



Patricia A. Johnson

February 11, 2018

Patricia Craig Johnson, age 82, died on February 11 at Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland, Colorado.

She was born June 29, 1935 to Gerald Vuhr Craig and Dorothy Cary Craig in Ottumwa, Iowa. She attended school in Gering, Nebraska. On August 30, 1952, she married Richard W. Meier in Scottsbluff, Nebraska and they were later divorced. They had two daughters, Cindy L. Lewis (Mrs. Don) and Laurie Meier. On September 23, 1983 she married John E. Johnson in Loveland, Colorado. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Daughters of the American Revolution Friday's Council Tree Chapter, Daughters of Union Veterans, Sunflower Chapter of Eastern Star in Nebraska, and Larimer County Genealogical Society. She moved to Colorado in 1971 and worked at AMF Head Ski Co in Boulder for ten years. She was an employee of Hewlett Packard Company in Loveland, Colorado for sixteen years. She was a teacher of genealogy and a family history writer.

She is survived by her daughters, Cindy (Don) Lewis and Laurie Meier; grandchildren, Chad Lewis, Ryan Lewis, and Logan Currie; great-grandchildren, Jackson and Grant Lewis, Oliver and Stella Lewis, and Kiko Panetta; and a multitude of close friends.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, February 23, at 11 am at Grandview Cemetery in Fort Collins, Colorado, with reception to follow at 12 pm at the Swallow Ward Church in Fort Collins.

In lieu of flowers, Pat's request is for you to write a note indicating your

memories of her so her future family will know her that much better.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 23. 11:00 AM (MT)

Grandview Cemetery
1900 West Mountain Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80521
<http://www.fcgov.com/parks/grandview.php>

Reception

FEB 23. 12:00 PM (MT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Swallow Ward
600 E Swallow Rd
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia A. Johnson*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Isabelle Kolleth lit a candle in memory of Patricia A. Johnson*



Isabelle Kolleth - April 23, 2019 at 04:24 PM



“ *I was very shocked to here of Pat's passing as i assumed she was much younger than she really was. She carried herself with the spunk and vitality usually seen in a much younger person. I only knew her through genealogy channels, she was very generous with her knowledge and time and had come to speak to us in Cheyenne several times at our genealogy society meetings. She will be missed by more people than she could possibly know. Elaine Hayes - Cheyenne Genealogical and Historical Society*

Elaine Hayes - April 05, 2018 at 04:52 PM

GM

“ MEMORIES OF PAT JOHNSON

We were deeply saddened and shocked by Pat Johnson's passing on February 11, 2018. We have very fond memories of Pat as the consummate genealogist and presenter of family history information to public audiences. Much of our contact with Pat was when we were education chairs of the Larimer County Genealogical Society, and Pat was a frequent presenter, especially at the Loveland Library. Pat enjoyed developing new family history topics, including intermediate as well as introductory genealogy, using Google for genealogy, using land records with Ceil Damschroder, and several other topics. Although we were more advanced genealogists than most the attendees at Pat's workshops, we always enjoyed attending, learned new information, and enjoyed her engaging style, excellent PowerPoint slides, and useful handouts.

I also benefited from Pat's help with my personal Colonial family history at the Fort Collins Family History Center and in separate discussions on other occasions. Pat was always eager to help others and did so frequently.

As a member of the LCGS nomination committee and several years ago, I nominated Pat to be Vice president and program chair, which she willingly accepted even though it cut into her personal family history research and time to prepare and present workshops to others.

George and Hildy Morgan

George and Hildy Morgan - February 25, 2018 at 03:52 PM

“Pat was a very special person; it's hard to believe that I won't see her again at DAR and at Larimer County Genealogical Society meetings. She was such a presence, and neither organization will be the same without her.

I met Pat through genealogy, and she and I shared years of conversations about our latest finds and those ever-elusive ancestors that we just couldn't locate, although I think that Pat had fewer brick walls than most. She was a fantastic, thorough researcher who could ferret out the most obscure details. For several years, she and I volunteered to help find the stories of the lives of some of the early folks buried at Grandview Cemetery. One of Pat's attributes was the inability to rest when there was a project that needed to be done, so when the requests would come via email to work on a new person, it was amazing to see how quickly she'd jump into action. She'd often have a complete bio researched and written before I'd even started to think how to proceed. She was just that quick and efficient.

