



## Karen Johnson

April 25, 2022

Karen Nickeson Johnson, age 64, passed away on April 25, 2022 in her home in Wellington, CO after a 4-year battle with cancer.

Karen was born in New Mexico to Winifred and Patrick Nickeson. She graduated high school at Billings West High in 1975. Meeting the love of her life when she was only 11, Karen married Lewis H. (Buzz) Johnson on June 6, 1975. Karen had worked for Paris Beauty Supply, the State of Montana Drivers Services, Gainan's Flowers, and Poudre School District. Karen and Buzz started an upcycle business called Louie and Me Designs, and continued to upcycle vintage furniture, vintage suitcases, and other vintage items until the time of her passing.

Karen and Buzz had two children, Shawna Carlson and Buzz Johnson. She loved to travel, which she had the opportunity to do so all over the U.S. with Buzz's work. She also loved her family, friends, cats, dog, and, of course, coffee.

Karen is survived by her loving husband Lewis (Buzz) Johnson, children Shawna (Josh) Carlson, Buzz (Kylie) Johnson, grandson Dylan Carlson, mother Winifred Lehner, siblings Doug (Shawna) Lehner, David (Sissy) Lehner, Tony (Billie) Lehner, Christine (Henry) Nagel, Vicki (Dennis) Grimm, and many nieces and nephews.

Karen is preceded in death by her father Patrick Nickeson and stepfather Russell Lehner.

A celebration of Karen's life will be held at 11am on Sunday, May 1, 2022 at Windsong Estates, 2901 Saddler Blvd, Severance, CO 80524.

The family would like to thank Pathways Hospice for their loving care of Karen. In lieu of flowers, please make any memorial donations to Pathways Hospice at 305 Carpenter Rd., Fort Collins, CO 80524.

“She was beautiful, but not like those girls in magazines. She was beautiful for the way she thought, she was beautiful for the sparkle in her eyes when she talked about something she loved, she was beautiful for her ability to make other people smile even if she was sad. No, she wasn't beautiful for something as temporary as looks. She was beautiful deep down to her soul.”

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 1. 11:00 AM (MT)

Windsong Estate Event Center  
2901 Saddler Blvd  
Severance, CO 80524  
(970) 686-9690

# Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Johnson*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Slideshow of photo memories*



**Goes Funeral Care & Crematory** - May 07, 2022 at 05:25 PM

TS

“ *To many memories to post , will cherish them for ever. Very saddened for Buzz, BJ, Shawna. My friend I am glad your are no longer suffering and are now an Angel looking over everyone.*

**Tom Senn** - May 01, 2022 at 01:09 PM

TK

“ *I met Buzz and Karen in 1991 and became fast friends. Karen was always kind to my daughters and me and made us feel at home. What a sweet gal and a hard loss for her family. My deepest sympathies...Tom Kraft*

**Tom Kraft** - April 29, 2022 at 08:39 AM

TK

“ My wife and I were saddened to here of the passing of Karen. I know Buzz and Karen from their time in Billings. Sorry Buzz to you and your family. I know she will be missed.

Sincerely,  
Tim Ketterling  
Lori Kelim

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**Tim Ketterling** - April 28, 2022 at 12:23 PM

JO

“ Was shocked to here this news, Karen and Buzz were friends of mine at the race track in Billings, Montana. We lost touch for many years when I went in the military but reconnected luckily because of Facebook these last few years. Heaven got an Angel, RIP Karen

John George

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**john** - April 27, 2022 at 05:42 PM

MD

“ Karen and I met while working at Dunn Elementary. I always admired her calmness and competence. Since then, we have met for breakfasts and dinners with our group of former Dunn staff sharing our experiences. In the last several months, I was fortunate to visit with Karen, drinking coffee, eating desserts and talking. I will miss those visits and think of her often.

Mary Daline

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**Mary Daline** - April 27, 2022 at 02:23 PM

LG

“ I worked with Karen for several years at Dunn Elementary. She was such a strong vibrant woman! I Always a smile on her face for the kids and her Co-workers. Rest In Peace my friend!!  
Linda Gilmore

Linda Gilmore - April 27, 2022 at 10:59 AM

TJ

“ to a wonderful person .no words just sadness . tom craft .

Thomas Craft Jr - April 27, 2022 at 08:26 AM

BY

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. I knew Karen to be such a kind and caring woman. Wishing you strength and comfort during this difficult time. Bernadette Youngquist



Bernadette Youngquist - April 26, 2022 at 09:13 PM



“ Taken too soon; a lovely person who will be missed.

Laurie Goldberg - April 26, 2022 at 08:46 PM

BR

“ We have known our beautiful friend for over 20 years. During that time, we have spent some amazing times together. Long talks, lots of laughs, lots of great memories. We will miss your smile, the twinkle in your eye, but most of all, we will miss you! All our love  
Karen 🥰❤️



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**Bob and Jeanette Rannebarger** - April 26, 2022 at 11:30 AM