



## Carol Elaine Johnson

August 17, 1945 - June 14, 2022

Carol Elaine Johnson, age 76, of Bourbonnais died Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn. She was born on August 17, 1945 in Chicago, the second of three children, to Lester & Ann (Balazentis) Johnson.

Carol taught Physical Education at Erie High School for 34 years. She spent many of those years as the girls' volleyball coach.

During her summers, she had worked at Cheley Colorado Camp in Estes Park as the camp photographer. Carol was a brilliant photographer. She enjoyed capturing the natural world as much as she loved being in it. You could find her mountain hiking or bicycling when she had spare time, especially during the early morning hours, with her camera secured around her neck. Carol also enjoyed reading about astronomy and gazing through her telescope as a pastime.

Carol was a loyal daughter, sister, and friend. She showed up for all the times, not just the good ones. She taught adult literacy in Kankakee County for many years.

She was an active parishioner of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee and Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. She was a daughter of Christ; humble, unassuming, and in quiet service to others. She was proud to be an affiliate member of the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary.

Carol did not have children of her own but helped rear two generations of children from infancy to adulthood. She was a protector, trustworthy, and infallibly dependable- a teacher until the end. Carol had a no nonsense "can

do” attitude, a sincere kindness to the children she cared for, and a generous demeanor. They say it takes a village to raise a child, that’s because women like Carol live there. Her village will miss her dearly.

Surviving are her dear sisters, Donna Mae Johnson of Bourbonnais, Beverly Ann Crowley and her husband Dan of Bartlett, TN, and Beverly’s children, Annette, Karen, James, and several great-nieces and great-nephews. Carol is preceded in death by her parents; her niece, Michelle Meents; and her great-nephew, Ryan Markham.

Visitation will be held from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, June 19, 2022 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, June 20, 2022 at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. Interment will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis or to the Cheley Colorado Camp for camper’s scholarships.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **19**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Mass

JUN **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church  
308 E. Marsile  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-8285  
<http://www.mbvchurch.org/>

# Tribute Wall

AA

“ *Amy Allen lit a candle in memory of Carol Elaine Johnson*



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**Amy Allen** - July 05, 2022 at 08:31 PM

DH

“ *We are so heartbroken to hear the news of Carol's passing. She was a lifelong learner attending so many of our continuing education seminars at KCC. We enjoyed getting to know her over the years! We will miss her!*

*~ KCC's Continuing Education Staff*

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**Deb Hoyer-Denson** - June 20, 2022 at 10:39 AM

 Lorrie Wolter

“ *Donna, you and your family have my deepest sympathies. Praying for God's comfort during this time. God Bless, Lorrie Wolter(Tibbetts)*

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**Lorrie Wolter** - June 19, 2022 at 07:27 PM

KS

“ *Condolences to Carol's family. She will be missed. I'm glad I got to know her through her sister Donna. I had some great food, laughs, and playing games. Hugs&prayers. Kathy Sullivan*

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**Kathy Sullivan** - June 19, 2022 at 02:13 PM

MN

“ Donna, I am very sorry to hear about Carol's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Mona ( Saturday morning WW )

Mona Nowman - June 18, 2022 at 12:07 PM

JG

“ Joseph Giacchino lit a candle in memory of Carol Elaine Johnson



Joseph Giacchino - June 18, 2022 at 07:35 AM

CA

“ I was one of Carol's students at Erie High School. I loved her PE classes, except when we played soccer. She was a great teacher and coach. Always had a smile for everyone 😊

Carla Anderson - June 16, 2022 at 10:14 PM

DK

“ Sorry to hear of Carols passing. I was a student of hers at Erie High. She was always such a happy person and cared for her students.

Darin Keith - June 16, 2022 at 06:33 PM

DH

“ Carol will truly be missed! She was always there for me and my family.



Deedee Harrah - June 16, 2022 at 04:32 PM

AS

“ Sending my condolences. I am so sorry to hear of Carol's passing. Whether she was present in our school building or sitting in a pew at St. Patrick's, her presence was known and a positive one for all who were lucky to know her.

Amy Schneider - June 16, 2022 at 03:48 PM

MT

“ Carol was a wonderful lady and also an amazing baker she and Donna baked many delicious goodies for Hospice of Kankakee valley special events. She and Donna were fondly known as the baking volunteers for HKV now UpliftedCare. Very sad news. May God bless her family with peace and comfort.



Mary Thomson - June 16, 2022 at 03:34 PM

CL

“ So sorry to see that Carol has passed on. She was such a kind, happy person. I always enjoyed seeing her at church. My sympathies to all who knew and loved her, especially her side kick, Donna...

Chris Lord - June 16, 2022 at 01:15 PM

HL

Donna and family, I was so sorry to hear of Carol's passing and you have my sympathies and prayers. I remember the fun times we had playing games and going out to eat.

Helen Lamping - June 16, 2022 at 06:52 PM

LW

I am sorry to hear of Carol's passing. We were co-workers at EHS. She was a loyal teacher of the district and well liked.

Laura Windish - June 16, 2022 at 07:14 PM

PR

*My sympathies and prayers go out to Donna and her family. Carol, Donna and I have enjoyed being friends for several years. We've spent a lot of time enjoying events at church. Also, weekend afternoons were great for playing games and "solving the world's problems." These wonderful qualities that people are using to describe Carol truly fit her character. She was a loyal friend and will be greatly missed.*

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**Pat Ritenour** - June 17, 2022 at 01:31 PM

MM

*Donna and family, my sincerest condolences on Carol's passing. Carol was such a kind hearted person with a loving stern side to her; from one teacher to another, I loved that about her. I'm sure she was been welcomed by our Lord with open arms. Mary Logullo Moran*

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**Mary Logullo Moran** - June 17, 2022 at 05:02 PM