Somehow Pat seemed larger than life to those of us who met her in these later years; she was the heart and soul of any organization she belonged to. It was always a little bit of a shock to walk into a meeting and realize, once again, how physically small Pat was and how soft spoken. She packed an immense personality of love of life into such a small package.

Pat's passion was genealogy, and I heard her say many times that she hoped her ancestors were prepared, because one of these days she had a lot of questions for them on the other side. I hope that they're answered all of her questions now and that all of the genealogical puzzles she spent so many years trying to figure out are all solved for her now.

Like everyone who knew Pat, I'll miss her greatly, but I treasure the memories I have of her.

Carol Stetser

Carol Stetser - February 22, 2018 at 01:58 PM

SB

“*Heartfelt condolences to Pat Johnson's family and her many friends. I met Pat about seven years ago through LCGS where she personally helped me several times with my genealogy research. She was one of the most grounded persons I have ever met. She moved through her life sharing her knowledge and her friendship generously. I will miss her warm smile and that ever present twinkle of interest in her eyes.*

Shirley Loyd Bybee

Shirley Loyd Bybee - February 21, 2018 at 12:39 PM

TK

“*Am so sorry to hear of her passing. For unknown reasons, Pat kind of took me under her wing when I joined LCGS. Her calm wisdom and gentle mentoring turned potentially stressful visits to the FHC into extremely productive learning sessions. I am a better genealogist because of that and will always remember her kindness.*

Teresa Kahle - February 20, 2018 at 06:32 PM

GR

“ *It was an honor and a privilege to have known Pat Johnson these past thirteen years, chiefly at the Civil War Round Table, occasionally at DAR meetings, and at the Family History Room. She was unfailingly cheerful and helpful, freely loaning the use of her Power Point machine to improve the quality of presentations at the Round Table as well as making her own well-researched annual presentations.*

It was obvious that she was deeply devout in her own religious movement and derived great comfort from it.

She was also immensely helpful at the Family History Room, cheerfully verifying at length information already found in one obscure case, and single-handedly over many hours discovering all available newspaper accounts of another person's murder 100 years ago, allowing closure to the remaining family.

She had scheduled herself to speak at the Round Table this November, which will give us another opportunity to gratefully remember her kindness to all, and faithful participation.

Geoffrey Ryder

GEOFFREY RYDER - February 20, 2018 at 05:54 PM

VJ

“ I first meet Pat Johnson in 1971 in Butte, Montana. Her and her husband where living there at the time. From the very beginning Pat was kind, generous and loving.

Her and Jack started the Johnson family reunions. Every other year we would meet somewhere in Utah, Idaho, Wyoming. Told stories and gathered to reconnect with each other.

One of the favorite activities was have a family chili contest. She would get out her big pot and make her chili. I believe one year she made the best chili. She fit right in with the Johnson family and was fondly know as Aunt Pat.

She did hours of research on the Johnson family lines and we now know more about our ancestors. Thank You Aunt Pat!

Valerei Johnson

Jack's sister-in-law

Valerie Johnson - February 18, 2018 at 09:21 PM

GOES
FUNERAL CARE

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - February 16, 2018 at 07:30 PM

CK

“ Cheryl Kruger lit a candle in memory of Patricia A. Johnson



Cheryl Kruger - February 14, 2018 at 08:30 PM

GD

“ Pat was always working on family history and genealogy for others and her family. Even her passing wishes were for her memories to be recorded for her family and descendants.

I met Pat just over a year ago when I became President of the Larimer County Genealogical Society while she was Vice President. I had 100 questions for her, and she had 125 answers! While I had legal knowledge, she informed me how things were really run in our Society, who did what and why, what needed to be done, and what didn't work and why. I received many suggestions for our Society and I had many of my own, then Pat gave me a perspective in reality. But overall, we saw things pretty much the same way.

I was not the only person doing Society work late in the evening. I'd send her an email hoping for an answer by the next day, only to be surprised by her thoughtful responses minutes later. Pat always had good insight on matters and gave good solutions. On occasions I was wishing I had time to research or find something on the internet, and Pat would say she'd try to find it. Once again, before I could have breakfast or lunch she would have the information I was wanting.

Pat was always soft-spoken; never argumentative and only occasionally disagreeing, but that was so soft-spoken it was hard to detect.

So, for Pat's family and descendants, the former comments are my one-year experience in knowing Pat. Hard working, efficient, loyal, and a good friend who is missed.

Gary E Davis

President, Larimer County Genealogical Society, 2017-2018

Gary Davis - February 14, 2018 at 06:41 PM

RL

“ My deepest condolences to Pat's family! Pat has been a great member and passionate genealogy volunteer for many groups!

Pat had been an outstanding instructor and speaker for our society in Larimer County (LCGS) besides being a past speaker for other societies in Colorado and Wyoming for over 20 years. She also wrote a genealogy column on a bi-annual basis for 50 Plus Marketplace News in the Larimer edition since 2009, which our readers appreciated her great genealogy knowledge. Pat also was a producer and presenter in three videos for our society's 'Genealogy Quest' TV and video series from 2010 to 2012, which is still broadcast on Fort Collins cable channel 97. As our society leader for FamilySearch, she helped our society win a contest for our society with creating the most records for the Colorado 1885 Census database project. And she still had time to become a genealogy volunteer on a Thursday afternoon each month at the Fort Collins Downtown library.

Recently, Pat provided lots of information on a past genealogy friend, Betty Summers, another dedicated genealogist in our society and a winner for the David S. Vogels Genealogy Volunteer Award in 2018. We hope to nominate Pat for the same award in two years, when she will become eligible for this beneficial award!

She will be sorely missed as an instructor, researcher, speaker, and library volunteer!

God bless!

Robert (Bob) Larson

President of the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies (2016-2018)

Education Co-Chair for Larimer County Genealogical Society (LCGS)

Past President of Larimer County Genealogical Society (2009-2012)

Marketing Director for 50 Plus Marketplace News



Robert Larson - February 14, 2018 at 03:26 PM

CS

“ *Connie And George Scott lit a candle in memory of Patricia A. Johnson*



Connie and George Scott - February 14, 2018 at 01:05 PM

CS

Dear sweet Pat, You have been a wonderful for over twenty years and will be missed for many reasons. We are sending our condolences to your family and friends. I will always be grateful for having met you . We will meet again in Heaven dear angel of God.

*With Love,
Connie and George Scott*

Connie and George Scott - February 14, 2018 at 01:13 PM

RD

Pat has been the finest teacher, sharing her knowledge, shortcuts and helpful hints. She displayed patience and understanding with everyone. A lovely person that I will sincerely miss. Happy Trails Pat.

*love,
Becky Douglas*

Rebecca Douglas - February 20, 2018 at 01:46 PM

DD

“ Pat was a wonderful, kind lady who generously helped me several times with my family history searches. I will always appreciate her eagle eye in editing the Society minutes.
Diana Dwyer

Diana Dwyer - February 14, 2018 at 12:38 PM

CG

“ Pat will not be forgotten. She is a jewel to everyone. Willing to help and assist those who needed it. We will miss you Pat.

caryl griscavage - February 14, 2018 at 09:37 AM

BK

“ Sympathy to the family from Sunflower Chapter, Order of Eastern Nebraska, in Mitchell, Nebraska. As Secretary I had yearly correspondence with Patricia and it was one of the pleasures of my task to have those communications with her. I wish I had been privileged to meet her and get better acquainted.
Betty Kenyon, Secretary
Sunflower Chapter, #214, Nebraska Order of Eastern Star

Betty Kenyon - February 13, 2018 at 04:54 PM

CS

Dear Sweet Pat. You will be very much missed for so many reasons. You have been a wonderful friend and a Genealogist Giant !! Our sincere condolences are sent out to your family and friends. May you Rest in Peace Dear Angel of God, and we will see you in Heaven one day.

With Love,
George and Connie Scott

Connie and George Scott - February 14, 2018 at 12:47 PM

PO

I have been reminiscing about my dear friend, Patricia Johnson for the past week - thinking what my response would be if I were asked by her posterity the question: "Tell me about Pat - what was she like"? I would start by saying, first of all, Pat Johnson was a faithful servant of our Heavenly Father, and secondly, she was an angel to everyone she came in contact with. Pat was Always, ALWAYS, going out of her way to help someone with a problem, to be a comfort and a friend to the lonely, to serve others in any way she possibly could. Pat was several generations ahead of me in computer skills and I recall a particular incident where I could not resolve a problem.

Because of the nature of the work and the time sensitivity, it was an urgent situation. We waited for a "green Light" to proceed and as soon as that happened we both raced from opposite ends of Ft. Collins to the Family History Center, only to find to Pat's dismay that she could not resolve the problem. She quickly made a call for help to headquarters in Utah and that failed too, but they were able to "Patch" us in to someone in NJ who was the Ultimate expert in that area of work, the "top" in his field. And he was the right person. Pat and I both learned a tremendous amount from this expert and this not only solved the problem but lead to an enduring friendship between the 3 of us. Pat also worked on a Family History book of her own family for her posterity and was anxious to complete it - which she did. Sitting in Pat's apartment one day I spied several books in her kitchen- The same cook books I used in the forties - she liked good, solid home cooking - the book was the Farm Journal Canning and Freezing Book - we had both had these books since our early marriage days. Also on the shelf was a book about Motorcycles and that opened a new avenue of friendship for us when we discovered that we were both "Bikers" and adamant about Harley Davidson being the best ever cycle! The best events of Pat's recent years were the day she was able to receive her own ordinances in the Temple, and the day she received her Patriarchal Blessing. I was so happy for her that she was able to do this. Her membership in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints meant everything to her. It made a huge difference in her life and happiness. She loved her Church and loved her family and friends with all her energy and devotion. Thank you Pat! Pat I will always remember you and dearly love you - thank you for being so special in my life. Love Forever, Peg Osmers

Peggy Osmers - February 18, 2018 at 08:38 PM

CD

To the family of Pat Johnson

So very sorry for the loss of a wonderful lady.

I knew Pat through the Genealogical Society and we taught a series of classes together on land records. We also were both volunteers at the LDS genealogical library.

Pat had such an energetic spirit. She inspired others with such a great love for genealogy and studied well the many aspects of it to gather family information.

Her desire to share her knowledge and help others to find family was remarkable.

She excelled as a teacher and loved ways to find as much information on family as possible, not only her family but anyone who needed help.

I think she also had an independent spirit and followed her own path.

I will miss her thoughtfulness, exuberance and vitality.

Cecilia Damschroder

CECILIA DAMSCHRODER - February 23, 2018 at 11:46 AM

CS

For Pat's family and friends~

We were so shocked and saddened to learn of the passing of our dear friend Pat Johnson. Our sincere condolences go to her family and loved ones, and our prayers to God for His comfort to surround them during this difficult time. We believe He has already received Pat's spirit, in heaven, with love. She was such a kind, unselfish, and loving soul. She will be missed by so so many who had the honor and privilege of knowing her and associating with her.

Pat was a very talented genealogist and patient teacher for those wanting to learn how to find ancestors and also how to write family histories about them while connecting them with living families. Her dedication to helping others in their endeavors was truly inspiring. She helped us in our searches. She was so knowledgeable about all the websites and how to navigate them and then showing us how to make corrections to errors within our own family trees.

Oh, what a dear dear friend she was! We will miss her sweet smile and tender loving friendship! Hearts are broken at losing her in this life. But having the knowledge that life continues in a different realm gives us comfort that we will see her again beyond the veil.

With our sincere and warmest sympathy~

Carol and Bob Smulling

Carol and Bob Smulling - February 23, 2018 at 06:24 PM

KJ

We only learned of Pat's passing yesterday and are shocked and saddened by this event. My husband Jim is one of John's sons. John and Pat were married one year after Jim and I and she had a long lasting impact on our lives. Pat had two additional grand children not listed in the obituary and one brand new great grand daughter. My daughters are devastated by the news of their Grandmothers passing. They have very fond memories of visits to G'ma's house. My older daughter remembers how Grandma would load them in to her old VW or Pickup Truck and off to the dollar store they would go. They really treasured those times with her, My younger daughter talked about how after hugs hello Grandma would send them on a treasure hunt on the "Hat Table". She would hide little bags of treasure for them to find. Those treasures consisted of things like happy meal toys and little bags of cookies or a toy catalog before Christmas. while they were very trivial items they meant more then gold and jewels to two little girls. We had a trip planned to visit Grandma in June to introduce her to her newest great Granddaughter. We had spoke with her after the baby was born and she was looking forward to meeting baby Hadley. We are all saddened that this was not to be. Jewel said that as she works on genealogy in the future she knows Grandma will be there whispering in her ear to chick her or go there. I will always remember you and John sitting in a little park train with bouncing little girls riding through the park. Pat you will be greatly missed by my family. Thank you for all the love and the example you set . We love you.

Kristy, Jim, Jane Jewel and Hadley - March 26 2018

Kristy Johnson - March 26, 2018 at 06:05 PM