



Dennis F. Johnston

October 11, 1944 - June 5, 2021

Dennis F. Johnston, age 76, of Bourbonnais, passed away Saturday, June 5, 2021 at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born October 11, 1944 in Kankakee, the son of Stephen E. & Marcella Donovan Johnston.

Dennis married Colleen Johnson Astle on February 9, 1990 in Kankakee.

He was a graduate of Alexian Brothers School of Nursing and St. John's Hospital School of Anesthesia.

He was a retired C.R.N.A., having worked at Riverside, St. Mary's, and Midwest Anesthesia. Dennis was an active member of the Illinois Association of Nurse Anesthetists, where he had served as president and other board positions.

Dennis attended College Church of the Nazarene and The Gathering Point, where he had played guitar and bass with the worship band for many years.

He enjoyed playing music, fishing, boating, and hosting big family parties. He loved his family and was always an anchor of strength for all who knew him.

Surviving are his wife, Colleen Johnston of Bourbonnais; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Dan & Sarah Johnston of Kankakee, Tony & Kim Astle of Bonfield, Nicholas & Lauren Astle of Bellaire, MI, and Andrew Johnston of Bourbonnais; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Jeanna & William Denault of Madison, WI and Suzanne Astle & Kyle Boyd of Kankakee; three sisters and one brother-in-law, Robin Johnston of Manteno, Deb & Ed Oberlander of Bourbonnais, and Mary Johnston of Manteno; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Tim Johnston of Bradley, Fin & Adrienne Johnston of West Hills, CA, and Kevin & Hildy Johnston of Lisle; ten grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Dennis is preceded in death by his parents; twin siblings; one brother, Stephen; three sisters, Barb, Becky, and Beverly; and one sister-in-law, Guylene.

Cremation rites will be accorded.

A memorial visitation will be held 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 10, 2021, also at the funeral home.

Rev. Andy Hamilton will officiate the ceremony.

If you have not been fully vaccinated, please wear a mask and practice social distancing guidelines.

Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN **9**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Memorial Service

JUN **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DO

“ I want to offer my deepest sympathy to Dennis' family. I regret that I could not be there in person since I was out of state on vacation. Doris O'Connor



Doris O'Connor - June 12, 2021 at 12:36 AM

MW

“ I have such fond memories of Dennis. I worked in the Recovery Room at Riverside in the 70's. He was my CRNA when I had surgery and I knew I was in good hands. He and his group played the music for our 20 year high school class reunion in '87. Even though I haven't seen him since I remember his smile and his walk. I'm so sorry to hear he has moved on. My sincerest condolences to the entire family.

Sincerely,
Marianne Wilson--now living near St. Louis

Marianne Wilson - June 11, 2021 at 07:37 PM

CA

“ So sorry for your loss Jeanna. I remember when we were in high school and would go listen to his band. My mom always thought he was a great man as well.

Cindy Decker Arseneau - June 10, 2021 at 08:32 PM

GC

“ Condolences to the Johnston family. I also worked with Dennis in the O.R. at Riverside. Some of the best times working together. Thinking of you.
Gayle Carver

gayle carver - June 08, 2021 at 09:13 PM

LP

“ Please except our deepest sympathy for your loss of Denny. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Laraine and Paul - June 08, 2021 at 07:09 PM

SM

“ Colleen, my condolences to you and your family. I have fond memories of Denny. What a great guy! Always enjoyed talking Cubs baseball with him. Take care!

Steve Martini - June 07, 2021 at 09:49 PM



“ I worked with Denny at Riverside OR. He was an amazing CRNA. I always loved being in his room. When it came time for my surgery, he was there for me and kept me calm. I will always remember Colleen and Denny's Christmas parties and how the house was beautifully decked out!!! So sorry for the loss of an amazing man. May God watch over the entire family during this time.



Melody McDonald - June 07, 2021 at 09:18 PM

JM

“ *I'm sorry for our loss. I was blessed to have enjoyed time with him. Everyone who got to enjoy the music he was a part of is sad to hear his gig here on Earth is done. I look forward to hearing him again someday.*

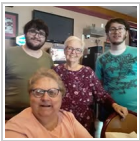
John McGarey - June 07, 2021 at 09:13 PM

SL

“ *My deepest condolences to Colleen and family during this difficult time. I really enjoyed working with Denny. He was there when I first began working in surgery 43 years ago. He was an outstanding anesthetist with a heart of gold for all the patients. His love of family and music always showed. He will greatly be missed but never forgotten. May he Rest In Peace.*



Steven Lemner - June 07, 2021 at 08:29 PM



“ *MaryAnn Senesac lit a candle in memory of Dennis F. Johnston*



MaryAnn Senesac - June 07, 2021 at 05:15 PM

CM

“ *Sympathy to Denny's entire family. So sorry to hear of his passing. Went to school with him and he was always a great guy. He was one of the first to see my daughter when she was born as he was the anesthetist! I'll never forget him coming into the delivery room & saying hi! Rest in peace old friend, heard about the health problems you have suffered, now you are at peace. Sing with the angels now!*



Cathie (Sederstrand-Bergan) Miedema

cathie miedema - June 07, 2021 at 05:07 PM