



Karen Kay Johnson


March 27, 1953 - August 28, 2025

Duffield, VA—

Karen Johnson, 72. passed away on Thursday August 28, 2025 at her home.

She was raised in Exeter, VA and lived most of her life in Duffield, VA. In the past, she worked at Heritage Hall in Big Stine Gap and at Super Sack in Lee County. When her grandchildren were born, she worked from home to help care for them. She was an amazing homemaker and loved working puzzles and playing cards. She cherished those moments when all of her family was together and she could cook for them. She was of Baptist faith, and was a member of Duffield Missionary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Anna Summers. Siblings, Earl Summers, Wanda Summers, Jimmy Summers, Bill Summers, Glenn Summers, Sonny Summers, Gary Summers, Louise Moorelock, Brenda Johnson, Darlene Varner, and Nell Long.

 Karen is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Hurshel Johnson. Her children, Travis Johnson (Vicki) of Elizabethton, TN, Lora Smith(Matt) of Big Stone Gap, VA, and Tim Johnson (Melissa) of Duffield, VA. Grandchildren, Jacob Falin and girlfriend, Tayler McKinney , Caleb Johnson (Karmen), Conner Johnson and fiancé, Emma Barlowe, and Evan Smith. Siblings,

Robert Summers, Velva Stephens, and Judy Butler. Several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends for a visitation on Monday, September 1, 2025, at Holding Funeral Home in Big Stone Gap, VA (Big Stone, VA) from 5 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The funeral service will be conducted at the Funeral Home's chapel with Caleb Johnson and Conner Johnson officiating. Special Music will be provided by: Emma Barlowe

Her burial will be held in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens in Big Stone Gap, VA on Tuesday, at 1:00 pm. Those wishing to attend are asked to assemble at Holdings Funeral Home in Big Stone Gap, to travel in procession to the cemetery.

Pallbearers : Travis Johnson, TIm Johnson, Matt Smith, Jacob Falin, Conner Johnson, & Evan Smith.

An online registry is available for the family at www.holdingfuneralhome.com

Holding Funeral Home of Big Stone Gap, is in Charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Powell Valley Memorial Gardens

5650 Powell Valley Road
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
(276) 679-0030

Tribute Wall



“ *Holding Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen Kay Johnson*



Holding Funeral Home, Inc. - September 03, 2025 at 05:29 PM

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“ *Praying for all the family.*



Debbie Falin - September 03, 2025 at 04:25 PM

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“ *Sean Johnson and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Karen Kay Johnson.*



Sean Johnson and family - September 01, 2025 at 10:06 AM

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“ *Sean Johnson and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Kay Johnson.*

Sean Johnson and family - September 01, 2025 at 10:06 AM

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“ Love, Cheryl, Tonya, Holley and Freddie purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Karen Kay Johnson.



Love, Cheryl, Tonya, Holley and Freddie - August 31, 2025 at 04:51 PM

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“ Love, Cindy purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Karen Kay Johnson.



Love, Cindy - August 31, 2025 at 12:33 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Karen Kay Johnson.



August 30, 2025 at 09:49 PM

TM

“ TERESA Johnson Moore sent a virtual gift in memory of Karen Kay Johnson



TERESA Johnson Moore - August 30, 2025 at 04:27 PM

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“ Karen was such a great person. I spent many of nights there as I was growing up. She was like a second mommy to me and such a good neighbor. Sorry for your loss and hugs and prayers to the whole family.

Lisa Winesett darnell

lisa darnell - August 30, 2025 at 02:01 PM

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“ Karen was a very nice lady and she took great care of Jacob. I pray for her family. May God bless each one.

Debbie Falin - August 30, 2025 at 12:57 PM