



Shelly Johnson

August 31, 1961 - August 31, 2012

Shelly Marie Johnson, 51, of Marquette, Michigan, passed away on Friday, August 31, 2012, at St. Vincent Hospital, Green Bay, WI. Shelly was born on March 8, 1961, in Crystal Falls, Michigan, the daughter of Melvin and Elaine Johnson, who reside in Mansfield. She graduated from Forest Park High School in 1979, where she was in band and marched with the flag corp. She was a member and Past Honored Queen of Bethel #39, Crystal Falls. She graduated from Northern Michigan University in 1984, with a degree in Office Administration.

Shelly worked as the bailiff and court scheduler for the Marquette County District Court, starting within the court system in 1984. She served on the Board of Directors for the Marquette County Humane Society, now UPAWS, serving as secretary and treasurer, as well as helping to coordinate the annual auction/fundraiser. Through the Wright-Filippis Foundation, she provided an annual scholarship for a child to attend Bay Cliff Summer Camp.

She is survived by her father and mother, Melvin and Elaine Johnson, two aunts, Marion Johnson and Ilene Koelbeck, a sister, Marsha Wainio (Roy), two brothers, Rodney Johnson (Marion), and Dale Johnson (Deann), nieces: Faith Kuzak (J.W.), Kristel Johnson, and Katie Johnson, nephews: Jason Johnson (Michelle), and David Johnson (Heather), grandnephews: Nathan and Trent Johnson; Donavon and Robert Kuzak, many cousins, and her beloved pets:

Lucy, Toby, Gabby and Emme.

There is a visitation scheduled on Thursday, September 6, 2012 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm (EST) at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Marquette. The funeral service will follow at 6:00 pm (EST) at the church. Rev. Steve Hulke will officiate. There is a second visitation scheduled on Friday, September 7, 2012 at the United Lutheran Church in Crystal Falls from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The funeral service will follow at 1:00 pm at the church. Rev. Micheal Laakko will officiate. Burial will take place in the Evergreen Cemetery in Crystal Falls.

In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established in her memory.

Condolences may be expressed online to the family of Shelly Marie Johnson at www.nashfuneralhome.net.

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with the funeral arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Redeemer Lutheran Church
1700 West Fair Avenue
Marquette, MI 49855

Funeral Service

SEP 6. 6:00 PM (ET)

Redeemer Lutheran Church
1700 West Fair Avenue
Marquette, MI 49855

Visitation

SEP 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

United Lutheran Church
509 Superior Ave.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Funeral Service

SEP 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

United Lutheran Church
509 Superior Ave.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Tribute Wall

FN

“ Not a day goes by when we don't think of you Shelly. We all remember events we spent together like the Fourth of July parade and David and Heather's wedding. We also remember so many times the wonderful things you loved to do the family like shop rummage sales. We miss you smile, your phone calls, and your laugh. Love you always.

Faith Kuzak - Sagola, MI - Niece - May 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ I knew Shelly from volunteering at UPAWS events and from the bank. She always took the time to say hi and we'd tell each other stories about our pets. I always enjoyed my brief moments with her. Shelly's enthusiasm and smile were contagious! I will miss seeing her and talking to her about her three legged dog!

Lisa St Charles - Marquette, MI - November 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I happened to read the Mining Journal obituaries, and was shocked to see the passing Shelly Johnson. I worked at the Courthouse from 1983 - 1989, and always remember that Shelly was one of the nicest people. She always had a smile, and was concerned for everyone.

Like Shelly, I graduated from Northern with an Office Administration degree - we probably had some classes together. It was interesting to see she also was in Job's Daughters, as I was. My deepest sympathy to family members.

Janice (Bouschor) Dill - Manitowoc, WI - November 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ Auntie Shelly, i miss you more and more as each day passes. I will always miss our two hour long phone calls, endless laughs, your kind heart, and having you like my second mom. You will be missed by many but you are in a place now where you are no longer hurting. Love you Shell!

Kristel - Niece - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ God Bless friends and family during this difficult time. Heaven has a beautiful angel.

Kathi Phillips - September 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ My deepest sympathy to the Johnson family on Shelly's passing. Shelly will be remembered as a kind, giving and happy person. She always had a smile and friendly word for those she met. Your family is in my prayers.

Karen (Kudwa) Renner - Green Bay, WI - Classmate/Friend - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Shelly was such a sweet and lovely lady. She always had a smile and good word for me because I was a friend of her big sister who she looked up to always. Her radiant smile told me she was truly happy to see me and catch up with me. It always made me feel good after an encounter with her. I will miss her. My condolences to you, all her family.*

Sincerely with sympathy,

*Marion (Wee) and
Dale Hawks*

Marion Hawks - Crystal Falls, MI - family friend and school mate - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Oh I'm so sad to hear you've passed my friend. I just saw you and said HI the other day and now you're gone, and I didn't know it and didn't know your service was last night.
You were always friendly to me, always a beautiful woman. God's peace and grace to you always!*

Michelle Carne Gill - Marquette, MI - friend - September 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ I love Shelly! Not loved but love! She will always be a part of me and good memories and good advice! I cherished what she told me! I looked up to her and had fun with her! Shelly had good beliefs and faith! She loved her family and friends VERY much! I admired her and miss her! I was there when she had one of her heart surgeries awhile back. What a fighter and courageous woman she was! I loved her animals and loved how she was with them! Lucy is the best and she made Shelly very happy. Taz is one I loved too! Sassy just like Shelly! :-) Shelly is now with Taz giving him a big hug!!!! I believe that and that makes me happy. My thoughts go out to her family and friends. She had a good relationship in the community here in Marquette. God bless each and everyone of you! May you hold your memories close to your hearts and I wish you the best!

Stacy King - Marquette, MI - Friend/Fellow cat lover - September 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ To Melvin and Elaine, and the rest of the family my thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sad time. I was shocked and saddened when my parents told me about Shelly's passing. She was always so kind to everyone. May God bless you and comfort you through this difficult time. Shelly will be greatly missed by many.

Lana Bates Starr - Cardwell, MT - September 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I am so saddened to learn of Shelly's passing. I filled in for her at District Court when she had her first heart surgery. She had a demanding job and she did it well. Shelly was a beautiful person inside and out. I admired her for love of animals. I am so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to her family.

Lois Piskorz - Kissimmee, FL - former co-worker - September 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ *As the last member of the original Drake family, I want you to know how shocked and saddened I am to read this obituary. Drake and Johnson families worked, played, laughed and cried through many of lifes' ups and downs. This hurts my heart that you have lost Shelly. My deep sympathy to each and every one of you. I am so very sorry for your loss.*

Karen Drake Semke - Sheboygan, WI - past neighbor - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ *SHELLY WAS A PATIENT OF MINE FIRST (I WORK FOR DR JOHN BARTLETT) BUT SHE BECAME A FRIEND. REGARDLESS, OF HOW SHE WAS FEELING WHEN SHE CAME TO THE OFFICE, WE WOULD ALWAYS HAVE A GOOD LAUGH BEFORE SHE LEFT. WE HAD ONLY A SHORT TIME AS FRIENDS BUT I WILL MISS HER. TO THE JOHNSON FAMILY I CAN NOT BEGIN TO KNOW HOW YOU ARE FEELING BUT JUST KNOW WE WILL ALWAYS FEEL HER LOSS AND WILL KEEP YOU IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. SHELL, I KNOW YOU ARE IN HEAVEN MAKING EVERYONE LAUGH. YOU ARE MISSED MY FRIEND.*

VICTORIA DEMBOSKI - MARQUETTE, MI - FRIEND - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ *May we all find comfort in the memories Shelly has left in our hearts; those will live on forever. May we also find peace knowing she is home with the Father now, and she waits for us, with that smile on her face that always brought us all such joy.*

Heather - Marquette, MI - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Shelly was a wonderful person - I was very saddened to learn that Shelly was in serious trouble and consequently passing away. The world has lost an angel!
My sincere condolences to the family - So very sorry!
Gene Aho

Gene Aho - Marquette, MI - Friend - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ I only knew Shelly thru my work but I can say she was the kindest and most patient person that we come across. Her kindness and concern to her pets was heartwarming. She appreciated even the smallest things. Our hearts go out to her family at this time...but know she made an impact on the lives of many many people.

Pat Dale - Marquette, MI - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I met Shelly years ago through her work at the District Court when I was a detective. She had a demanding job but always had things running smoothly. She was pleasant and efficient and well liked. I was sorry to hear of her passing--especially at such a young age with many more years ahead
May she rest in peace.

Sal Sarvello
City of Marquette Police Chief (ret)

Sal Sarvello - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Rest in peace Shelly; and condolences to all who knew and loved you. The world will miss the glow of your ever-present smile. We'll miss seeing you at the Township hall; and I'll miss our discussions of Township issues.

Randy Girard - Marquette - co-worker - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I met Shelly when she started working in the District Court many years ago. My daughter was just a baby then (she's 27 now) and still calls her ShellyBelly. Shelly was a loyal friend and a great person to work with. Although I'm not at the County Courthouse any longer, I would still see Shelly out and about and especially at the dog park over the winter with Lucy. What a huge loss.

Cathy Moore - Marquette, MI - friend/former co-worker - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Shelly's passing. She always had a smile on her face and loved to talk about her pets with me. She always mentioned Wright and Filippis making an artificial leg for her pup and how grateful she was to them. The world has lost an angel and I will miss her! My condolences to her family and pets. Rose

Rose Talaga - Negaunee, MI - fellow pet lover - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Shell-Bell was one of the most positive people I knew. Her smile could light up a room! In flag corp in high school, she was a joy to work with and be around. It's no surprize she did so much good and had a small clan of pets to love and give her love in return.*

Heaven has another angel! Be at peace, Shell-Bell.

