



## Chrissie Joy Johnston

January 1, 1972 - May 25, 2023

Chrissie Joy (Odlund) Johnston, age 51, of Amasa, MI, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, May 25th, 2023, at her home.

Chrissie was born January 1st, 1972, in Crystal Falls, MI, to Gerald and Josephine Odlund. Chrissie attended Forest Park Schools, graduating in 1990, and graduated from Northern Michigan University in 1992 with an associates degree in business. She cherished the beginnings of her employment at the Amasa Hotel Bar where she was surrounded by people she loved and cherished. She worked for Schinella Mottes, Dr. Bathje Eye Clinic, and most recently for the State of Michigan DHS.

Besides her love of family, Chrissie had multiple passionate interests. She was the “glue” of Amasa. If you knew Amasa, you knew Chrissie. She loved to take part in anything that had to do with the history of Amasa and the families who resided there. She was instrumental in the Amasa Historical Society, Adopt a-Highway (Amasa Stumblers), Amasa Fireflies, the Amasa Centennial and Quincentennial, the Albino Weber Scholarship committee, and she participated in any community-based need or event. She was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church, and she loved to play softball for the Amasa Hotel Bar and for the Finn Pollack games at Runkle Lake Park. She also arranged the Easter Egg hunt in Amasa and would light up, watching all the kids enjoy themselves.

She had a deep love for animals and owned several horses throughout her life. She would often arrange trail rides with the largest being the Triangle Ranch horse ride (with Donna Sjoquist, Naapuri) and Snake Rapids rides. Many of these rides would end in big camping events that would allow her to carry on her

deep connection with those she loved. She loved anything outdoors, from snowmobiling, to kayaking, and camping with family and friends. She loved to sit by the campfire listening to her favorite music and dancing. She loved the Amasa Street dances and cutting a rug with her sisters. She was very artistic and had a creative touch with everything she did. She was a detailed historian and loved to document all these things; you would always find her behind her camera.

She found a deep sense of peace and connection to the world when being in nature. She found happiness in the small things, and she lived by that daily. She thought of others frequently and would do small things to make people feel special. She will be deeply missed by all her family and friends. She always believed in signs from those that passed before us, so when you see a feather, a butterfly, or experience a sunrise or sunset think of her. It's her, saying hello.

Chrissie is survived by her husband, Craig Johnston; her sisters, Adeline Chaffee, Lorna Willis, Linda (Kurt) Colombino, Colleen (Conrad) Stromberg, Maria (Mark) Deelsnyder, Laura (Steve) Carlson; a brother, Paul (Sue) Freudinger, mother-in-law, Sharon Johnston; bonus children, Andy (Melonie) Johnston, Mike Johnston; grandchildren, Oakley and Zaelynn; brother-in-law, Marlin (Jackie) Thompson; and sister-in-law, Valerie Sartori. She is also survived by multiple nieces and nephews, Mike (Gail) Brzoznowski, Angela (Mike) Schindler, Mindy Levinson, Hannah Floodstrand, John (Hannah Miller) Floodstrand, Brian (Alayna) Colombino, & Teresa (Kyle) Sabotta; many great-

nieces and nephews, whom she also dearly cherished; her chosen family and very dear friends, Deena Woller, Anastasia Johnson, Caroline Stebbins, Lindsey Lauridsen, and Aunty Berna Smith. She also formed a new connection with cousins Mary Reider and Sue Reider. Family and friends meant the world to her, and she lived to keep them all connected. She was preceded in death by her parents, Gerald and Josephine Odlund; stepmother, Vicki Odlund; and father-in-law, Bud Johnston.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, June 10th, 2023, at the Amasa park (Joe Mechon Park). Gathering will begin at 12:00 pm and a service at 1:00 pm with more fellowship following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to an Amasa community related organization of your choice.

Condolences to the family of Chrissie Joy (Odlund) Johnston may be expressed online at [www.nashfuneralhome.net](http://www.nashfuneralhome.net).

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **10**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Joe Mechon Memorial Park  
Park City Rd & Old Highway US 141 N  
Amasa, MI 49903

## Memorial Service

JUN **10**. 1:00 PM.

Joe Mechon Memorial Park  
Amasa, MI

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ Our deepest condolences to Craig & family. Chrissie and I had such fun horse camping & riding! I truly miss her and her laughter! ☐

Janet & Ron - June 15, 2023 at 12:58 PM

DP

“ We met Chrissie when she worked at the eye doctor's ... Then everytime we would run into her it was always like we were old friends. Chrissie was sure a blessing from God. We love that girl!

Dave and Vicky Perry - June 15, 2023 at 09:44 AM

MR

“ No words can adequately express my sorrow over the passing of my cousin, Chrissie Joy. She was a beautiful, thoughtful person who brought light and joy into my life. I am grateful for the wonderful times we spent together. I will carry those memories and my love for her in my heart forever.

Mary Reider - June 10, 2023 at 08:17 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Chrissie Joy Johnston.

June 08, 2023 at 05:04 AM

LW

“ Why you, Chrissie Joy? Why you? I'll never understand. I'll love you for ever.

Lorna Lynn Willis - June 06, 2023 at 04:43 PM

DP

“ Don & Kay Perry lit a candle in memory of Chrissie Joy Johnston



Don & Kay Perry - June 04, 2023 at 12:38 PM

CC

“ It was a pleasure to know Chrissie. My deepest condolences..

Corey Cromell - June 03, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Chrissie Joy Johnston.



June 02, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Chrissie Joy Johnston.

June 01, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Chrissie Joy Johnston.



June 01, 2023 at 09:38 AM

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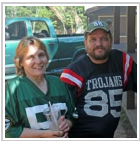
“ The Balli Family from New York planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chrissie Joy Johnston.

The Balli Family from New York - June 01, 2023 at 03:10 AM

JA

“ To Chrissie's family - you have our sympathy at this very difficult time. We mostly saw Chrissie at the annual Net River picnics and she was always so easy to talk to and fun to be around. We will remember her for her upbeat personality and will truly miss her. Jeri (Bennett) and Don Ahola

Jeri K. Ahola - May 31, 2023 at 08:21 PM



“ You were a great friend who inspired a lot of people. You were always there to listen to other's and give good advice when needed. You will be truly missed, but never forgotten. Till we meet again my friend

Duane Campbell - May 31, 2023 at 08:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Chrissie Joy Johnston.

May 31, 2023 at 07:02 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Chrissie Joy Johnston.*



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