



Paulette Johnson

January 5, 1948 - January 5, 2011

Paulette Johnson, 63, of 318 Westwood Ave. Kingsford, died peacefully in her home surrounded by family on January 5, 2011. Paulette was born on November 15, 1947, daughter of the late Karl and Claire (Wiersig) Vierck. She was born, raised and graduated from high school in the Milwaukee area.

Paulette married Ken Johnson on October 24, 1970 in Milwaukee. She has been a resident of this area for the past thirty three years. Paulette was a successful business woman and together with Ken operated Matco tools and Ken Johnson Chevrolet in Crystal Falls for many years. For the past few years she has enjoyed working as a cashier for Super One Foods in Iron Mountain. Some of her customers were known to wait in line a little longer just to talk to Paulette. She loved her customers and helping others. Paulette was a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, the ladies guild, alter guild, praise team and church choir. In addition to various other church activities Paulette enjoyed floral arranging. She most enjoyed spending time with her family and loved ones. Her gift was a loving spirit and sharing her faith in Jesus Christ with others.

Paulette is survived by her husband, Ken; daughters, Kimberly (Jon) Johnson-Rockafellow of Milwaukee and Kristin (John) Johnson-Perlock of Waterloo, Ontario; brother, Kenneth (Stephanie) Vierck of Milwaukee and twin brother, Paul (Cathy) Vierck of Milwaukee; sisters, Donna (Joe) Bujka, Julianne Stika,

Charlene (Frank) Stawicki, Naydene (Dave) Dargiewicz and Marylee Vierck all of Milwaukee.

Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00pm on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011 at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. The funeral service will be on Friday Jan. 7, at 11:00am at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Kingsford. Rev. Chad Ott will officiate.

Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Paulette Johnson online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
420 W. Breitung Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

CO

“ No matter what kind of day anyone was having Paulette always made it better. Just her smile, her wink, her gentle words brought a calm to you. Her smile, laughter and gentleness will live on in many memories that will be cherished forever. Her faith in God was so evident in everything she did. She is with Our Father and shining down on all of us. When you need that little something to make your day better, just look up and you will see her smiling at you. God Bless you Paulette.

Cheryl Tramontin - Friend and Co-Worker at Super On - January 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ You have my deepest sympathy. Paulette was a wonderful person who will be sadly missed. I was the manager at C.J.'s Ultimate Outlet when I first met her. She always had a smile and a friendly greeting for all. After the store closed I looked forward to grocery shopping just to get to chat with her. I will always have fond memories of her. God bless you and keep you.

Connie Bailey - Kingsford, MI - friend - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Paulette was a beautiful woman with a heart of gold. She touched many lives as well as mine. She was a great friend and a wonderful witness of faith. She was a good friend to me in my time when I needed a friend to listen. For that I will always be thankful. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers, and I apologize that I couldn't make her funeral. I moved out of state. Again I am so sorry for your loss,

Amanda Reese James - friend and co worker - January 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I'm very sad to hear of Paulette's passing, but thankful for the times we met, and for all the happiness she brought to Kristin and Kim. My thoughts and prayers continue to be with Ken and the rest of her family.

Brent Gohde - Milwaukee, WI - Family friend - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ We always enjoyed bumping into Paulette here and there around town, most recently at Super One when shopping. We have many memories of swim meets and trips to meets when all of our kids were swimming. Those are good memories. We had a good group in those days. We were saddened to hear of her illness and passing but know that she trusted Jesus and we know we will see her again. That undoubtedly is a great comfort to you too. Again, all our sympathy to all of your family.
Tony and Sandi Adams

Anthony and Sandra Adams - Quinnesec, MI - friend - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Ken, Kim, Kristin and family,

My prayers are with you all as you cope with your loss. I will miss Paulette's smile and conversation at Super One. She was an efficient worker and I knew she would check me through quickly. However, I chose her line for the conversation and because she had a warm, caring presence that always made me feel special. She could actually make each person feel that they made her day better rather than the opposite. It was really her who was making her customers' days better. She knew just what to say and was always so kind. We met years ago in aerobics and then saw each other over the years during swim meets and tennis meets. I'm glad I had those times to get to know her.

