



Gayle E. Johnson

October 11, 1948 - September 6, 2024

Gayle Erlene Johnson, a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, passed away unexpectedly on September 6, 2024 in Newberg, Oregon at the age of 75.

Gayle was born in Vancouver, Washington on October 11, 1948 to Virgil and Oma Romine. She spent her childhood in Camas, WA, eventually moving to Scappoose, Oregon where she spent the remainder of her childhood.

Gayle displayed an early interest in finance and with hard work was successful in the span of her career, working for: Cargill Grain Inc., Cook Industries, and Providence Newberg Hospital, the latter of which she spent 30 years working for and retired as the accounting manager.

Gayle married her great love, Eric Johnson, on June 24, 1972. Together they raised their children, Darci, Lindsay and Kris. Gayle cherished the role of being a mother and became ecstatic when her family grew with the addition of her sons-in law, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. She perfected an annual "Family Camp" rafting trip to which every family member looked forward to. She enjoyed traveling with Eric to visit her kids and grandchildren, then expanding her travel across the United States, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

When not spending time nurturing her family and extended family, Gayle

embarked on a new journey of nurturing her church family at Zion Lutheran Church. Gayle volunteered as the wedding coordinator, funeral coordinator, Care and Concerns team member and church bus outreach for picking up members needing transportation to attend church. Gayle led the proposal and fundraising for the church bus because she saw the need to transport elderly and homebound members to church. Gayle's faith in Jesus Christ continued to bless her friends and family, as well as her own spiritual well-being. She prayed often for the wellbeing of her friends, family and church family.

What Gayle did not do in prayer, she did in actions. Whether it was hosting ladies' luncheons, making monster cookies for church, friends, lacrosse games or family, hosting Thanksgiving dinner and making sure everyone had a place to go. Gayle made you feel like you were special and loved unconditionally. Our family has no doubt of Gayle's love, just as she told us God loved us too.

The light of her life for the past 18 months has been her beloved dog Sophie. We ask that you remember and honor Gayle to lead with kindness, faith and love.

Gayle was preceded in death by her parents, Oma and Virgil Romine, and her brother Terry Romine.

Gayle is survived by her loving husband of 52 years, Eric Johnson and their children, daughter Darci Fitzke (Todd), grandchildren Beau, Brooklyn and Lauren, daughter Lindsay Williamson (Troy) grandchildren Wyatt, Jack, Kate and Molly and son Kris Johnson (Hillary) and grandchildren Isak and Tate. Gayle is also survived by her niece Kimberly Ortega and her nephew Guy Romine. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Christine Haynsworth, brother-in-law Carl Johnson and nephew Alfred (Ilse) Johnson and niece Laura Johnson, her church family and many friends.

A memorial service for Gayle will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at Zion Lutheran Church in Newberg, OR at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her honor to Zion Lutheran Church Attn: Church Bus Fund

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 21. 11:00 AM (PT)

Zion Lutheran Church
301 S. River St.
Newberg, OR 97132
newbergzion@gmail.com
<http://www.newbergzion.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ *Donna Leitz lit a candle in memory of Gayle E. Johnson*



donna leitz - December 21, 2024 at 05:34 PM

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I met Gayle in 1970 at Cook Industries. She was 21 and I was 23. We became fast best friends. I was in her wedding when she married Eric in 1972. She named her daughter Lindsay Rae after me. My name is Donna Rae and I was pregnant with my daughter Jennifer when she was pregnant with Lindsay. Darcy was about 5 when we became friends. Darcy's daughter's name is Brooklyn Rae. We remained best friends until the day she passed away. The father of my children and myself had a date to meet for dinner but on 6/6/24 I fainted/fell and broke both my femurs. I'm now still learning how to walk. I was unable to attend her funeral or see her as I was in the hospital for 15 days then moved to rehab in Oregon City and wasn't able to come home until 9/27/24. I will see her in heaven when I get there. We will be best friends there too. It broke my heart not to attend her funeral or see her wonderful family at that time. We grew up together and we're soul mates. I will love her forever and can't wait to see her again. I love you my soul mate and best friend. We shared many laughs and jokes when we worked together for over 5 yrs. RIP MY BESTIE FOREVER.

donna leitz - December 21, 2024 at 05:46 PM

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“ *Sandi And Gregg Waalkes lit a candle in memory of Gayle E. Johnson*



Sandi and Gregg Waalkes - September 21, 2024 at 01:39 AM

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“ Our family lived by Gayle & Eric 1973-1977 in Newberg. Gayle & I were pregnant with our daughters (Tiffany & Lindsey) at the same time and shared our ups & downs. In 1977 we moved to Beaverton & kept in touch yearly with our Christmas letters. In 2021 my husband Gregg passed after many years of Alzheimers & I moved to King City to be closer to my children & grands. I was confirmed at Zion in 1961 and we were married there in 1968. In April 2022 I decided to go to church at Zion. To my surprise I saw Eric & Gayle & we renewed our friendship. A couple of weeks prior to her passing she topped by my house and we were able to catch up on all the things that were not covered in our annual letters. Gayle was a special gal that would help anyone in need. I will miss her sweet smile and friendship.

Sharon Woodhouse

Sharon Woodhouse - September 14, 2024 at 12:51 AM

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“ Gayle was a dedicated member of my 7:00 AM Aqua Aerobics class at the CPRD aquatics facility. I could count on her to greet me with a smile as she strode thru the Lazy River classes with verve and focus. More than once she counseled me as to my "knee health" and body positivity. She was a regular patron and I looked forward to her participation. I will miss her energy, her smile and her dedication to self care. Blessing to you Gayle as you stride through Eternity. Please hold us in your grace as you shine your love out to our community.

Kirsten Van Loo

Kirsten Van Loo - September 12, 2024 at 06:29 PM