



## Barbara Johnson

October 10, 1940 - April 4, 2022

Barbara Jean Johnson was born October 10, 1940 in Chicago, IL to Joe and Emma Thomas.

Barbara Jean worked as a mental health technician at Shapiro Developmental Center until her retirement in June, 2006, after 35 years of service.

She was the matriarch of her family and loved spending time with her family, playing cards, going to the Riverboat and of course cooking, and she was an awesome cook. She also loved to travel, going all over the world-London, Spain and Greece, just to name a few of the places she visited.

She will be remembered for being a great wife, superb mother, and spoiling and lavishing all her grandchildren with unconditional love. She was a favorite aunt and a great friend. She met, and married her loving husband John Johnson on July 25, 1966 and they shared 57 great years together.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, John Johnson of Kankakee, IL; five sons, Harry (Donna) Oda of St. Paul, MN, Antoine (Mary Ann) Oda of Bourbonnais, IL, Gary (Chinesta) Oda of Lakeland, FL, Quentin Oda of Kankakee, IL and John Johnson Jr. of Milwaukee, WI; two brothers, Albert Thomas of Kankakee, IL and Fred (Annie) Thomas of Manteno, IL; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, James Thomas, Joe Thomas Jr. and Charles Thomas; sisters, Louise Simmons, Evelyn Thomas, Charlie Mae Thomas and Helen Thomas and one granddaughter, Barbara Emma Oda.

# Cemetery Details

## Mound Grove Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood  
Kankakee, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Lax Mortuary  
187 S. Greenwood Avenue  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Michael & Rita Morris lit a candle in memory of Barbara Johnson*



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**Michael & Rita Morris** - April 15, 2022 at 03:32 PM

JF

“ *JOANN FORD-BOX lit a candle in memory of Barbara Johnson*



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**JOANN FORD-BOX** - April 14, 2022 at 03:26 PM

CH

“ *BJ is what I called her, was one of the best people I know. She had a heart of pure gold, and a contagious smile that would make you feel loved. I will miss my phones calls and visits with my dear friend. Friends like BJ are rare and I will always cherish her in my heart ❤️,*



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**Carolyn Hestet** - April 10, 2022 at 11:47 PM

TC

“ *I will remember Barbara Jean for her pleasant smile , how she loved flowers, and for her humor and bringing laughter to the room. Thelma Sykes Carroll*

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**Thelma Sykes Carroll** - April 10, 2022 at 09:04 PM

CR

“ *Candy Ray lit a candle in memory of Barbara Johnson*



Candy ray - April 09, 2022 at 08:04 AM

EE

“ *Eloise Edwards lit a candle in memory of Barbara Johnson*



Eloise Edwards - April 08, 2022 at 09:03 PM

CW

“ *Cynthia Wells lit a candle in memory of Barbara Johnson*



Cynthia Wells - April 08, 2022 at 05:53 PM

JF

“ *JOANN FORD-BOX lit a candle in memory of Barbara Johnson*



JOANN FORD-BOX - April 08, 2022 at 02:06 PM

VT

“ I love and will miss you auntie my heart ache so much the taking us to see Santa taken us to chuckle cheese treating me like I was more your granddaughter then your niece family will not be the same with out you me asking you for recipes I just love you and will always cherish our memories 🥹😞

Valerie Thomas - April 08, 2022 at 01:50 PM

OM

“ I was blessed to work with Barbara on the 11-7am shift. She always had a smile and words of encouragement.

Othella Crutcher Dunigan

Othella Morris - April 08, 2022 at 10:38 AM

CR

“ Candy Ray lit a candle in memory of Barbara Johnson



Candy ray - April 07, 2022 at 08:20 PM

CR

“ Candy Ray lit a candle in memory of Barbara Johnson



Candy ray - April 07, 2022 at 08:19 PM



*My deepest condolences to the family . Mrs. Johnson was the sweetest person. She was a wonderful host and cook. She surly will be missed. God Bless the family and friends.*

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**Everett Wells** - April 22, 2022 at 01:36 AM