purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joan Carol "Joannie" Flink.



Love, The Smith Girls - June 18, 2015 at 02:10 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joan Carol "Joannie" Flink.



June 18, 2015 at 09:59 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Carol "Joannie" Flink.



June 18, 2015 at 09:44 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan Carol "Joannie" Flink.



June 17, 2015 at 11:20 PM