



Hillary T. Johnson

April 13, 1980 - March 26, 2015

Hillary T. Johnson née Knudsen died Thursday, March 26, 2015 at her home in Danforth. She was born April 13, 1980 at St. Mary's hospital in Kankakee, the daughter of Clarence and Andrea LaGessee Knudsen.

She attended St. Patrick and Theresa grade school and graduated from Kankakee high school in 1999.

She was married to Christopher Johnson, with whom she spent the last 12 years.

Hillary was full of life and found humor in all of life's twist.

She had the soul of an artist and enjoyed photography, painting, music and spending time with her friends. She brought happiness into the lives of those she met. Her smile and laughter were contagious.

The last 12 years she spent in the telecommunication industry, the last couple at Verizon in Champaign.

She is survived by her parents; one brother, Edward "Allen" Knudsen of Lebanon, MO; her aunts and uncles, Rochelle "Rocky" & Bruce Cohen of Sacramento, CA, Steve & Carolyn LaGessee of Bradley, and Diane Kurowski of Chicago; two nieces, Cheyenne Knudsen and Alyssa Knudsen and one nephew, Phillip Knudsen, all of Lebanon, MO; as well as a multitude of

cousins; and myriad of friends, especially her friend, Sarah “Weezy” Steinhart.

A memorial visitation will be held at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais from 10:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. memorial service on Tuesday, March 31, 2015. A family friend, Father Tony Taschetta will officiate the service.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)


Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



Cindy
Wagner

“ I worked across from Hillary when she was at Verizon in Bradley...she was a very direct person who told it like was....I am in shock....rip Hillary...the world was a little brighter because of you..Cindy

Cindy Wagner - April 01, 2015 at 07:15 AM



NA

“ Hillary I will always miss your laughter and smiles and that sense of humor... I will forever miss the happy times that were shared by all of our family. It is tough right now for all of us but I know that somewhere amongst the stars You and Chris are laughing right now. Someday way down life's road, we'll hang again. Until then.

Nate - March 31, 2015 at 10:28 PM



SA

“ Hillary,
You were one of the most honest people I have ever met. You gave everyone your whole truth without sugar coating anything. I always admired that quality in you. You were my sister and one of my vest friends for 12 years. I will always miss your laughter and your smile. I love you so much.
Sarissa

Sarissa - March 31, 2015 at 09:20 PM

MR

“Hillary was full of life and had such a wonderful, bubbly personality. She will be greatly missed, especially at our family functions. Our deepest sympathies on such a great loss. We have made a memorial I donation in Hillary's name to St Jude's Children Hospital

Uncle Jose and Aunt Mary Ramirez

Mary Ramirez - March 31, 2015 at 03:41 PM

LE

“Hillary,
I will never forget our early morning with the horses. Such a creative and honest person.... and such a firecracker. I loved that. My heart hurts for you and everyone that loves you.
Till we meet again,
Leah

Leah - March 31, 2015 at 11:13 AM

VD

“I have never forgotten you, Hillary. I will always treasure having known you. You brought such vibrancy and happiness to the Physical Plant Dept at KCC while you worked in the mailroom and receiving area (circa 1999-2000). The world has lost a special person. I will always remember you with a smile, though my soul grieves at this time...your former supervisor and co-worker, Vicky Ravens Dubie.



Vicky Dubie - March 31, 2015 at 11:11 AM

VD

I remember how we laughed when I told you that you were the flower child daughter I never had.

Vicky Dubie - March 31, 2015 at 11:15 AM



“ Cheryl's Classic Treats Box was purchased for the family of Hillary T. Johnson .



March 31, 2015 at 09:40 AM



“ Hillary always had a love hate friendship but always had a way to make me laugh. U will be missed but not forgotten. ?u girl
Little Lily Parks

Lily Parks - March 31, 2015 at 08:35 AM



“ Sending prayers to your family and friends.-
Murphy Family



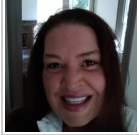
Murphy Family - March 31, 2015 at 12:39 AM



“ Your light shines on in all the people you have touched. We are all better for having known you. I'll carry a piece of you with me always!



Stephanie Walton - March 30, 2015 at 11:50 PM



“ *Autumn Porath lit a candle in memory of Hillary T. Johnson*



Autumn Porath - March 30, 2015 at 11:21 PM



“ *MY HEART IS VERY HEAVY RIGHT NOW, HILLARY AND I GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL TOGETHER, WE WERE BOTH CLASS CLOWNS.... MY PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY,R.I.P. HIL YOUR BUDDY DELECTOR KENNEDY!*

D'juan Dk - March 30, 2015 at 10:48 PM



“ *Condolences from the Wyse and Schneider family to both the Johnson and the Knudsen families. Grief doesn't place blame...it just longs for the tragedy to have not happened at all. I hope Hillary would have found comfort in the knowledge that her dogs and cats will find safe homes. Sage will be cared for the rest of his life by me and Amy.*

Carol Schneider - March 30, 2015 at 07:45 PM



“ *Hillary was and is a warm loving person. She was and is extremely talented and willing to share with others. She will always be missed and leaves a huge hole in the hearts of those who loved her. Gayle Williams*

Gayle Williams - March 30, 2015 at 01:45 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. Hillary when I saw her always had a smile for me and she enjoyed life til it's fullest. May God Bless You all in your grief.*

Viola Cadle-Meents - March 30, 2015 at 01:28 PM

LS

“ *Hillary was my son Jonathan Themer's best friend. Where you saw one the other was close by along with another friend, Tim. Oh the mischief. Yes, Hillary was a very very special gem. My son valued Hillary's friendship and I have no doubt that they have picked up right where they left off. A free spirit she was and is now more than ever watching over all of us. The world and everyone who knew you will miss you Hillary. Love ya. Laura Stewart*



laura stewart - March 29, 2015 at 03:43 PM

RI

“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



Rich - March 29, 2015 at 11:15 AM

AH

It is so unfair, when a person is so unhappy and selfish that they feel they have to murder; such a sweet, loving, talented person when deciding to kill themselves. But one thing we know for certain. He will spend eternity burning in Hell! And she will spend eternity in Heaven, in the arms of God and with family members that love her, as we do here. R.I.P. Hilly. Your smile will sorely be missed! Aunt Rose'

Aunt Rose Harnen - March 29, 2015 at 01:24 PM



I loved seeing Hillary, when she came here to see her mom. She always made me laugh! We will miss her forever!

Ellyn Holbrook Blauser - March 30, 2015 at 12:53 PM



Hillary was one of a kind. She had the best laugh. She was so creative, smart, funny, easygoing and so talented. It is truly an unfortunate and tragic ending to someone who offered so much. She will be missed dearly.

Tracy Maher - March 30, 2015 at 01:47 PM