



Norma Johnston

December 5, 2023

With gratitude for a long life well-lived, we announce that on Tuesday December 5, 2023, Norma Claire Johnston at the age of 85 left us to be reunited with her beloved Carl (1992). She will be forever loved and missed by her daughters Mary 'Laurie' Fors (Stephen) and Elizabeth Stratton (Roger Black), cherished grandchildren Catherine Fors (Dylan Baker), Andrew Fors (Alicia Willis), Lucas & Jack Stratton. Norma is the daughter of the late Lester and Mary Arnold, sister of Elliot (Jean) Arnold and Elsie (Malcolm) Cleghorn. Fondly missed by Connor, Megan, and Mitchell Black.

As a teacher- librarian, Norma shared her love of reading and learning with her children and grandchildren. Her sense of adventure led her to visit 80 countries and everyone wanted her to be on their team for trivial pursuit. Games were her thing - cards, cribbage, Catan, Rummicube. She also enjoyed games involving slot machines and gaming tables. Her quick wit, sense of humor, and outgoing personality drew people to her. She gave freely of her time to friends as well as various charities and organizations over the years.

A special thank you to Dr. J. Uppal and Dr. D. Kim and their wonderful office staff. We will be forever grateful for the care provided by the entire staff of the Oaks Retirement Village, and in her final hours at St. Joseph's Hospice.

Family and Friends are invited for visitation at the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg (519-627-3231), on Friday, December 8, 2023 from 2-4 and 6-8pm. Her funeral will be held at the funeral home on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 11am followed by burial at Riverview Cemetery. If you wish to make a donation in Norma's memory, please consider the Canadian Cancer Society or St. Joseph's Hospice Foundation. Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

Tribute Wall



“ *Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Norma Johnston*



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - December 07, 2023 at 02:06 PM

CM

“ *I am so sorry to Norma’s family for your loss. I cleaned for Norma for a few years. She was always appreciative for what I did. She was a joy to talk to and to work for.*

Carmen Muers - January 03, 2024 at 11:24 PM

KW

“ *So sorry to hear of Norma's passing. She was always a joy to visit with. I know my mom, Ruth, will miss her at the Oaks. With sympathy, David and Karen Walker*

Karen Walker - December 12, 2023 at 02:13 PM

CW

“ *Cidalia Wilson lit a candle in memory of Norma Johnston*



Cidalia Wilson - December 11, 2023 at 06:37 PM

MW

“ Good memories of Norma as she travelled with Elliot & Jean. She always carried a smile and greeting, no matter how well she knew you. Condolences to family and friends. Rest well.

Minetta Wilmott - December 11, 2023 at 09:08 AM

JB

“ The staff of Riverport Restaurant will sadly miss Norma condolence to the family



janice Benoit - December 10, 2023 at 03:16 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Service



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - December 09, 2023 at 05:14 PM



“ Darlene Formosa lit a candle in memory of Norma Johnston



Darlene Formosa - December 07, 2023 at 07:13 PM

WS

“ Thinking of you all and missing Norma.
Brent and Wendy Stratton

Wendy and Brent Stratton - December 07, 2023 at 06:08 PM

K(

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Mrs. Johnston was my Librarian throughout my years at AAWright. She always had a smile on her face and a welcoming smile. Sending lots of love and prayers your way.



Kristy Toulouse (Kitchen) - December 07, 2023 at 05:41 PM

KK

“ Laurie and “Little Bits”,
I am remembering your mom as she was when we were growing up side-by-side on Elgin Street. All the things we did as kids and as families together. Your mom and dad, the two of you and Bubbles are remembered with great fondness and smiles. Sending you strength and love as you morn the passing of a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, and friend.
Hugs to you both,
Karen (Lapoint) Kennedy

Karen Kennedy - December 07, 2023 at 05:18 PM

TF

“ So sorry to read of your mom’s passing. May all your wonderful family memories eventually help ease your loss.



Theresa Freeburn - December 07, 2023 at 03:35 PM

GM

“ George McGaffey lit a candle in memory of Norma Johnston



George McGaffey - December 07, 2023 at 03:23 PM

TF

“ Sincerest sympathies to you Dr. Stratton and family.



Theresa Freeburn - December 07, 2023 at 02:56 PM

MC

“ Most sincere sympathy, so many good memories of Delta Kappa Gamma days with Norma and sharing the stories that avid travelers do. A wonderful person who was always fun to be with, rest in peace my friend. Stan Jackson & Mari Cole

Mari Cole - December 07, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ 122 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - December 07, 2023 at 02:05 PM



“ *Mike Hintum lit a candle in memory of Norma Johnston*



Mike van Hintum - December 07, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ *My Sincere Condolences to the Arnold Family with GODS BLESSING!*



Willie Tolman - December 07, 2023 at 01:42 PM

AT

“ *An 80 year friendship - so sorry that we won't be able to attend the celebration of a life well lived - childhood and school friend, room mate, camping and travelling buddies!*

Thinking of all those memories with the Arnold family and their farms. Good times with Carl, Laurie and Elizabeth 'Bitsy'.

Retired travelers with so many pictures to share, hearing stories of the exploits of the aforementioned folks and families, always told with wit and pride and love.

Condolences to you all,

Shirley, Adam and 'the boys'.

Adam and Shirley Thomson - December 07, 2023 at 10:55 AM

MJ

“ *Sincere condolences for your loss. May she rest in peace.*

Marlene Judson - December 07, 2023 at 09:41 AM

JE

“ *Sending sincere condolences to the family.*
Jean & Dave Elliott



jean Elliott - December 07, 2023 at 09:21 AM

TP

“ *So very sorry for your loss, Norma was a wonderful lady and will be dearly missed, so many good times spent at Baldoon, RIP Norma*

Teenie Pettinger - December 07, 2023 at 09:07 AM

BR

“ Elliott, Jean & Family: So sorry to read of Norma's passing - my thoughts & prayers are with you at this most difficult time. She was a fun, caring lady & I enjoyed golfing with her at Baldoon. Cherish the memories.

Brenda Robinson - December 07, 2023 at 09:04 AM

TP

“ Teenie Pettinger lit a candle in memory of Norma Johnston



Teenie Pettinger - December 07, 2023 at 08:59 AM

BI

“ Betty Bill Innis lit a candle in memory of Norma Johnston



Betty & Bill Innis - December 07, 2023 at 08:30 AM

CE

“ Sending my condolences to Norma's family. I was a former student of Norma at A.A Wright school. I had the privilege to be reacquainted with her providing nail and foot care. I absolutely enjoyed our visits fill with fond memories and many laughs. She truly was a sweet soul. Praying for peace, love and light to the family during this difficult time. God Bless❤️

Carla (Wise) Everaert - December 07, 2023 at 07:55 AM

PF

“ Norma was a great friend and neighbour to my Mother , Jean Dean. I was so grateful for Norma’s kindness and care as Mom aged. Whether travelling together, playing cards on Friday nights or visiting on the porch they shared many good times together. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. Peggy Feltmate

Peggy Feltmate - December 06, 2023 at 10:19 PM

BS

“ To the Johnston family We are so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. She taught our kids,we took care of the cats when her and Carl went to Florida and was always a great neighbor for many years. I would often see her when she came to pick up medication at the drug store. She had a calm sense about her and was always up for a game of cards. She will be missed by many. Condolences to all.

Brenda & Robert Stokes - December 06, 2023 at 10:06 PM

BS

“ Brenda Robert Stokes sent a virtual gift in memory of Norma Johnston



Brenda & Robert Stokes - December 06, 2023 at 09:58 PM

RB

“ Robin Benedict lit a candle in memory of Norma Johnston



Robin Benedict - December 06, 2023 at 09:22 PM

LS

“ I have so many fond memories of Norma. I loved when she read us stories in the library at A A Wright, with so much expression and humour - stories that I went on to read to many of my own students over the years. To this day, I still think of her every time I read "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

I was lucky enough to spend many of my childhood hours with Liz and her family and Norma and Carl always welcomed me into their home with warmth and kindness. I loved watching "Chico and the Man" there on Friday nights, feeling like I was just one of the family.

I looked up to Norma as a role model - a career woman with both a profession and a family, at a time when that wasn't all that common. She was beautiful and smart and I was privileged to know her.

Liz, Laurie, I am thinking of you and your family at this saddest of times and I am deeply sorry for your loss. I will never forget her.

Linda Murray Seaton - December 06, 2023 at 07:39 PM

SC

“ We are so very sorry about Norma. Our thoughts are with all of you .



Sherry & David Crowe - December 06, 2023 at 07:29 PM

MM

“ One of my favourite teachers (Grade 6) and librarians. Thought of her often with great fondness. My sympathy to Laurie, Liz and your families. Many books remind me of her - memories that will keep her in my heart forever. Mike Murray

Mike Murray - December 06, 2023 at 06:47 PM

JS

“ John Linda (Rutter) Seys sent a virtual gift in memory of Norma Johnston



John and Linda (Rutter) Seys - December 06, 2023 at 06:32 PM

BB

“ Elizabeth, So sorry to hear of the passing of you mother. She was the librarian at A.A.Wright when I first started teaching and was a terrific colleague. Hold on to the many wonderful memories you have of her and take care!
Bob Belbeck

Bob Belbeck - December 06, 2023 at 06:24 PM

TP

“ Tammy Palocz-Dunn lit a candle in memory of Norma Johnston



Tammy Palocz-Dunn - December 06, 2023 at 05:23 PM

UN

“ So sorry to hear about Norma's passing.
But surely: A life well lived!
My sincere condolences to all her family.



Uta Nowakowski - December 06, 2023 at 05:21 PM

EJ

“ Eric Sandra Johnston sent a virtual gift in
memory of Norma Johnston



Eric and Sandra Johnston - December 06, 2023 at 04:41 PM

JG

“ Prayers and well wishes to Liz and Laurie, their kids, partners as
well as the Arnold family Norma had a quick wit, a spirited mind and
relentless sense of adventure. Never forgotten.

jeff griffith - December 06, 2023 at 04:32 PM

TB

“ So sorry for your loss. Norma was one of a kind. ❤️

Tom and Judy Bachus - December 06, 2023 at 04:26 PM

AM

“ *Ariel Mann lit a candle in memory of Norma Johnston*



Ariel Mann - December 06, 2023 at 03:54 PM

CA

“ *Laurie and Liz and families. Sorry for your loss of a beautiful and wonderful lady. Your dad will be so happy to be with her. He was also wonderful.*

connie abel - December 06, 2023 at 03:07 PM