



Donna Johnson-Heiman

April 28, 1942 - June 8, 2024

Age 82, of Braidwood, IL passed away on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Born on April 28, 1942 in Kankakee, IL to Allan and Charlotte (nee Small) Grumish. On February 19, 1962 she married Ronald Johnson, Sr. and together they shared a life until his passing in 2004. She married Norman Heiman on March 27, 2015. She taught science at Reed-Custer Elementary School for over 40 years. A member of Coal City United Methodist Church, she donated her time to the Gleaners. She had a love of cats and enjoyed spending time at the Lake of the Ozarks with her family. Donna was an adventurer and had her private pilot license and enjoyed scuba diving, big game hunting and fishing.

Surviving are her husband, Norman Heiman; sons, Davis Johnson of Lisle, IL and Ron (Tammy) Johnson, Jr. of Limestone, IL; step-daughters, Jennifer Heiman of Elmhurst, IL and Casey (Brad) Campbell of Waterford, WI; grandchildren, Alexis Johnson and Ethan Johnson; sister, Sandi Schultz of Bonfield, IL; brother Paul (Connie) Grumish of Goose Lake, IL; and three nieces.

Preceding her in death was her first husband, Ron Johnson, Sr; parents, Allan and Charlotte Grumish; brother, Jay Grumish; and nephew Johnny "Turk" Schultz.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial visitation will be held at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Friday, June 14, 2024 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be directed to the

American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN **14**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

BV

“ *Condolences for your loss. Barbara Weidner Viano*



Barbara Weidner Viano - June 16, 2024 at 10:10 PM

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“ *Linda Mandat (Parrish) lit a candle in memory of Donna Johnson-Heiman*



Linda Mandat (Parrish) - June 13, 2024 at 08:25 PM

LH

“ *Lisa Havekost lit a candle in memory of Donna Johnson-Heiman*



Lisa Havekost - June 12, 2024 at 06:36 PM

YE

May her gentle soul rest in peace.
Yemi

Yemi - June 14, 2024 at 02:58 PM

PC

“ *Mrs Johnson was an amazing teacher and cheerleading sponsor.
Rest in peace.
The Parrish Girls*

Peggy Cole - June 12, 2024 at 05:03 PM

RC

“ *Mrs. Johnson,*

Thank you for igniting in me a life-long passion for both science and learning in general. Even now, 30 years later, I can recall vivid memories of time spent in your classroom. I can point to you as one of about 4 or 5 teachers that made huge positive impacts on my life. I only regret that I never got the chance to thank you in person. Since it is now too late to tell you personally, I hope that my message of gratitude serves to lift the spirits of your friends and family members in their grief.

Thanks for being you.

Rich C.

Rich Calhoun - June 12, 2024 at 11:14 AM

LE

“ *The Jim and Sharon Elder family remembers Donna fondly as a teacher who was dedicated to her students and as a family friend. Our condolences for your loss.*

Lea Elder - June 12, 2024 at 10:55 AM

MM

“ So sad, Donna was a dedicated teacher and a mentor for students and staff.
Your contributions to the teaching of children are greatly appreciated.

Myrna McCarthy - June 11, 2024 at 09:34 PM

RS

“ Donna actually taught fourth grade for several years before teaching science at the elementary level. She was a wonderful colleague and a good friend. I was lucky enough to have taught fourth grade with her for several years at what was then called the Braidwood Elementary School. Donna Johnson was certainly beloved by many a local treasure to the community. I consider myself very lucky to have known such a magnanimous person during my teaching career at Reed-Custer. Rest In Peace dear friend.



Ron Steinacher - June 11, 2024 at 12:43 PM

NW

“ Mrs. Johnson the best science teacher there was, she made test days not so bad as she would always handout lemon drops! Her heart was so pure for all her students, just an overall genuine human being you will be missed tremendously. My thoughts and prayers are with the family! I'm so glad I got to meet her and be one of her students❤️

nicole wanda - June 10, 2024 at 10:19 PM

ML

“ *She a one of my favorite teachers in grade school. Will always remember her and her love of cats !*



Michelle linkowski - June 10, 2024 at 04:26 PM

MB

“ *Mary B. Bell lit a candle in memory of Donna Johnson-Heiman*



Mary B. Bell - June 10, 2024 at 03:21 PM

PL

“ *Was the best teacher my daughter,Michelle Linkowski had,really understood the kids and worked with them,I was so grateful to her for making my daughter learn with joy*

Patricia Brougham Linkowski - June 10, 2024 at 03:15 PM

LR

“ *Donna was a neighbor and friend while lived a short time. Very knowledgeable about a number of things. She will be missed.*

Linda ray - June 10, 2024 at 12:49 PM