



## Darren M. Johnson

December 22, 1963 - April 6, 2015

Darren M. Johnson, 51, of Kankakee, passed away Monday (April 6, 2015) at Presence St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee.

He was born on Dec. 22, 1963, in Kankakee. Darren married Jackie A. Marsalli, in Kankakee in 1986.

Darren retired on Dec. 17, 2013, from the Illinois State Police after 28 years of service, with a rank of master sergeant, and at one time, was a canine officer. After retirement, he was a bailiff at the Kankakee County Courthouse and a part-time officer for the Clifton Police Department. Darren was always willing to help his fellow troopers. Being very mechanically inclined, he could fix anything. He also enjoyed golfing.

Surviving are his wife, of Kankakee; two daughters, Courtney Johnson and Carleigh Johnson, both of Kankakee; father and stepmother, Russell and Julie Johnson, of Momence; mother, Judy Flora, of Momence; one sister and brother-in-law, Amy and Rod Wagner, of Momence; one brother and sister-in-law, Andy and Sue Johnson, of Bourbonnais; one stepbrother, Bob and Chris Johnson, of Kankakee; seven nieces and nephews, Christian and Adam Johnson, Emma and Amelia Wagner, Josh, Jeremie and Jessica Johnson; and special friends, Tom and Amy Erickson, of Bradley, and Delbert and Pam Wingert, of Bonfield.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. An additional time for visitation will be from 10 a.m. on Friday until the 11 a.m. funeral service at Grace Baptist Church in Kankakee. Burial will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to Grace Christian Academy Athletic Department or to the family wishes.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary

2000 E. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

APR 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Baptist Church  
2499 Waldon Road  
Kankakee, IL 60901

## Funeral Service

APR 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Baptist Church  
2499 Waldon Road  
Kankakee, IL 60901



# Tribute Wall

DB

“ Darren was a great person and loved his family unconditionally. He never met a person that he wouldn't help if they truly needed it. sadly missed by policing.

*RIP*

*Don Barber (Sgt Retired)*

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**Don Barber** - April 10, 2015 at 10:23 AM

AD

“ I first met Darren when we both were on the Dairy Queen little league team. I used to hang out with other kids in his neighborhood and Darren on occasion would join us at the park whether we were playing baseball or football. While we never hung out together whenever we would "bump" into each other through the years I was glad that we still communicated and had an opportunity to proudly share our "life moments" for those few minutes. I always walked away with a good feeling after seeing Darren and thought of him as a friend.

*I'm deeply saddened to hear of his loss because this world needs more men like him and would love to have one more run in with him. So I write this with tears in my eyes but a smile in my heart because I was lucky enough to know Darren. My thoughts are with Darren's family today and may God's Love comfort you and carry you through.*

*Andy Denault*

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**Andy Denault** - April 10, 2015 at 09:00 AM

BD

“ *Barbara Dams lit a candle in memory of Darren M. Johnson*



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**Barbara Dams** - April 10, 2015 at 08:14 AM

BD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you, Jackie, Courtney, & Karleigh. Darren was always a wonderful person, after all the years we've known each other, he hadn't changed a bit. He always greeted me with his big smile that he had that was so contagious. He is now at peace from all his pain. He'll be watching you from heaven. Love you, Jackie.....Barbara Blanchette Dams.*

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**Barbara Dams** - April 10, 2015 at 08:09 AM

CG

“ *TO: Darren's Family,*

*Please accept my deepest sympathy. My prayers to all of you. Darren's was an outstanding man, caring person, and very loyal. - Carl Gerdovich*

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**Carl Gerdovich** - April 09, 2015 at 08:17 PM

SA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jackie, Courtney, Carleigh, and the entire Johnson Family.*

*Scott and Kathleen Ahrens*

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**Scott and Kathleen Ahrens** - April 09, 2015 at 08:02 PM

TA

“ Tom & Judy Andersen lit a candle in memory of Darren M. Johnson



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**Tom & Judy Andersen** - April 09, 2015 at 07:26 PM

L(

“ So sorry for your loss, he was a great guy and a good friend. He will be missed. Lt. D. Buhrmester, (ret) Bradley pd.

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**Lt. D Buhrmester (ret)** - April 09, 2015 at 06:03 PM

RH

“ Sorry for your lost . Your family is in our prayers !!!



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**Richard Hardaway** - April 08, 2015 at 10:11 PM

RW

“ ROBERT L WASHINGTON lit a candle in memory of Darren M. Johnson



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**ROBERT L WASHINGTON** - April 08, 2015 at 07:39 PM



“ *My condolences to Darren's family. He was the walking example of Integrity, Service and Pride. I was lucky to be able to work with him, he is in a much better place now and know that you can take comfort in that.*

*ATF Special Agent Todd Monney  
former Sgt. Kankakee County Sheriff*

**todd monney** - April 08, 2015 at 06:57 PM



“ *My condolences to Darren's family and friends. He will be greatly missed.*

*Bill Doster ISP ret. Kankakee PD ret.*

**William Doster** - April 08, 2015 at 02:36 PM



“ *Dawn Hunt lit a candle in memory of Darren M. Johnson*



**Dawn Hunt** - April 08, 2015 at 02:30 PM



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**Amy Wagner** - April 08, 2015 at 12:46 PM

