



Jean M Johnston

July 5, 1962 - November 18, 2025

Jean M. Johnston (née Wenzel), age 63, of Manteno, Illinois, passed away on November 18, 2025, at Riverside Medical Center.

She was born on July 5, 1962, in Hilton, New York, to Raymond G. Wenzel Jr. and Anne M. Wenzel (née Richter).

Jean married the love of her life, Bert W. Johnston Jr., on June 20, 1992, in Rochester, New York. Together they built a life filled with laughter, devotion, and family.

She worked as a Branch Administrative Assistant at Edward Jones, where she was known for her dedication, warmth, and ability to brighten the day of anyone who walked through the door.

Jean had a passion for serving her community. She was a proud member of the Junior State Board for bowling and an active advocate for the Alzheimer's Association of Kankakee and Iroquois Counties. She enjoyed crafting, baking, and lazy Sundays watching golf on tv with Bert and their fur baby, Bear.

Jean approached life with unmatched enthusiasm—she was the ultimate cheerleader for others, always offering encouragement, support, a warm smile and a joyful spirit.

Above all, Jean cherished her family. She is survived by her daughters, Courtney (Randall II) Denison and Amber (Chris) Kircher; her beloved grandchildren, Dominic and Lexi Kircher, and Randall Denison III.

Lovingly referred to as Ti Ti, Jean adored being an aunt to Michael (Stephanie) Cherven, Daniel Cherven, Kevin (Aly) Cherven and Dominic and

Georgina Wenzel. She was also affectionately regarded as an honorary Grandma by Journey, Sloane and Rowan Bailey.

Jean is also survived by her brother, Ray (Carmen) Wenzel III., along with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Anne Wenzel, and her brother, Larry "Moose" Wenzel.

Per Jean's wishes, she will be cremated, and a Celebration of Life will be held in the spring of 2026.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Jean's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Tribute Wall

DN

“ Jean was very helpful at Edward Jones - always there when needed and was grateful to be working. My condolences to the family!

Doris Nuding - December 17, 2025 at 03:05 PM

ML

“ My heartfelt condolences to Bert, as well as Jean's family and loved ones. She was always a sweetheart and a good friend, and will be sorely missed. Praying for you all.
Mark Liddle, Hilton Class of 1980

Mark Liddle - November 22, 2025 at 06:00 PM

BH

My heartfelt condolences to Jean's family. She was always a beautiful person.

Beth Twentymon Heintz - November 23, 2025 at 12:16 PM

DA

I'm so sad that I won't hear her cheery voice at Edward Jones anymore. She was so kind, helpful and caring. May she rest in peace and her memory be a blessing.

Denise Asbrand - November 24, 2025 at 03:39 PM

CL

“ Casey and Katie Locke planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean M Johnston.

Casey and Katie Locke - November 21, 2025 at 07:06 PM



“ *Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Jean M Johnston.*



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“ *Kyle and I are very grateful for Jean's work with the youth bowlers. Always a smile on her face at tournaments. Watch for signs she is still on the lanes watching over those she loves. Prayers of comfort to the family.*

SUE ANDERSON - November 21, 2025 at 11:57 AM