Alice Reed - Iron Mountain, MI - friend - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Ken, Kimberly and Kristin, I was so sorry to hear of Poaulette passing. I have so many fond memories of Paulette. The one that sticks out the most is when I taught her how to drive over twenty years ago. She was nervous but excited. Out we went on the main streets of town. I have to say there was tension in the car but once we got passed the nerves, nail biting and alot of braking, we had alot of laughs. It took a week but she passed with flying colors. I am sure she will be doing alot of teaching to others where God wants her to be, with Him. Paulette surely will be missed by all. Remember Ken, Paulette is not gone, she is just away. Sylvia and Tom Hammond

Sylvia Hammond - Kingsford, MI - Friend - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ I only knew Paulette for 10 years but its like i knew her forever. She just had such a way about her you just had to love her. She will be missed by a lot of people. We will miss her at our girls weekend, she always made everyone smile. We will miss you girl. One of your ABR girls. Alice

Alice Messner - Crystal Falls, MI - friend - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Dear Ken and family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this challenging time. May the Holy Spirit continue to sustain you as you adjust to life without Paulette, beloved wife and mother.

*In Christ,
John and Lorna Anderson*

Lorna Anderson - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Ken, Kimberly, and Kristen,

We are so very, very sorry to learn of Paulette's passing. We have lost a sweet, beautiful, woman of God but we can rejoice in the knowledge of her salvation. I pray that you are feeling the comfort of God's presence as you go through this valley.

Lee and I are in Gulf Shores AL for the month of January so we will be unable to come for her funeral. I am so sorry that we cannot be there.

Proverbs 31: 28-31 NIV

*28 Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:*

*29 "Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all."*

*30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.*

*31 Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.*

*Barb and Lee Carlson
Plover WI*

Barbara Carlson - Plover, WI - friend - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Paulette was always a joy to talk to in the breakroom at work. She was such a lovely person. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. My prayers are with her family during this sad time. Paulette is now resting peacefully with God.

Stacy Iverson - Co-Worker - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ I was one of those shoppers who waited in line at SuperOne for a chance to chat with Paulette. We would share stories about our daughters. David and I will think of you all whenever we take a ride in the old truck. Kristen, Katy sends her love.
Nancy and Dave Molinare

Nancy Molinare - Kingsford, MI - Friend - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ My heart breaks for the family of dear Paulette at this time. What a blessing she was to everyone who met her - even at the checkout at Super One! I was in a Bible study with Paulette years ago, and enjoyed her friendship and her cheerful and sweet demeanor all the time. She definitely exhibited the love of God wherever she was. God bless each of you with strength and peace as you go through this sad time together. Know you are being upheld in prayer.

Sonja Johnson - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Paulette was someone who always looked for the good in everyone. I will never meet anyone like her again I am sure. She was so proud of her family she always had her beautiful smile for everyone. I am so lucky to have known her wished we lived closer we became friends at church and Sunday school when we were little . She was always close to her church and had such a strong faith from little on. She stood up for our wedding and when I changed to Catholic she understood why I did it and said to me ... you do what you need to do there is only one God where you pray does not matter but where you pray with your family together does God is the same God and he knows you are there where ever church you are at he hears all our prayers . She was one in a million. You were blessed if you knew Paulette. Gods Speed Paulette and Family you are in my prayers and my thoughts. It was way to soon.

Joy Napierala - Mukwoago , WI - friend - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Paulette's family, I was one of those people who would stand in Paulette's line, she got to know me & I got to know her. She always went out of her way to help the customer no matter what. A year ago I held a benefit for a good friend of mine, Paulette make cookies/bars for the sweet table, came to the benefit and won a prize. She was the type of person that touches your life for a moment but it stays with you forever. She is home with God now. When you see the sun poke out from behind the clouds think of Paulette, the little ray of sunshine. With my deepest sympathies.

Jennifer Flynn - Kingsford, MI - Super One customer - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ I want to extend my sincere sympathy to Ken and his daughters on the loss of of wife. I know you shared many happy memories and will cherish them always.

Jerry Boehmke - Crystal Falls, MI - none - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Our deepest sympathy to Ken and family. May you find peace in all the wonderful memories and love Paulette gave all of us. Gods Blessings, Keith, Adrienne and family

Keith and Adrienne Stachowicz - Crystal Falls , MI - Friend - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Dear Ken and family, Our hearts ache for what you must have gone through during Paulette's illness. Having you there to send her on was your greatest gift. She will always remember your loving faces at her hardest times. Please know that we will think of her often and send our prayers your way. Donald &Adrienne

Donald and Adrienne Cheatham - Crystal Falls, MI - classmate of Ken's -
January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I am so shocked to hear of Paulette's passing.I am in Florida and read the news in the paper. I worked with Paulette in Super One's Deli for a few yrs and she truly was such a wonderful, caring person. She had such a gentle way about her. She will be truly missed by all those who knew her. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of her family. May the love and support of family and friends help to ease the pain and sorrow you are going through and give you Gods comfort and peace. With Sympathy, Debbie Oberdorfer

Debbie Oberdorfer - Kingsford, MI - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

OI

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Paulette Johnson.The Bible calls death an enemy and that's certainly how it strikes us, as an enemy. Take comfort in knowing that the loving God who created us did not want us to suffer in tears of pain. "He will actually swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will certainly wipe the tears from all faces."Isaiah 25:8 I

Olivia Cooper - IL - January 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Although I did not know Paulette well and only knew her as my favorite "checker" at Super One I am saddened to hear the news of her passing. She was a wonderful and kind lady who always put a smile on my face, if there were an available checker, I would stand in line just to say hello to her and always left with her kindness making my day. It was a true honor to have crossed paths with her, she is now in Heaven passing on her smiles and kindness to all. God bless your family at this difficult time, Paulette was truly an Angel on Earth.

Lisa Witynski - Florence, WI - Super One customer - January 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ We have know Paulette for many years, and have never known her to be anything but sweet and gentle, putting others before herself always. I too am a fan of her check-out line. No matter how long it was, I would wait. She always lightened my day. I will miss her dearly. Grocery shopping has not been the same since she left the store. She was a lovely person, and in my world, her gentleness will be greatly missed. Our sympathies to you Kenneth and your lovely family.

Darrel and Cheryl Ehlinger - Norway, MI - friend - January 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ WE ARE VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSE OF YOUR MOTHER AND WIFE.SHE IS LIVING NOW IN PEACE GOD BLESS YOUR FAMILY

greg and lori maas - iron mountain, MI - friend - January 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Nearly 30 years ago I had the pleasure of having Paulette in my aerobics class at the old Westwood School. She was such a sweet person and always so happy. Of late, I've enjoyed talking with her at Super One when I shopped. I actually would choose her line. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. I will miss her smiling face.

Jane Juchemich - Kingsford. - Friend - January 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ I am sorry to hear of Paulettes passing. I was friends with Kristin in grade school and talked to Paulette all of the time at Super One. She was always so kind and asked how my family was, knowing of my own mothers passing almost 3 years ago. She is in good hands. I know you have many wonderful memories of her. She was a wonderful lady. I asked my pastor when my mom died why he took her because she was such a great person. His response was "God only wants the good ones Kristin". This made a lot of sense to me and put things in perspective. It's not fair but she is in a great place.

Kristin (Wahlstrom) Novara - January 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ There are too many memories to write. I will truly miss her. It was always a great and wonderful surprise if she was in Milwaukee when I came to visit. She was one of those people that was a genuinely a truly nice person-I cannot remember her ever saying anything bad about anyone. Ken, Kimberly and Kristin- my heartfelt condolences at your loss. She will be missed by many. She will always have a place in my heart.

Roxanne Wall - niece - January 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM