



Marilyn June Johnson

March 6, 1929 - August 8, 2017

Marilyn June Johnson (Upright), 88, of Charlotte passed away on August 8, 2017. She was born in rural Eaton County on March 6, 1929 to Russell and Thelma (Martin) Upright. She joined a brother, Fay, 3 years older. However, when she was seven, her aunt passed away while giving birth to her 5th child, and Marilyn's life changed. Her cousins were divided between Thelma's parents and her family, so her family suddenly became seven. She graduated from Charlotte High School in 1946 and attended Girl's State and W.K. Kellogg short course at M.S.C. in 1947. She worked for Wayne Chapman optometrist until her family came, then when their oldest was 15; she decided to rejoin the work force. She ended her employment years at Independent Bank in Charlotte. She met Richard at a Barn Dance and he later proposed to her as she set the dinner table. She became Mrs. Richard Johnson on October 3, 1948 at West Benton Church, and together they raised three children, Rick, Kurt, and Judy.

She enjoyed knitting, reading, family, and treasured the years at Horsehead Lake and Gulf Shores, AL. She loved her grandchildren and was a teacher of lessons, as in showing others how to do things, in order to pass along favorite recipes, and books to read. Her children recall their home as always being a gathering place for family and friends; having cookies or pie ready for those who stopped by. Her favorite piece of advice to her grandchildren was "Live Life To The Fullest!" She was an avid reader and a frequent visitor to the

Charlotte Public Library, and truly enjoyed being one of the "reading grandmas" at Fern Persons Elementary in Olivet.

Marilyn is survived by her husband of 68 years, Richard; children Rick (Mary Jo) Johnson, Kurt (Joyce) Johnson, and Judith (Becky Mudd) Johnson; four grandchildren, Erin Wood, Justine Kramer, Mallory Sestic, Russell Johnson; seven great-grandsons; and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews, and extended family.

Funeral Services are Friday, August 11 at 11:00 AM at Pray Funeral Home with Pastor Phil Hobson officiating, followed by interment at West Carmel Cemetery. Visitation is Thursday, August 10, from 2-4:00 PM and 7-9:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Charlotte Community Library. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Marilyn on her Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

West Carmel Cemetery

5016 Carlisle Highway
Charlotte, MI 48813

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 10. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Visitation

AUG 10. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Ceremony

AUG 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn June Johnson*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 09, 2017 at 10:19 PM

JP

“ *Thinking of Dick, Rick, Judy and Kurt during this difficult time. Marilyn was a lovely person. She was so kind to this 17 year old new bride who lived in the upstairs apartment. She fed me so many meals while the husbands were working 2nd shifts. There was always coffee, a pie, cake or cookies to munch on. So many good memories.*

JoAnn Ayotte Peterson

JoAnn Ayotte Peterson - August 11, 2017 at 01:12 PM

PB

“ *Marilyn was my second mother. She has been there my whole life. We were neighbors to the side to the back and to the top. Both Dick and Marilyn were incredibly influential in my younger years. Marilyn taught my sister and I how to sew, cook, can, garden and get along with people. Dick taught us how to hunt, fish, and take care of a car. Don't get me wrong, my mother taught me how to do all these things but I remember the lessons Marilyn taught. My dad on the other hand didn't know how to teach me the things Dick taught me. It is a great loss for me as I remember all the time spent in her nurturing. she raised three kids that are like brothers and sister to me. I thank her for that.*
Marilyn you will be missed, I love you.
Pat

pat best - August 11, 2017 at 11:27 AM

MJ

“ *We met Marilyn and Dick over 30 years ago when we bought the house next door to them at horsehead lake, alot of great memories were made up there. We became close to them, there kids, grandkids and even there friends, she will be missed.*



Mike and Sandy Johnson - August 10, 2017 at 02:40 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Marilyn June Johnson .*



August 10, 2017 at 11:11 AM

DP

“ *Diane Price lit a candle in memory of Marilyn June Johnson*



Diane Price - August 10, 2017 at 07:17 AM

DP

So sorry for your loss. I worked with Marilyn at the bank. She was a very special lady. My condolences to the family.

Diane Price - August 10, 2017 at 07:20 AM

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Diane Price - August 10, 2017 at 07:22 AM

JS

My condolences to Marilyn's family. I was the coordinator of the Read to Succeed program at Fern Persons Elem. when Marilyn came in to read with students. She was so loyal to our program for many years and always made her "buddies" feel very special. They loved her and I thought of her as a friend. I am so sorry for your loss.

Joyce Sharp - August 10, 2017 at 08:37 PM



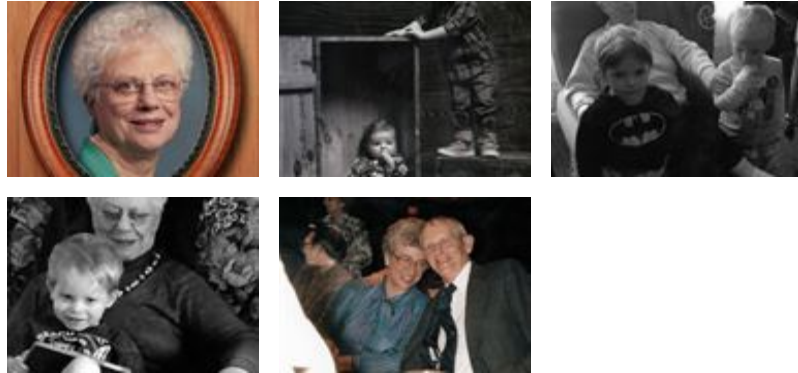
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marilyn June Johnson .*



August 09, 2017 at 11:58 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 09, 2017 at 10:14 PM



“ Dick and Marilyn were wonderful neighbors. I lived on the corner of Lovett and Oliver and Pat Constable Best and I were best friends. We would often stop in to see Marilyn when we were in grade school and she often gave us snacks and always a friendly greeting. Marilyn and Marge Constable were good friends and always talking across the back alley. I always thought of Marilyn as the perfect mother.

Jo Kelly Papoi
8-9-17

JoAnne Papoi - August 09, 2017 at 09:21 PM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn June Johnson .



August 09, 2017 at 08:11 PM

TF

“ *The Britton Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marilyn June Johnson .*



The Britton Family - August 09, 2017 at 02:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marilyn June Johnson .*



August 09, 2017 at 10:47 AM