Suzie (Ball) Alexa - Crystal Falls, MI - High school friend - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with those who knew and loved Shelly. She was a friend as well as someone I worked with in Marquette. She always held a smile even through her medical challenges. Her strength was an inspiration to manyand He has raised her up on Eagles wings.....*

Rest in peace my friend.....

Melanie Stanchina Chiconsky - Marquette, MI - Friend - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Years ago, Shelly taught us "Mansfield" girls a dance routine for the Christmas Program. She had so many patience. It was so nice of her to spend time with us. Whenever I ran into her, I could always talk to her about anything...so kind and caring. She was truly a wonderful person. My heart goes out to the entire Johnson family. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Love,

Jenny (Anderson) Clemo

Jenny (Anderson) Clemo - Menominee, MI - friend of the family - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ To Shelly's Family,

I was shocked and saddened to hear of Shelly's passing. I hope that time will be able to heal the emptiness you are feeling, and that will allow her spirit to fill those empty places with her love. I met Shelly several years ago when she introduced herself to me when I was paying off a traffic ticket (that I was not really happy about!)....and again several years later at a Humane Society Breakfast with Santa, each year she was running the "fish pond" while I was cooking the french toast. She made sure to come up to me at some time during those busy fund-raising days to say hello. I will remember her as a friendly, helpful, and genuinely nice person. My heart goes out to all of you folks, please take care.

*Sincerely,
Sue Schenk Drobny*

Sue Schenk Drobny - Marquette, MI - Friend - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ To Shelly Entire Family:

I was Shelly's first roommate when she came to Northern and we were good friends in High School we had alot of fun together and have some great memories. Her passing is a shock - but to the family know that Shelly is safely home with our father and my deepest sympathy to you all - God Bless

Mary Rossi Robinson

Mary Rossi Robinson - Crystal Falls , MI - Friend - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ From the Johnston Family of Crystal Falls, our deepest and most sincere sympathies go out to each and every one of the Johnson Family members. Shelly was a wonderful and caring person and friend. She has many friends at the Courthouse; myself included. Everyone continues to be in shock! Shelly's smiles and great personality is truly missed in the halls and offices of the Courthouse. Our Thoughts & Prayers are with each of you ~ God Bless you all ~ Brenda Johnston (Javoroski)

Brenda Johnston - Ishpeming, MI - Friend/Schoolmate - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ To the Family of Shelly: We are so very sorry for your loss. She was an amazing person. She lived across the street from my parents - Her smile and spirit will be VERY missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!

Renee & Justin Turri - Negaunee, MI - Neighbor - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ My sincere condolences to Shelly's family. Shelly was a lovely person - so kind and compassionate. I first knew Shelly when she started working at the District Court in Ishpeming and remember her from my past volunteering at the humane society. I remember the day she adopted Lucy who I helped to nurse back to health.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Sincerely,
Carole Watson*

Carole Watson - Ishpeming, MI - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ My Thoughts and Prayers go out to Family & Friends. Shelly will be missed by many. I will always remember her pleasant smile. From the time growing up with Shelly to occasionally running into her in Marquette, she always welcomed you with a smile and friendly conversation. Mr. & Mrs. Johnson, your daughter was a great example of a giving, kind hearted person. My heart goes out to all of you. God Bless you and comfort you during this difficult time.

Cindy Albiero Hillier

Cindy Albiero Hillier - Marquette, MI - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you during your time of grief. Shelly will be greatly missed by all.

Peter Dishaw - Crystal Falls, MI - Neighbor/friend - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Shelly's passing has left us all in shock. I have known her to be wonderful person and friend for many years and it will take a long time for us all to get over her passing. As a new lawyer, you need all the help you can get to learn the system and Shelly provided more helpful tips and hints to me than anyone else and I was always grateful to her for that. She will be missed.

Brandon Thomas Rickard - Marquette, MI - friend - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Melvin, Elaine, and family, Shelly has left a lasting impression on all those who knew her. Between school, flag corp, and pep band there are so many cherished memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you all through this difficult time. She will be missed by so many.
Love, Chris

Christine Perry - Friend and classmate - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ I have many fond memories of working with Shelly and I miss seeing her in her office. Beyond her profession, she absolutely loved animals, and worked tirelessly to help them. The only thing she loved more than animals was her family.

The last conversation I had with her involved her talking about how much she loved her parents, that she didn't want them to worry about her so much, but knew they would worry because they loved her. She was a special woman. There are a lot of tears being shed around the courthouse right now, but smiles will soon replace them as we remember the fun we had working with her. To her family, you have my deepest sympathy.

Andrew Griffin - Marquette, MI - Colleague - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM