



Susan M. Johnson

September 21, 1954

Susan M. Johnson (age 70) was born to Avis and Donald Burke of Minneapolis in 1954. At the age of five, a neighbor invited Sue to church and would bring her weekly to Park Advent Christian Church which changed the trajectory of her life. When she was 12, Sue made the best decision of her life and accepted the Lord as her Savior, whom she loved and followed until the day she met Him face-to-face. At the age of 15, she started dating a cute boy at church and in 1973 married her high school sweetheart, Neil, who was by her side until the very end. Sue worked as an Executive Assistant to the President of First Bank until she became a mother to Nicholas, and shortly after, Peter and Liza.

In addition to being a stay-at-home mom to her three incredible children, Sue also managed the bookkeeping for the family business. After her three children had grown, she became the Executive Assistant at New Hope Church where she worked until retirement in 2016. Sue and Neil loved to travel and spent the last several years visiting presidential libraries on their way to warm, sunny destinations across the U.S. Sue also enjoyed her weekly Precepts Bible study at church, lunch with friends, making delicious meals, reading good books and spending time with her family.

After her faith in Christ, her family was her greatest joy. She enjoyed daily calls and drop-in visits with her kids and was the #1 cheerleader at every

sport, play, or school event (which is a lot with 8 grandchildren). She had the best listening ear and was full of wisdom and advice in every situation (whether you wanted that advice or not!) and played that role to dozens of others in her life who looked to her as a friend. Family was the most important thing to Sue, which is reflected in the many gatherings, family dinners, pool parties, spontaneous pizza nights, family vacations, and close-knit bond we all share.

Sue's life wasn't without many health trials, but she faced each with grace and determination and she fought hard through every diagnosis until metastatic pancreatic cancer ultimately brought her home to Jesus less than five weeks after diagnosis. Sue is survived by her loving husband of 52 years, Neil; children Nicholas (Kristi) Johnson, Peter (Jessica) Johnson, and Liza (Paul) Schoolmeesters; eight wonderful grandchildren, Nathanael, Titus, Abigail, Madeline, Greta, Caleb, Hannah, and Isaiah as well as dozens of friends and church community. She is preceded in death by her parents and brother.

Sue's Celebration of Life service will be held at New Hope Church (4225 Gettysburg Ave, New Hope, MN 55428) on Monday, April 21, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. with visitation beginning at 12:30 p.m. Funeral services provided by Washburn-McReavy Funeral Home. Private interment at Glen Haven Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Sue to Camp Nathanael, Hinckley, MN (CampNathanael.com).

Cemetery Details

Glen Haven Memorial Gardens

5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429
(763) 533-8643
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *In His LOVE, Your HCA Theater Family purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Susan M. Johnson.*



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“ *In His LOVE, Your HCA Theater Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan M. Johnson.*

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“ *I have a fun memory of Sue. We attended Jordan Jr high back in the day. We were 9th grade cheerleaders together. Sue was a strong leader with strong opinions. We got along well and even though we could disagree, I admired her confidence! I'm so sorry for your loss. 😭.*

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