



Sonja K. Johnson

October 6, 1942 - August 22, 2019

Sonja K. Johnson, 76, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford.

She was born October 6, 1942 in Iron Mountain, daughter of the late Ralph and Sigrid (Hansen) Thorsen. Sonja graduated from Kingsford High School in 1960 and was a lifelong resident of the area. She married Norman Johnson on August 17, 1963 at Immanuel Baptist Church. Sonja had a strong faith and was a very active member of Redemption Hill in Kingsford where she sang in the choir, was involved in the Nursing Home Ministry and was a Sunday School Teacher and AWANA Leader. She enjoyed baking, cake decorating and needlework, especially sewing and cross stitch. Sonja loved reading and was frequently found reading her Bible. Her caring demeanor naturally resonated into serving her family and others. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and will be sadly missed.

Sonja is survived by her husband of 56 years, Norm Johnson; her two sons, Dr. Eric Johnson (Dr. Laura Holcomb) of Oakland, ME and Aaron (Cari) Johnson of Ironton, MN; a daughter, Sonya (Jon) Edlund of Norway, MI; four sisters, Gail Thorsen and Vikki Stephen, both of MD, Cindy (Denny) Lyons of TX and Darlene Thorsen of CO; a brother-in-law, Dr. Sidney (Gloria) Johnson; two sisters-in-law, Lorraine Erickson and Ruth Ann (Frank) Oczus; 8 grandchildren, Cody (Wendy) Johnson, Michaella Johnson, Kyanna Johnson,

Sienna-Rae Johnson, Jonathan Edlund, Andrew Edlund (fiance, Ibiye Amachree), Zachary Edlund (fiance, Lisa Hoekwater) and Bethany Edlund; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her father and mother-in-law, Eddie and Frances Johnson, a brother-in-law, Jim Erickson and two nieces, Jane Schleip and Kara Anderson.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 29 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain and on Friday, August 30 from 10:00 to 11:00 am at Redemption Hill in Kingsford. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 am on Friday at the church. Rev. Ronald Wolfe will officiate. Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Redemption Hill.

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

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

Cemetery Details

Quinnesec Cemetery

Menominee Street
Quinnesec, MI 49876

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

AUG **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Redemption Hill
332 S. Carpenter Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Funeral Service

AUG **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Redemption Hill
332 S. Carpenter Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

MO

“ Our deepest sympathy to each one of you in Sonja's family. My closest contact with Sonja was at the end of March 1972. Both of us were in the old Dickinson Memorial Hospital in adjoining rooms, both of us had just had a baby...she had Sonja, I had Brian. In those days we spent days in the hospital after having a baby (unlike today)...one morning the nurse brought me the most adorable baby girl. I looked at the wrist band, "Johnson girl". I said, "Hey, Sonja, I have the most beautiful baby girl here in my arms...would you mind if I feed her before sending her to you?" She said, "Oh my, no! Please don't feed her, I'm bursting with milk!".
May God give you peace & comfort knowing that someday there will be a grand reunion in heaven with those who have gone before us.

Marie & Gary Osterberg - August 30, 2019 at 11:17 AM

BR

“ I am saddened to see end of life for this beautiful gal who so many decades ago was my neighbor as a child. Your family I held in esteem from across the big garden with our own family tribe. Time has changed so much, especially since surrendering myself to the Lordship of Christ 45 years ago, regretting the aspects of myself & resultant behaviors I regretted I couldn't overcome on my own over time. May God bless & comfort you all as only He can! Becky (Gagnon-LaCourt) Robert

Becky (Gagnon-LaCourt) Robert - August 29, 2019 at 10:16 PM

CT

“ Dear Norman and Family, I was so saddened to hear of Sonja's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with your family today. She was a wonderful person. I am grateful to have grown up with 5 neighbor girls. It was like having my own sisters...God Bless You.
Corrine (Wickman) Thomson

Corrine Thomson - August 28, 2019 at 07:32 PM

CH

“ Dear Norm & Family; Candy & I want you to know that our prayers & condolences go out to all of the family at heaven's gain but our loss of Sonja. She will be missed!
Cary & Candy Hansen

Cary Alan Hansen - August 28, 2019 at 08:46 AM

GD

“ Dear Norman and family, Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and all your family, for the lose of Sonja! I remember the day you were married and I thought that was the best wedding I ever went to and knowing you were related to our family made it more important! Dick and I live in Coconut Creek, Florida an our daughter watches over us even though we aren't that old! We lost Marty on July 10th after being ill for 1 year! Say Hi to your sisters Lorraine, Ruth Ann, and Sidney for us! We are sorry for your loss.
Dick and Gail Dabb & Family

Gail Dabb - August 27, 2019 at 03:45 PM

GL

“ To the family of Sonja,
I graduated with Sonja from Kingsford in 1960. Although I haven't seen her in many years I have fond memories of our younger years. I am sure she will be missed by all who knew her. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. A fellow class mate, Gladalee MCMahon, Lindstrom Kansasville, Wi.

Gladalee MCMahon, Lindstrom - August 27, 2019 at 10:45 AM

JF

“ Dear Norm and family,
My condolences and prayers for you. I would like to express my wishes of sympathy for your loss.
Sincerely,
Jim Fornetti

Jim Fornetti - August 26, 2019 at 05:12 PM

CL

“ Sonja, I will miss you. Your devotion to your family only added to your beauty. You are rejoicing in your new Heavenly home now, but you will not be forgotten by those whose lives you touched while you were with us. Hugs to Norm, Eric, Aaron, Sonya and all their families. My sister will live in our hearts now.

Cindy Lyons - August 26, 2019 at 12:37 PM