



Joyce Jean Johnston

March 12, 1939 - June 18, 2023

Joyce Jean Johnston of St. James, Missouri passed away on Sunday, June 18, 2023, at the Rolla Health and Rehab Nursing Center in Rolla, Missouri at the age of 84. Joyce was born in St. Louis, Missouri on March 12, 1939, to the late George and Marie (Schaub) Kaufmann.

Miss Joyce Kaufmann was united in marriage to the late Jack Johnston on September 12, 1959, this union was blessed with three children. Joyce was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church in St. James, Missouri where she remained very active until her health declined. She enjoyed reading, crocheting, and baking; pizza and apple cake were among her family's favorite. Time spent outdoors sitting on her porch swing watching the lake and visiting with friends and family that would stop by would be her favorite part of any day. She also enjoyed Cardinals Baseball, and of course a nice vacation. Joyce and her sister Joan, and daughter Kelly would try to take a trip each year, she enjoyed every minute that she could spend with her family, she was especially proud of her grandchildren, and of course when the great-grandchildren were born, she was always so very proud. She was a gift to her family and will be lovingly missed by her family.

Joyce Jean Johnston is survived by her children, Chris Johnston and wife Jeri, of Hillsboro, MO, Kelly Cooper, of Denton, TX, and Paul Johnston and wife Kelly, of St. James, MO; sister, Joan Marie Yonkus, of Scottsdale, AZ;

grandchildren, Amy Johnston, Rebecca Johnston, Nicholas Johnston, Sarah Else (Justin), Hunter Bowers(Lewis),Joe West (Kayla); great-grandchildren, Kaylee Kraczek, Calleigh Johnston, Cooper Else, Paxton Else, Jace Johnston, Caiden Canania, Aleah West, and Zain West; a host of extended family and friends. In addition to her parents, George and Marie Kaufmann, she was preceded in death by her husband Jack in 2001; brother, Donald Kaufmann; sister-in-law, Donna Kaufmann, and brother-in-law, Ed Yonkus.

Funeral Services for Joyce Jean Johnston will be held at 12:00 PM on Saturday, June 24, 2023 at St. John's Lutheran Church in St. James, Missouri with Reverend David Peter officiating. Visitation for family and friends will be held at the Church prior to the service from 10AM until service time. Memorials are suggested and greatly appreciated to the St. John's Lutheran Church, cards are available at all James & Gahr locations.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **24**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Johns Lutheran Church
229 West James BLVD
St. James, MO 65559

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce Jean Johnston.*



June 22, 2023 at 09:43 AM



“ *Much love, The Yonkus Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Joyce Jean Johnston.*



Much love, The Yonkus Family - June 21, 2023 at 03:56 PM



“ *It's been a blessing and honor to of known and loved grandma. I was brought into the family late and she excepted me as her own. It was as if she had been my grandmother my entire life. Me and Caiden would always youth hunt at the farm and he would be so excited to visit grandma and brag about the deer he had harvested (I don't know who mess more excited Caiden or grandma). Lol. This is a celebration of her life not a sad time but a happy time. She is now healed and running the streets of gold with her Heavenly Father. She ran her race as a faithful woman of God and is now in eternal life. This is not goodbye but a see you later. Save me a spot next to you by the lake grandma. Love you*

Joseph West - June 21, 2023 at 03:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce Jean Johnston.*



June 21, 2023 at 02:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joyce Jean Johnston.*



June 21, 2023 at 11:21 AM



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

June 21, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ *We met Joyce through her beautiful daughter, Kelly. Joyce enjoyed people and loved well. Her favorite travel destination was the beach and I (Ramona) had the pleasure of traveling with her and her family on many occasions. Many condolences and much love to you all. She will be greatly missed.*

Don and Ramona Davis - June 20, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Joyce Jean Johnston.*



June 20, 2023 at 05:15 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Jean Johnston.*



June 20, 2023 at 05:14 PM



“ *Of course, I remember many stays at Joyce and Jacks house in Villa Maria. We lived in same subdivision and my parents would have my aunt and uncle take care of us when they needed a break. We got to hang out with our cousins. Joyce was always warm and welcoming. I always felt safe and loved in her presence.*

Jeff Yonkus - June 20, 2023 at 04:27 PM



I remember back in 2008 or 2009 we took Joyce and her sister Joan (my mother-in-law) on a trip to Naples, Florida. They shared a king size bed in the guest room of our condo and they giggled all night and day long, all week long. That is how I will remember Joyce. 💕

Cyndee Yonkus - June 22, 2023 at 12:24 AM