



## Nancy Jean Johnson

October 15, 1943 - May 31, 2023

Nancy Jean Johnson, 79, passed away peacefully on May 31, 2023. Nancy was born on October 15, 1943, in Keokuk, Iowa, to Frank Hooper and Lois Hooper Crandal. She was the oldest of four children. Nancy spent most of her childhood in the Midwest; 12 years in Iowa, 2 years in Illinois, and 4 years in Kansas. Those years were spent caring for her younger siblings, working at the family restaurant, and honing her majorette skills. Not only could Nancy twirl a mean baton, traveling all over to perform at events and parades, but she taught classes as well.

She embarked on the journey of motherhood on October 11, 1963 upon the arrival of her son, Allen. A complicated birth led to a diagnosis of severe cerebral palsy for her precious newborn and medical professionals projected a short life for Allen. But as his full-time caretaker, Nancy was determined to see him thrive. Her motherly love, unwavering attention and expert care enabled Allen to live a happy, adventurous, & incredibly full life until his death in 2014 at the age of 50.

One of Nancy's greatest life blessings occurred on October 29, 1966 when she married Larry Johnson. That loving union provided her with a devoted husband and a kind-hearted and fiercely protective father for Allen. The three were inseparable.

Another notable milestone for Nancy was reached on June 3, 1973 when she was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. She cherished her relationship with her Heavenly Father, regularly shared her faith with others in ministry work, and loved the immense spiritual family she gained. Her closest and most enduring friendships were formed during her decades of dedicated service.

In 1989, upon the death of her dear friend Diane Hill, Nancy and Larry adopted her 4 children: Jason, 16. Aaron, 14. Damon, 12. Amanda, 10. In 1997 her heart and home became even fuller when she & Larry began caring full-time for their infant grandson Zachary, further proving that a safe place to land could always be found within her four walls.

Through years she became affectionately known as "Ms. Nancy" to countless young people. There has always been an "open door" policy at the Johnson's, the home itself and the refrigerator! If you needed a place to stay before or after school, a place to hang out on the weekend or just a good meal it was always readily found.

Nancy was not shy in expressing her love for her family and friends and this manifested in many forms. She loved to host overnight quests and gatherings at her home. Her cooking was legendary! She was always the first to send a get well card if you were sick, a thank you card if you had done something kind for her, or simply a letter to let you know she was thinking of you.

Nancy was beloved and is deeply missed by her husband Larry, her sons Jason Hill of Huntsville, TX; Aaron Hill of Memphis, TN; Damon (Laura) Hill of Olive Branch, MS; her daughter Amanda (Michael) Tacker of Atoka, TN; and her grandson Zachary Hill of Olive Branch, MS. She is also survived by her sister Mary Rose Young of Little Falls, MN; Gracie (Tommy) Hunt of Oakland, KY; her brother Larue "Butch" (Pam) Crandal of Louisville, KY; her sister Vicki

(Paul) Jones of Chesterfield, MI; countless nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, and an immeasurable number of dear friends.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 3pm at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses located at 3565 Kimball Ave. in Memphis, TN.

Zoom Streaming available

Meeting ID: 266 795 0168

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Jean Johnson.* ”



June 09, 2023 at 11:54 AM



“ *I've known Ms Nancy for a very long time we attended the same congregation for years she was very kind and had a heart of gold and she was a wonderful cook she will be missed until he calls we will patiently await her return I can not wait to welcome back her along with my dear mother 🙏* ”

**Tykisha Epps Harrison** - June 04, 2023 at 03:39 PM



*Sorry for the family loss.*

**James Samuel** - June 10, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *Aunt Nancy had a big heart ❤️ I still have my doll she made me and I cherish it ❤️❤️  
Love Donita* ”

**donita hunt** - June 02, 2023 at 11:06 PM



“ *I love you more then words can express, you will always be in my heart. I will miss our heart to heart conservations, And all the good advice from my big sister.Love you always. ❤️ vicki* ”

**Vicki jones** - June 02, 2023 at 04:17 PM