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Wagner

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Amy Wagner - April 08, 2015 at 12:36 PM

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Wagner

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Amy Wagner - April 08, 2015 at 12:34 PM

JJ

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Julie Johnson - April 08, 2015 at 10:33 AM

JJ

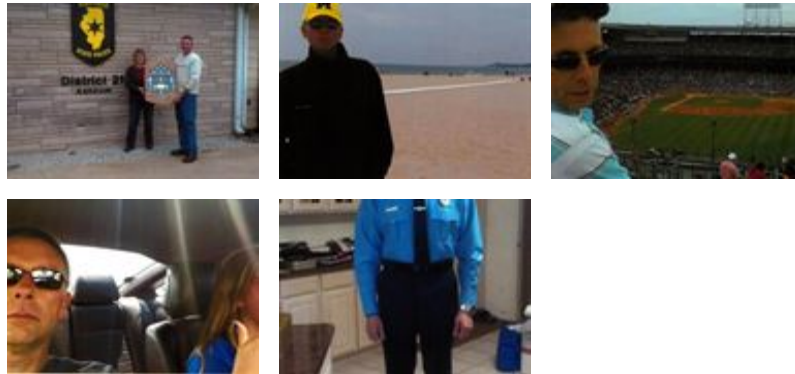
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Julie Johnson - April 08, 2015 at 10:29 AM



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Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - April 08, 2015 at 09:48 AM

JD

“ Darren was a great mentor and leader to all of us at the Illinois State Police. He loved his family and was very proud of his daughters. I cannot say enough about Darren and we all will miss him greatly. May the Lord comfort you in your time of sorrow. M/Sgt John Dittmer

John Dittmer - April 08, 2015 at 01:53 AM

CF

“ *Dear Johnson Family,  
Darren was an amazing man with such strength, compassion, and dedication. He always had a smile on his face and was always there to lend a helping hand. He was a very dedicated father and friend. He will be greatly missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.  
Sincerely, Anthony & Renee Caporale and Family*

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**Caporale Family** - April 07, 2015 at 11:34 PM



“ *He was a Great man that will be Greatly missed. I enjoyed everything we did working or off duty. He put so much joy in my heart every time I was around him. He could quote a line from a movie just to get us laughing and make the day that much better. I will remember Darren always. Jackie and Daughters and extended Family you have my deepest sympathy God Bless.*

*With Greatest Condolences,  
Lonnie Netzel and Family*

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**Sandy Netzel** - April 07, 2015 at 11:23 PM

SW

“ *Sara Woodall lit a candle in memory of  
Darren M. Johnson*



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**sara woodall** - April 07, 2015 at 11:03 PM

DF

“ Dear Johnson family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Our family has good memories of "Coach" Darren taking the time and patience to coach Grace and Hope. In between he would always tease Faith. We will miss him being around the school and talking to him.

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**deyoung family** - April 07, 2015 at 09:43 PM

 Judith  
Saxe  
Schneider

“ Dear Johnson family .. Darren was in the 3rd grade at Edison School and Weblows with our Son, Scott .. So many years have flown by .. The picture I am looking at here, I can still see, that little boy from years and years ago .. When Amy's Pie Ladye article was in the paper, I remembered a little girl (Amy) & Andy, at the house when I would pick Scott up from playing with Darren .. What an amazing Johnson family, and the family grew and includes wives, and the children .. Our prayers are totally around each one .. You know in your heads, Darren is pain free and in heaven, but your hearts are so hurting now, May God please cover every one with comfort and a peace that pass's ALL understanding .. Darren was such a cute little one and he grew up to be so good looking .. I am so thankful I knew him long ago and I will keep his family in my prayers ... ((hugs to Russ, Judy, Andy, & Amy and the familys of these wonderful people)) Chuck & Judi Schneider

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**Judith Saxe Schneider** - April 07, 2015 at 07:23 PM

NA

“ Jackie, Courtney, and Carleigh,  
We are praying so much for you all. Your family has always been a sweet blessing to those around you. We pray God can comfort as only he can and bring you hope and peace through this. Our deepest sympathies and love for you sweet ladies,  
Nicole and Tom Ascher

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**Nicole Ascher** - April 07, 2015 at 06:18 PM

JF

“ *From a Kentucky State Police, Rest in peace my brother. May the lord bless and comfort your family.*

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**Johnny Feltner** - April 07, 2015 at 05:39 PM

MS

“ *To the Johnson Family:*

*We send our deepest sympathy to you all. We pray that the Lord give you great strength and comfort at this time. It was such a blessing to witness such a wonderful hands on father with his girls while at Grace Baptist. He was such an awesome spirit and person. Our prayers are with you all.*

*Best Regards,*

*Jim, Malinda, and Angelica Sherer*

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**Malinda Sherer** - April 07, 2015 at 05:37 PM

