



Mrs. Dianne Marie Johnson

June 25, 2013

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dianne Marie Johnson (McManus) on June 25th, 2013, after a short but courageous battle with cancer. Dianne was born April 2nd, 1947, in Perth, Ontario. She is lovingly remembered by her devoted husband, Al, and her two children, Marc (Amy) and Alana (Louis). "Nana" was adored by her three eldest grandchildren: Magnus (Johnson), Alexandra (Pahis) and Danica (Pahis). It saddened her that she never had the chance to hold her other two grandchildren, recently-born granddaughter Ada (Johnson) and her unborn grandson (Pahis). She leaves three brothers: David, Bruce and Michael McManus, and one sister, Elaine Pollen (Tunnickliff).

While working for a few years in the banking industry, Dianne met her husband, Al Johnson. They were married on January 8th, 1966, and together they started a family. While the children were young, Dianne also attended post-secondary classes to become a Registered Respiratory Therapist - a career that she loved and that lasted more than 35 years.

Dianne was selfless and always looked for ways to help family and friends. Loving and courageous, she leaves a legacy of strength and dignity that will enable us all to carry on without our wife, mother, sister, aunt and friend. She will be sadly missed by many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews as well as the numerous friends she made throughout her life. Family and friends were the key to Dianne's happiness. Her life revolved around those loved ones. Those left behind can take comfort in the knowledge that in this

regard, Dianne lived a full and complete life. In accordance with her wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no funeral service.

We will all strive to follow two of the principles by which she lived. She lived life with gusto, and when confronted with difficult or daunting tasks, Dianne's response was always "just do it" and then she would take on and meet one goal at a time. The overall principle that guided her through life was "always do the right thing."

You can shed tears that she is gone

or you can smile because she has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back

or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her

or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday

or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember her and only cause she's gone

or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back

or you can do what she'd want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Some of my best childhood memories are with big sister Dianne..be in peace*

Mike Mcmanus - February 08 at 12:17 AM

LO

“ *Miss you...*

Louis - May 26, 2025 at 01:53 PM

DH

“ *Dear Al, Marc and Alana,
I am so very sorry to hear about Dianne. What a terrible loss that I am sure you continue to feel deeply even today. I lost touch with you folks from when Alana, you were quite young but I've not forgotten all the wonderful memories when you folks lived on Cranbrooke. Your mom was a wonderful lady who loved her family and she was so proud of both her children.
I hope you are all doing well.
Sincerely,
Diane Henriques (Morris Family)*

Diane Henriques - September 15, 2024 at 05:06 PM

MC

“ *Dear AL and family
There isnt a day that goes by that I dont think of Dianne
She was a special human being and a great and loyal friend to me.
Rest in peace Dianne.*

Mary Anne Chappell

mary anne chappell - February 09, 2021 at 05:55 PM

AL

“ *Missing you still going on 6 years. I think about you every day. Springtime always reminds me of you when I look at the flowers blooming. Love you mom....I had so little time to enjoy being with you as an adult and mother of my own children. That is what I regret and miss most.....being able to turn to you for help, comfort and advice.*

Alana - May 14, 2019 at 06:23 PM

DH

*Hello Alana,
I'm sorry that I lost touch with you folks and have only just now read of your dear moms passing. I'm sure you don't remember me but when you were just a new born baby, I took care of you and your brother Marc. You had a lovely mom who loved you deeply and spoke with pride about you all the time.
If you ever wanted to connect, I believe my email is listed. Please send my condolences to your dad and to Marc.
Take care,
Diane Henriques (Morris)*

Diane Henriques - September 15, 2024 at 05:12 PM

AL

“ *I love you so much. I miss you so much.
Alexandra, Danica and Justin have a guardian angel watching over them.
If I can be half the mother to my children that you were to me, I will be happy.
I think about you every day and pray that you come to see me in my dreams at night.....*

*Love,
Lani*

Alana - April 25, 2015 at 12:43 PM

RM

“ COGNITIVE DISSONANCE

*You've left us but you've gone ahead
Never let it be said
You didn't mentor and love
So glad your above
Paradise and Celestial bound
Peace for you found
Dearly departed, you left far too soon
I'll see your smile in every moon
Know your time here was but a test
For the infinite years ahead when again you'll be at your best
Your great loss to your loved ones is insane , their painful grief
Comforted somewhat by their belief
That we all love you DJ...always and forever
Never to be forgotten
Amen Sweet Sister...*

Love Boo

Thanks Colleen for your thoughtful heads up!

RB McManus - September 26, 2013 at 04:46 PM

DF

“ I have known Dianne since I started as an RT student way back when. She was a clinical instructor and I was a first year student on a 2 day visit to Wellesley Hospital. I didn't meet her again until I discovered that she was also a co-worker at Doctor's Hospital after I was hired. We spent almost 20 years together as RRTs there and shared many laughs and frustrations. How could a small department of five RRTs and one PF assistant have two named Dian(n)e?? On a professional and personal level, she was always very supportive and encouraging. She taught me so many things including many zany expressions that I still use in every day speech –knot hole backwards, draining the swamp and so on- that few others have ever heard of! She was my makeup artist at my wedding. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sibling and friend. Gone too soon.

Diane

Diane Feldman - July 17, 2013 at 08:16 AM

MB

“ Dianne, the last time we talked we were going to get together to share some memories and laughter. I am sad and shocked that you left so soon. I will miss you friend!
Al, and family, I know just how much she loved you all. She was a fantastic mother and wife.
So sad. We have lost a great woman. A wonderful respiratory therapist, who was so compassionate and loving to her patients.
Love you Dianne.
Melva

Melva Bellefontaine - July 15, 2013 at 04:04 PM

EP

“ *Al and family:*

Thank you for allowing me to be with Dianne and yourself during her last weeks.

*Dianne was the best friend that I could ever have wished for.
When life threw me curves, she helped me straighten them out.
When I was down, she helped me up.*

When I was happy, she shared my joy!

When I needed support, she was always there to give me good advice or a shoulder to lean on.

She was the first to arrive in a crisis and the last to leave when there was fun.

I will miss her soft voice and our long talks curled up on a bed together in our pjs.

My love for my special "little" sister will never fade.

Our sincere condolences to you and your family.

ELAINE & DOUG POLLEN

Elaine & Doug Pollen - July 11, 2013 at 12:22 PM

SR

“ *Dear Al and family*

What a terrible loss for you all. Dianne was such a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. I have such good memories of her throughout my life - her caring nature, humor, and the closeness she shared with family. The last time we spoke her concerns were for her loved ones, so typical of Dianne.

Our hearts go out to you and your family.

Sue and Steve Rothman

sue rothman - July 11, 2013 at 08:38 AM

JD

“ AI,
My sincere condolences to you and your family. Dianne was a great lady who would speak out for the things she believed in. I will always remember her.
Jean Dowser

Jean Dowser - July 10, 2013 at 09:04 PM

DM

“ AI and family:
Beate and I are profoundly sorry at your loss and ours. The obituary captured the essence of Dianne, but I will add a few thoughts. Dianne was a wonderful sister to me for my whole life, and a much loved sister-in-law to Beate for several years. We were very close in age and she was always there when I needed her, with physical, moral, or emotional support, over all those many years. We were immensely fortunate to be able to share some of her last months with her and with you and the family, however painful that sharing was. Dianne's passing leaves a huge, unexpected void in all our lives and we will never forget all those wonderful things about her. Anyone who knew Dianne will know that their life was made a little richer, just by having known her. We will all miss her the rest of our lives. Lots of love to you all.
David and Beate McManus

David McManus - July 09, 2013 at 06:35 PM