



Lynda Gibson Johnson

October 14, 1941 - August 3, 2022

Lynda Gibson Johnson, 80, of Rockford died on August 3, 2022, after a 40 year battle with Scleroderma. Born October 18, 1941 in Flint, MI. Lynda graduated from high school in Flint in 1959. She attended Michigan State University, later graduating from Rockford College with a Bachelor of Arts in Fiber Arts. United in marriage to Lee Johnson on December 11, 1990. Lynda was a sweet people person, who was loved by many and will be greatly missed by her family, friends and former colleagues. Lynda retired from the Burpee Museum of Natural History where she was employed at the Education Director. Upon her retirement, she continued working part time at the Natural Land Institute. Lynda had a lifelong interest in natural science. She was incredibly intelligent, outwardly focused and passionate about nature and social causes. She was a volunteer at the Colored Sands Bird Banding Station; throughout the course of her life, she traveled to various countries and built a list of over 4,000 life birds. Lynda traveled to China with the Crane Foundation. Survived by her husband, Lee; children, Cindy Cornwel, Matthew (Marie Bricher) Cornwel, Scott Cornwel; stepchildren, Jeffrey Johnson, Paul Ray Johnson; 5 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren and a wide circle of friends near and far. Preceded in death by her parents and sister, Patricia Csyntyan. Memorial Visitation on August 20, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services; 4301 N. Main St. followed by a Memorial Service at 3 p.m. Pastor Marlene Walker will officiate. Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG **20**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Grace Funeral & Cremation Services
4301 N. Main St.
Rockford, IL 61103

Memorial Service

AUG **20**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Lynda Gibson Johnson



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - August 24, 2022 at 04:39 PM

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“ Linda was a very active member of our church, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rock Valley. I had known Linda since joining there, about seven years ago. At UUCRV we have a time in our service called "Joys and Concerns." Here, anyone who wants to speak of any happening in their lives are encouraged to do so. Occasionally no one would step forward, creating a rather awkward silence. Linda seemed always to come to the rescue with some, usually interesting story or anecdote, thereby keeping things moving.

As well, we are encouraged to speak of our own experiences (not always an easy thing to do). Linda seemed to have no reservations about describing, in much detail, incidences in her life; sometimes of things most of us keep to ourselves, or at most, a select few close friends or family. Linda did not hold back with her story. This was real life, which most could identify with, and with these very personal anecdotes we were all enriched and heartened with knowing, Gee, I'm not the only one.

Linda will truly be missed,

Brock Heckel

Brock Heckel - August 19, 2022 at 11:10 PM



“ Lynda was always a pleasant person to talk to. She enjoyed sharing her life's stories and greeting people like myself. I will always remember how gentle she was with and around people.



Christopher Sims - August 17, 2022 at 03:26 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Lynda Gibson Johnson.*



August 17, 2022 at 10:36 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Lynda Gibson Johnson.*



August 17, 2022 at 10:30 AM



“ *Whenever there was a birdclub meeting, a picnic, a birdcount or in years past a museum activity, Lynda was always there. Participating and helping out one way or the other. I have fond memories of Lynda and pleasant get togethers with fellow birders to celebrate a birthday and share a meal at the Johnson home. My sincere condolences with your loss, Fred Stellema*

Fred Stellema - August 16, 2022 at 11:58 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lynda Gibson Johnson.*



August 16, 2022 at 11:15 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Lynda Gibson Johnson.*



August 16, 2022 at 08:41 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lynda Gibson Johnson.*



August 16, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I knew Lynda Gibson Johnson from Shirland United Methodist Church and also at Owen Center Church before that building closed on Lathum and Owen Center Road. There used to be Sunday Reviles with Pastor Ronald Harkleroad from Machesney Park, Illinois. There used to be Christmas afternoon and Lent Services for Easter. There were a lot of fun celebrations at both of these churches. She helped me with employment staffing at Bridgeway and other places to get tested for employment when National Detroit Incorporated closed their doors and I became unemployed. Had to find another job at Turtle Creek visiting center and resort were I got employed as a janitor. I have done factory work for a living before I ended up on disability for injuries that had happened at home .*

*Sincerely yours,
Suzanne Lee Boomer*

Suzanne Lee Boomer - August 15, 2022 at 12:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Lynda Gibson Johnson.



August 15, 2022 at 11:35 AM