ED

“ *Darren could always tell when I was needing some one who cared wholeheartly to just show that little something and would come over at Church and give me the greatest hug in the world. One in a million and I will always remember when we where praying for him and he was at the alter and Melissa came up to him and he said she touched him and it was as if the Holy spirit had gone through and she also whispered something in his ear that he said he would never tell anyone. Such a strong and caring man you will be missed.*



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**Earline Dilworth** - April 07, 2015 at 05:20 PM

OS

“ *To the family:  
My sympathy to all. I knew him as a very good person.i am sure you  
were all very proud of him .*

*Oran Skeldon*

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**Oran Skeldon** - April 07, 2015 at 04:43 PM

J(

“ *Awesome man from an awesome family. Love and prayers for you  
all.*

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**Jennifer Ford (Grasse)** - April 07, 2015 at 03:39 PM

ES

“ *So many great memories of Darren. Prayers are with you all.*

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**Elizabeth Schroeder** - April 07, 2015 at 03:15 PM

BE

“ *Jackie and all of Darren's family and loved  
ones, you have my deepest sympathy in your  
loss of such a great man. He will be missed  
by so many.*



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**Beth Erzinger** - April 07, 2015 at 02:34 PM

TW

“ *Trish White lit a candle in memory of Darren M. Johnson*



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**trish white** - April 07, 2015 at 01:20 PM

TW

*Steven & Anita Ford also have you & your family in their thoughts & prayers Amy!*

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**trish white** - April 07, 2015 at 01:24 PM

JS

*Gone too soon as many have already said...Prayers to the family.*

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**Joann Simmons** - April 07, 2015 at 05:29 PM

CM

“ *Cathie (Bergan) Miedema lit a candle in memory of Darren M. Johnson*



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**Cathie (Bergan) Miedema** - April 07, 2015 at 01:06 PM

CM

*I knew Darren when I worked for Bradley PD. He was always a kind man and a good ISP. Will keep his family in my prayers.*

*Cathie (Bergan) Miedema*

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**Cathie (Bergan) Miedema** - April 07, 2015 at 01:09 PM

RG

“ *Robi Steele (Joslynn Chavez Granny) lit a candle in memory of Darren M. Johnson*




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**Robi Steele (Joslynn Chavez granny)** - April 07, 2015 at 11:58 AM

RG

“ *Rip Darren....your pain and suffering are over...rejoice in the arms of the father and walk the streets of gold with pride...you have earned your rest...bless your family and comfort them.....*

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**Ret. sgt. Jerry Garner** - April 07, 2015 at 11:45 AM

 Linda Schoon

“ *Linda Schoon lit a candle in memory of Darren M. Johnson*



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**Linda Schoon** - April 07, 2015 at 11:41 AM

DG

“ *Dave & Tonya Goodberlet lit a candle in memory of Darren M. Johnson*



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**Dave & Tonya Goodberlet** - April 07, 2015 at 11:30 AM

SR

“ Jackie & Family: No one had more of an infectious smile than Darren. You could be upset and he would give you that smile and you forgot what you were mad about. I worked with him for 18 years at the State Police and always loved that he was still able to smile after all those years on the state police. I am not able to attend the visitation or funeral due to employment issues but know that my heart breaks for you and the girls and his family. He was truly an amazing man. Hugs to you.

*Sue Ratliff-Thomas*

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**Sue Ratliff-Thomas** - April 07, 2015 at 11:16 AM

PN

“ Russ and Julie, my heart goes out to you and Darren's family. I am happy to have met Darren and his beautiful wife and daughters. So sorry for this loss! Love and God Bless!  
*Pearl M. Nudy*

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**Pearl M. Nudy** - April 07, 2015 at 11:12 AM

JA

“ Judy Alder lit a candle in memory of Darren  
*M. Johnson*



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**Judy Alder** - April 07, 2015 at 10:19 AM

JA

*I am so sorry for the loss of your son.....I did not have the pleasure of meeting him, but he is at peace now, and has no more pain.....My Prayers are with you at this time in your life...*

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**Judy Alder** - April 07, 2015 at 10:20 AM

RS

*Darren was the biggest supporter of his daughters. He never missed a game, even if he showed up late, he still showed up. He was always smiling and cheered the whole team on. He talked to everyone and always made them smile or laugh. He is standing with Jesus now to protect his family from Heaven. you will be so missed in the halls of Grace. Prayers to his family*

**Robi (Joslynn Chavez grandmother) Steele** - April 07, 2015 at 11:57 AM

PB

“ *to Russ and family , we are so sorry to read this in your loss you have been thru hell and back for your children ,, god bless ! Phil and Cathy Boehm*

**Phil and Cathy Boehm** - April 07, 2015 at 09:35 AM

CF

“ *Always remember Darren's sweet smile and witty humor! He seemed to be such a positive, happy person! Even though we lost touch in later years, I won't forget what a great guy the world has lost too soon!*

**Carrie Sicard Flynn** - April 07, 2015 at 09:34 AM

NA

*Russ, Julie and family.....you are in our thoughts and prayers at this very sad time. We just loved that kid and Nick always asked about him. May all the happy memories in time fill the emptiness you now feel. God bless your whole family.*

**Nick & Shirley Africano** - April 07, 2015 at 03:51 PM