



Kathryn C. Johnson

April 7, 1946 - February 16, 2018

Age 71 of Mounds View / Minneapolis

Passed peacefully at home on Feb. 16, 2018.

Kathryn's love of connecting, sharing, and creating experiences will be deeply missed.

Preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Isola Johnson. Survived by her brother, Jim (Cindy) Johnson; and niece, Melissa (Dave) Kohlsdorf, and many beloved extended family and friends.

Memorial Service 12:00 PM Saturday, April 7 at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL Funeral Home, 515 Hwy 96 W., Shoreview (Visitation 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM).

Please consider memorials in lieu of flowers to: Children's Theatre Company
Attn: Development 2400 Third Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55404

Tribute Wall

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“Melissa said it well when she remarked about Kathy, "We have lost our cheerleader". Indeed we have. So many words come to mind when I think of Kathy and two, "enthusiasm" and "joy", stand out for me. Kathy was enthusiastic about life in general and shared that with the rest of us. Whether that enthusiasm was taking a day trip to a pottery festival, traveling all the way to China or accompanying Carol and Rick's boys to Europe, she was genuine in her excitement and joy in making it all happen. She certainly enjoyed many wonderful trips in her lifetime (China, Japan, Europe on several occasions and many times to Connecticut, of course), but when she didn't travel much anymore, she was enthusiastic for her family and friends who could. She lived life with gusto on her own, but took great pleasure in the life experiences of others too. We will miss her.

Don Ofstedal - April 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ She loved spending time with dear friends from work, from Three Fountains, from the Travel Company. You were all her family. And she loved her family. Melissa, I have heard stories about you and your family for decades. I hope you recognize how much each of you meant to her, and how incredibly proud she was of you. And in addition to that love, she had even more to give to the New Prague folks, her Connecticut family, the cousins outstate and across the country, and across the world to Aiko in Japan. I know I can't possibly name everyone in her circle, but if you are reading this - you are indeed one of K's crowd. You may even be wearing an item K picked up for you from Value Village or QVC. She loved her deals and couldn't wait to share them with others. When I pick up the phone to call K, and then stop myself, I am grateful to hear her voice in my head telling some story of her latest brunch or shopping find or connection. So many times she would stop in the middle of a sentence to laugh out loud at the awesomeness of the connection she made to someone or something. K, you are missed! Thank you for your genuine appreciation for life, and your genuine love for each of us as you supported us through our challenges and celebrated our successes. Love, Andy

Andrea Johnson - April 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ After 62 years of friendship, it is hard to imagine a world without you. Springfield, Bemidji, Minneapolis, New Haven, Vermont, Prague, Germany, Tokyo...so many wonderful memories. You will be deeply missed, Kathy...my Minneapolis connection.

Pat Syvertsen - April 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Kathryn loved connections - finding them, creating them, celebrating them. Thank you, K! Your circle is wide and deep. You took pains to really know each of us . . . and our extended families . . . and our friends. . . and friends of friends. :) What a network! That has been your passion. In college at Bemidji K connected folks in her role of coordinating student activities. As a teacher in Little Fork she used Social Studies to explore connections between people, locations and events. Every year she threw out previous plans and started over to ensure that her teaching would be relevant to present day. She wanted her kids to recognize connections so they could learn and grow from them. She coached the cheerleaders . . . more connections, as well as hundreds of miles driving to games and building those relationships, supporting struggles and celebrating successes. She made a second and well-loved career out of travel - her own trips and planning business and pleasure trips for clients, family and friends. And with each step she took, she built her circle of friends. She was in the process of choosing a spot in the western suburbs for the next gathering of high school friends, intentionally spreading out the meeting locations "so it's easier for everyone to feel they are welcome and able to attend." She was planning to "host" the second showing of "The Crown" for her new friends at Real Life to enjoy. continued

Andy Johnson - April 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Kathy had a very natural and enthusiastic smile that was not hard to notice ; Especially when talking about her art work pieces, and antiques that were part of her personal treasures. She loved to share stories about them . Her Smile will be missed.. Rest in peace Kathy

Rob kvilhaug - April 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ So many memories of all the times both myself, my mom (Neta Frykman-Kathryn's 1st cousin) and now my children & husband, have had the good fortune to spend with Kathryn. We all were fortunate to have been able to hear her stories, keeping us up on the lives of other relatives, get advice on travel and be given the treats she would either find or make. No one could find a better deal than Kathryn. I will greatly miss her emails during football season about her heart palpitations while watching games. My whole family will miss seeing her in the summers when we come to visit Minnesota. However, we rejoice in the fact that we were blessed to have her in our lives and knowing that she is in heaven sitting around the table with her parents, my grandparents & mom having coffee and donuts and laughing at one of her stories!!

Lorena - March 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Kathryn is an amazing treasure that I think of often. She always had a smile on her face and had the most amazing stories to share. It was fun to get a new activity started here at Realife with her help, and I will miss her greatly.

Cindy Johnson - March 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Kathy was a great friend and wonderful person. She so enjoyed travel. Both as a world traveler herself and when she was expertly planning travel for others. She always had great stories to share. Kathy was always cheerful and celebrated the positive in life. She will be missed. Rest in peace.

Gail Hanson - March 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM