



## Natalie Johnson

August 24, 1927 - June 5, 2006

Natalie Johnson -- Bourbonnais Natalie "Nat" A. Johnson, 78, of Bourbonnais, died peacefully Monday (June 5, 2006) at Merkle Knipprath Countryside, Clifton, surrounded by her family. She was born Aug. 24, 1927, in Humboldt, Kan., to the late Nathaniel and Frances McKenzie Armel. She was married to Harlan "Johnnie" Johnson on Jan. 20, 1944, at St. Joseph Church in Humboldt. He died April 2, 1995. Natalie was a member of St. Teresa Church CCW, volunteered for the American Red Cross and Riverside Auxiliary Hawthorne Twig. She was a member of Kankakee Woman's Club, the Elks Ladies' Golf League and several ladies' bridge clubs. Nat's interests included golfing, reading, music and bridge (especially when she won the top prize of 75 cents). Her family and friends were important to her and she was never too busy for a chat on the phone or to simply sit with one grandchild or another and watch one of the Chicago sports teams (She really had no choice!) She, however, personally preferred watching golf, "The Nanny" or "Wheel of Fortune." Nat and Johnnie loved to travel -- Florida, Arizona and Wyoming (to visit their favorite son and family). Natalie took great pride in her family. She loved Humboldt, Kan., where she grew up, and took many trips back to visit. She attended her class reunion in October 2004, and was heard to say "They all look so old -- how sad!" She then looked at her sister, Gloria, who was also there, and said, "Isn't getting old a funny thing -- it only seems to happen to other people." Natalie will be remembered for her kindness, her generosity and her zest for living. She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Terry

A. and Delrayne "Del" Johnson of Casper, Wyo.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Don Trudeau, and Beth and George Arocha, all of Kankakee; Also surviving are one sister and brother-in-law, Gloria and Jake Benz of Perry, Ohio; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Virginia Armel, Larry and Joanne Armel, all of Leawood, Kan.; seven grandchildren, Jeff, Chris and Adam Trudeau, Sarah Cheezum, Ann Lonigro, Patrick Johnson and Michael Arocha; and five great-grandchildren. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Teresa Church in Kankakee. Burial will follow at All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Teresa Church, 333 St. Joseph Ave., Kankakee, IL 60901.

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“ We were so sorry to hear that Natalie had passed away. ĩ½ĩ½We are in Florida and just checked the obituaries. ĩ½ĩ½We wish we could be there to express our sympathy in person. ĩ½<br><br>What a wonderful person Natalie was. ĩ½ĩ½She is now golfing that great course with Johnny at her side.<br><br>Our deepest sympathy to all her family.##imported-begin##Sid and Linda Eddleman##imported-end##

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“ We just want you all to know we're thinking of you. ĩ½Barbara and David##imported-begin##Barbara and David Rybolt##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Lloyd & Alice Hammerton##imported-end##

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“ Mrs. Johnson was a wonderful and caring person that will certainly be missed by all. ##imported-begin##Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Swain##imported-end##

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“ I always enjoyed talking with her. ĩ½The last time I saw her was at Oloffson,s on a New Years, Eve. ##imported-begin##Roberta & Richard Bogardus##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Doris Wilhite##imported-end##

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“ My family met Natalie through her mother, Frances Armel when we lived in Humboldt. ĩ½When Frances moved to Kankakee, we visited her there a few times and usually Natalie, Patricia, or Beth would stop by. ĩ½I also remember Gloria's visits to Humboldt, and Frances introduced us to Jack and Larry's Families too. ĩ½We think that you are all very special people. ĩ½##imported-begin##Don Ross##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Mary (Yockey) Oneslager##imported-end##

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“ We will miss Natalie being at mass but we will cherish all the memories we have. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Amy Anderson & Family##imported-end##

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“ To the families of Terry A. Johnson, Don Trudeau and George Arocha, ĩ½dearly beloved by Natalie Johnson: ĩ½Please accept our sympathy on the passing of your mother and grandmother, and our neighbor, Natalie Johnson, who lived, along with us, in Trotters Chase. She was a lovely lady who lived her life to the fullest. God bless you. ĩ½David & Ella Mae Garlick##imported-begin##David & Ella Mae Garlick##imported-end##

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“ I only know Mrs. Johnson through her daughter, Pat. ĩ½I know that Pat loved her mom deeply and that speaks volumes. ĩ½It also was apparent that Mrs. Johnson was a spirited person who fought quite a battle with her illness. ĩ½I'm so sorry for your loss. ĩ½Mothers are special beyond words. ĩ½##imported-begin##Mona Hall##imported-end##

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“ I feel very lucky to have known Nat. ĩ½Our deepest sympathy to you all.##imported-begin##Jody Gossman##imported-end##

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“ Words cannot express the deep loss and grief of losing a parent. ĩ½Alan & I both have experience this sadness. The good thing is we have our memories that will ever be with us. I hope your memories bring you some comfort and soothe the heart felt loss. Celebrate her life and the love that she brought to you. ĩ½She's never far away.<br><br><br><br>Love to both of you.<br><br><br><br>Alan & Judy Van Portfliet<br><br><br><br><br>##imported-begin##Alan & Judy Van Portfliet##imported-end##

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“ Natalie was a wonderful woman. <br><br>I feel honored to have been a part of her life. <br><br>I am so sorry for the family's loss. <br><br> ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½God Bless.##imported-begin##Diane Posing##imported-end##

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<br><br>To the Armel Families,  
<br><br><br><br>So sorry  
to hear of your loss.  
<br><br>We enjoyed Frances so  
much  
<br><br>and went to school with  
<br><br>Gloria  
and Larry.  
<br><br><br><br>Really appreciate the  
obituary.  
<br><br>We in the home town  
are  
<br>  
<br>sometimes forgotten.  
<br><br><br><br>What a great tribute  
to  
"Nat"  
<br><br>I'm sure she will be with you  
always.  
<br><br>Our Prayers are with you.  
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<br>##imported-begin##Paul and Dorothy  
Setter##imported-end##

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