



Katherine Louise Johnson

September 26, 1956 - January 31, 2021

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9/26/1956 – 1/31/2021

Died in Sacred Heart Hospital, Pensacola, Florida

Home was at 361 Darla Ct, Gulf Shores, Alabama 36542

Preceded in death: parents Robert and Kay Strough, Fairfield, CA

Surviving Relatives (husband, two sons, one daughter-in-law, three grandchildren, one sister, one sister-in-law and mother-in-law):

Sister is Phyllis Strough (61 years old), Vacaville, CA

Oldest Son is Jeremy M Johnson (2/9/77), West Haven, Utah

Jeremy's wife is Amy Forsberg

Jeremy's daughters are Sophia (10/19/04) and Sabrina (11/23/07) Johnson

Youngest Son is David A Johnson (9/9/78), Lehigh Acres, Florida

David's son is Gabriel Johnson (12/18/02)

Sister-in-law is Jo Ann Henson and her husband Tom Henson, Fairfax, Virginia

Mother-in-law is Mary G Johnson, Daphne, Alabama

Husband is John A Johnson (9/30/54), Gulf Shores, Alabama

Married 46 years, 11/23/1974 – 1/31/2021

Katherine was born on an Air Force Base in Tokyo, and spent the first nine years of her life in Japan. She met me, her future husband John at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, California, where she processed military cargo going to and returning from South Vietnam. We married, and proceeded to spend the next 47 happy years together traveling the world and the country, most of it while I made a career in the United States Air Force.

We honeymooned on Guam (for over a year!), and after returning to the states and the wheat fields of Kansas, we welcomed our first son Jeremy into the world. Katherine was so proud and embraced motherhood completely, deciding this was her most important role in life. Nineteen months later her second son David was born and she was thrilled! She had given me, the love of her life, two sons. She knew there was no higher calling for her than a career in motherhood and homemaking and she raised both boys with an abundance of love and selflessness.

She loved the beach and soon introduced her two toddlers to the Pacific Ocean in Washington State. She loved playing with her little guys in the surf!

Next was South Florida, where Katherine spent many hours on the beach with her elementary school boys. She gave them so many wonderful memories and always watched out for them. Even though she was a dedicated home maker she always looked for ways to add to the family's budget without taking time away from the boys. As an example, when the boys started school she wanted them to go to a Christian School, and she financed it by working in the school's cafeteria.

When we moved to Utah, Katherine enjoyed the mountains and loved

camping

with her family, and always ensured the boys had everything they needed for their high school years. She loved me, Jeremy and David so much, no matter where we lived, she made sure we always got the most out of the experience.

With the boys grown and gone, Katherine fell in love with Northern Virginia. We spent many years exploring caves and parks in the northeast and Washington DC, but she always missed her sons.

She was so proud of Jeremy's new bride Amy. It is unusual for a mother to embrace a daughter-in-law as if she was a daughter, but Katherine did. She never had a single disparaging word; she just loved Amy!

And now Katherine got her second set of gifts, a beautiful grandson Gabriel, and a beautiful granddaughter Sophia. Wow! Another boy and now she had a little girl she could dress up and get dolls and jewelry for!

Looking for a more solitary life, Katherine and I moved to Arkansas and built a country estate tailored for family reunions, with a large amount of land, creek, pool, and everything imaginable to give her son's families lasting memories of their time together. And then surprise! Another wonderful, beautiful granddaughter Sabrina! Twice the dolls and twice the dresses!

After ten years in the country the beach called again, and Katherine and I moved one last time to Gulf Shores, Alabama. She loved the Gulf of Mexico and its beaches and would spend hours watching sea birds and the crashing waves. I know she is running on a beach now. Godspeed, my dearest love!

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spanish Fort
34904 AL-225
Spanish Fort, AL 36577
(251) 625-1338

Tribute Wall

DM

“ *DOMINICK MENDOZA purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Katherine Louise Johnson.*



DOMINICK MENDOZA - February 03, 2021 at 10:36 AM

FM

“ *From United Mechanical purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Katherine Louise Johnson.*



From United Mechanical - February 03, 2021 at 07:41 AM

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“ *While we can only wish that we had memories of Katherine to share, we can only post our regrets in not having the opportunity to get to know her. What we do know is that through our friendship with her loving husband John, we learned how very special she was to him and her sons. We have come to love and respect John through aviation and as airport hangar neighbors. We did get to meet “Kathy” at one point when she was feeling well enough to join John at the airport. Simply lovely! Through John’s love for her we learned of her strength and passions for life. We simply post here to offer our sincere condolences and prayerful thoughts for the entire family. Frank and Liz Butts*

Frank & Liz Butts - February 02, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Katherine Louise Johnson.* ”



February 02, 2021 at 03:48 PM