



Marilyn "Jean" Johnson

May 29, 2026

Marilyn "Jean" Johnson, 84, of Huntington, passed away peacefully at 5:50 pm Friday, May 29, 2026, at Heritage Pointe of Warren.

Jean was born on July 28, 1941, in Huntington, IN, the daughter of Fred Smith and Annetta (Bartrom) Smith. She attended Bippus Schools until her senior year and graduated from Clear Creek High School with the class of 1959. Few years later she had a love at first sight encounter with Donald W. Johnson. They exchanged vows on January 13, 1962, at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Huntington, IN. During their 64 years of marriage, they have built a beautiful life and loving faithful foundation for their 5 children, 11 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. While being a mother was Jean's most important role, she also spent several years working as a shipping and receiving clerk at Huntington Lab. She was a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Roanoke, IN.

Jean had many wonderful talents. She was an excellent cook and baker, loved playing cards, and was a skilled seamstress. She also had a gift for growing large vegetable gardens and preserving her harvest through canning. Her home was always filled with food, reflecting the care she put into providing for her family. Jean took great pride in her meals and made sure nothing went to waste, even if it meant asking each child to take one last bite. She was a generous person and a wonderful listener who loved deeply and

made others feel that love. Above all, she was most proud of her family, whom she considered her greatest accomplishment.

Survivors include her loving Husband, Donald W. Johnson of Huntington, IN; Children, Michelle Paxton of Bluffton, IN, Mike (Karen) Johnson of Warren, IN, Samuel (Aimee) Johnson of Middleville, MI, Kathy (Joseph) Stephan of Lagro, IN; 11 Grandchildren; 18 Great-Grandchildren; Sister, Peg Stahl of Huntington, IN; and Sister In-Law, Brema Smith of Huntington, IN.

She is preceded in death by her Father, Fred Smith, Mother, Annetta Smith, Son, Douglas Johnson, Granddaughter, Jama Johnson, Brothers, Jim Smith, Jon Smith, and Jan Smith.

Visitation will be from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 860 Cherry Street, Huntington. Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 1:00 pm at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. Burial will take place in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Huntington. In honor of Jean, the family requests that guests wear jeans.

Preferred memorials to the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana, in care of Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Marilyn "Jean" Johnson.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
860 Cherry St
Huntington, IN 46750

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Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

JUN 3 (ET)

Mt. Calvary Cemetery
5025 N. Goshen Rd
Huntington, IN 46750

Tribute Wall

AH

“ Thank you for letting us care for Jean.

Allyson

Allyson Hurst - June 03 at 06:07 PM

KJ

“ Deepest sympathy to Don and family. I remember Jean always had a smile on her face and something kind to say. She will be greatly missed. .



Kelly Jennings - June 03 at 09:15 AM

AC

“ Aunt Dixie Cobb purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Marilyn "Jean" Johnson.



Aunt Dixie Cobb - June 02 at 01:26 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Marilyn "Jean" Johnson.



June 02 at 12:41 PM

LS

“ She always stopped me for a morning chat before breakfast and was the only resident who called me and my best friend Leighla "the Laylas." I'll miss her kindness, her conversations, and hearing her call us "the Laylas." Rest easy, sweet lady. ❤️

layla sutton - June 02 at 12:18 PM

RN

“ Ruth Newton lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Johnson



Ruth Newton - June 02 at 09:56 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Marilyn "Jean" Johnson.



June 01 at 08:45 PM

FR

“ Our heart felt sympathy to the family, we are so sorry for your loss.



Fred & Carla Rock - June 01 at 06:44 PM

JT

“ *Joan Tardy lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Johnson*



Joan Tardy - June 01 at 02:25 PM

LW

“ *Sending our hearts & thoughts to you, Kathy, & your entire family. God bless. Bill & Lynn Watson*

Lynn Watson - June 01 at 07:27 AM

CM

“ *I knew Jean originally from going to Union with Mike and Sam, but I got to know her best when we worked together for several years at Ecolab. She had a way of handling my youthful immature brashness that helped me become a better coworker and more mature man. Her cookies are also legendary. Over the years I got to work alongside Cathy doing photography and her brother Jim at Hiner Transport. It seemed wherever I went Jean was keeping an eye on me. Facebook has allowed us to keep in touch over the years and I will miss all her comments. RIP my friend and may Gods peace be upon your family.*

Chad Mitchell - May 31 at 06:33 PM

BS

“ My wonderful, beautiful Aunt. I will cherish forever the memories of times spent together throughout childhood. Your love and laughter will always be with me. Hugs and prayers to Uncle Don, Michelle, Mike and Karen, Sam and Aimee, Kathy and Joe; plus grandkids, great grandkuds and all us nieces and nephews whi lived her dearly.

Beth Stahl - May 31 at 06:27 PM

JY

“ I have known Jean since our high school days. Always a pleasure to be around. Prayers for the family 🙏

joyce yong - May 31 at 04:49 PM

SC

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Jean she was an amazing kind woman she will be missed



Stephanie Clark - May 31 at 03:01 PM

MK

“ Jean was such a sweet lady and we even shared the same name “Marilyn Jean”. I’m so sorry for your loss. She will certainly be missed!
Marilyn Jean Kaltenmark

Marilyn Cayot Kaltenmark - May 31 at 08:32 AM

SB

“ I had the pleasure of working alongside Jean at Ecolab for several years, and she quickly became both a valued colleague and a friend. Jean was known for her dedication and reliability, always ready to lend a hand to anyone who crossed her path. I also had the opportunity to get to know her husband, Don, and together they made a wonderful couple. Her absence will be deeply felt by everyone who had the privilege of knowing and loving her.

Steve Barr - May 31 at 08:03 AM

BG

“ Billie Garwood lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Johnson



Billie Garwood - May 30 at 08:16 PM