



Margaret "Peggy" Jane Johnson

September 8, 1954 - April 2, 2024

Margaret "Peggy" Johnson, Age 69, of Lansing passed away on April 2, 2024. Peggy was born September 8, 1954 in Lansing, Michigan to the late Justin G. and Marilyn R. (Murphy) Gehrholz. She graduated from Lansing Catholic High School in the Class of 1972 and went on to receive a Bachelor's Degree from Michigan State University. She worked for the Michigan Legislature for the majority of her career and after retiring worked for Heartland Hospice supporting families and individuals through end-of-life care. Peggy brought a certain calmness and comfort to those she cared for. She enjoyed puzzles, music, gardening, and caring for her two dogs over recent years. She was a devout Catholic and will be missed by the many lives that she touched. She is survived by her children, Danica (Jason) Yerke, Katelyn Johnson, and Spencer Johnson; grandchildren, Kyleigh Kay, Jayden Christine, Makayla Christine, and Egan Allan; sister, Mary (Martin) Blasius along with nieces, Teresa (Jeff) Rabey and Sarah Blasius. Peggy was preceded in death by her daughter, Tarin Christine Johnson.

A private family graveside service will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Lansing. Memorial contributions in Peggy's name may be given to the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48906. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com

Tribute Wall

LF

“ I remember Peggy quite well - we were on the same bowling team in the 80s and early 90s. She had a great sense of humor, was always kind and always a great team player. And she loved her family - always had positive words and funny stories to tell about her kids. I left Lansing many years ago and failed to stay in touch. I'm very saddened to read of her death. Her passing is a tremendous loss for the Lansing community and to those that knew her.

Long Ago Friend - April 08, 2024 at 06:10 PM

NK

“ Peggy was always a very special staff person at the legislature - full of positive energy and a ready smile.

Surely she excelled in assisting individuals and families during the trying times that hospice can bring.

While I do not know you, her family, know she is remembered fondly by many. Nell Kuhnmuench

Nell Kuhnmuench - April 07, 2024 at 12:48 PM

MM

“ So sorry to hear of Peggy's passing. To all her family and friends I send prayers.

I went to high school with Peggy, many many years ago. I remember a Vibrant, funny and very kind person.

I hope your memories bring you comfort during this time and in the future.

Mary McDougal

Mary McDougal - April 07, 2024 at 11:55 AM

KA

“ I am truly saddened to learn of Peggy’s passing. I had the privilege of working alongside Peggy while serving in the House of Representatives. She was a lovely person inside and out and devoted to her family and her work. My sincere condolences go out to her family and loved ones. Peggy left a beautiful mark in our hearts and will be greatly missed.



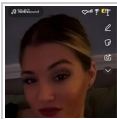
With deepest sympathy, Karen Adams-Powell, Lewiston Michigan

Karen Adams-Powell - April 07, 2024 at 07:58 AM

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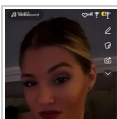
“ It saddens me greatly to learn of Peggy’s passing. I had the pleasure of calling her friend and colleague when we worked together on the Michigan House of Representatives Dem Staff. She was my staff director and mentor, encouraging me with her own dedication and passion. I was there for the birth of a couple of her children and We commiserated much over the trials and triumphs of raising children. I mourned when one of her’s passed away at too young an age. Peggy was a fighter and a friend and when I look back on my career I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to share so many moments with her. My deepest sympathies to her children, family and friends. May her memory be a blessing

Arnold Weinfeld - April 06, 2024 at 10:02 AM



I remember coming up to mom’s floor (old Roosevelt building) when I was sick and everyone sneaking me candy. I will remember you forever!

Katelyn Johnson - April 08, 2024 at 07:11 PM



Yes, I actually remember you! Thank you for your condolences

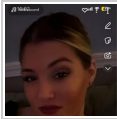
Katelyn Johnson - June 01, 2024 at 04:19 PM

NM

“ Jim and Kit Murphy send their deepest condolences to the family of Peggy Johnson. Kit worked with Peggy in the Legislature for many years and Peggy introduced Kit to her cousin, Jim Murphy, where they were later married in 1983. Peggy was a bridesmaid in our wedding. She will be deeply missed. ❤️. Sending our prayers of love and support to the family. 🙏



nim and Kit Murphy - April 05, 2024 at 10:15 AM



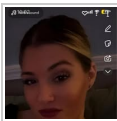
Thank you so much

Katelyn Johnson - June 01, 2024 at 04:20 PM

MK

“ I had the honor of teaching 2 of Peggy's children, Tarin and Spencer in third grade. I taught music class to Danica. I enjoyed our interactions about her kids. She was a devoted, fun mom. About 10 years ago she took time to write the dearest letter to me, telling me how much she appreciated me reaching Tarin and really understanding what an awesome kid she was. She was so caring.

Martha Kefgen - April 05, 2024 at 10:10 AM



Hello Ms. Kefgen . This is KATELYN JOHNSON my mothers 2nd child. You were my 3rd grade teacher. Thank you for your sentiments.

Katelyn Johnson - April 08, 2024 at 07:07 PM

NM

“ *nim Kit Murphy lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Peggy" Johnson*



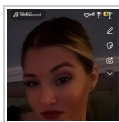
nim and Kit Murphy - April 05, 2024 at 10:06 AM

PS

“ *To the kids of Peggy Johnson
Our days at St. Michael School for you kids and ours (Kyle, Jill, Kevin and Jamie) were so much more than learning. Us parents developed a life long friendship with all of the other parents. I am happy your mom has gotten to see the face of our Lord already - but at a very young age. My husband Rick went to heaven almost 2 years ago. I look forward to the time when we see them again and I forgot Tarin went a few years ago too. I hope you find peace knowing there are many people up there in line to welcome her home.*

Patti Schafer

Patti Schafer - April 04, 2024 at 04:40 PM



That was beautiful. Thank you so much for reaching out.

Katelyn Johnson - April 08, 2024 at 07:09 PM

SB

I'm so sad to hear about a dear high school friend. We called her Gertz. She had the best laugh and smile. I remember spending the night at the house on Fairview.

Sheila Hamilton Banducci

Sheila Hamilton Banducci - April 09, 2024 at 10:41 PM