



Sheri L. Johnston

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It is with great sorrow that we announce the death of our beloved wife and mother, Sheri Laws Johnston. Sheri died on Tuesday, December 27th, 2022. True to her Catholic faith, she died with the final amen of her Last Rites. She was surrounded by her family, who will always love her and miss her dearly.

Sheri was born on June 1, 1944, in Longview, Texas to Thomas Graye and Dula Williamson Laws. She grew up with her sister, Linda, who she affectionately called "Sis Willy." Sheri attended Longview schools where she had many friends due to her wit and charm. She was involved in dance, taking tap and ballet for many years, and played the drums in her school band. Sheri graduated from Longview High School in 1962. She attended Kilgore College and Stephen F. Austin State University where she studied Liberal Arts.

Sheri first met her husband, Larry Blaine Johnston, while still in high school, and they began dating soon after she graduated. Sheri and Larry began the adventures of a lifetime when they were married on November 9th, 1963. They began a family shortly thereafter, with the arrival of four daughters over the next several years. Sheri was a devoted mother and loved being involved in the lives of her daughters. She sent all four of them to parochial schools where she was an active volunteer. Sheri was a Girl Scout troop leader, drove on field trips, and helped with lunch lines and classroom parties. She threw wonderful birthday parties, decorated fabulous bedrooms, and enrolled her daughters in many activities. She read them Robert Louis Stevenson and Edgar Allen Poe while they were still small children and ensured their love of reading continued through the years by consistently taking them to bookstores and libraries. She was so much fun and made growing up a joy. Sheri loved the mountains, and would often say, "The mountains are calling, and I must answer." She loved dogs and had several faithful, furry friends over the years, including Atticus, Scout, Jane Bond, Max, and Boo Radley. She loved music and



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listened to singers as varied as Pavarotti, Elvis Presley, and Johnny Cash. She loved a good mystery book or show and could often solve them before getting to the end. Over the years Sheri and Larry lived in several different places, including her favorite, Irapuato, Guanajuato, Mexico where Sheri once led a conga line during a Mexican holiday and joined a parade to dance in the streets.

Sheri imparted her joy, lightness, and her love of song and dance to her 11 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren, who lovingly refer to her as Honey. Honey will always be remembered as a bright light who showed them that humor, whimsy, and music can make every day a little better. Our sweet Honey will be with us whenever we hear an Elvis song or La Bamba, see the Rocky Mountains, or dance like nobody is watching.

Sheri is preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Dula Laws. She is survived by her husband, Larry, their four daughters, Julie Johnston Procell, Ashley Johnston Jones, Ana Mittal and husband Manu, Megan Stoehr and husband Wes, her grandchildren, Leah Hart, Kirstin Steiner, Dylan Stoker, Shari Stoker Yadav, Mariah Procell Cates, Mason and Tristan Procell, Madeline and Aubrey Jones, Nikhil and Neel Mittal, 8 great-grandchildren, her sister Linda Laws, and her sister-in-law Sister Cynthia Johnston.

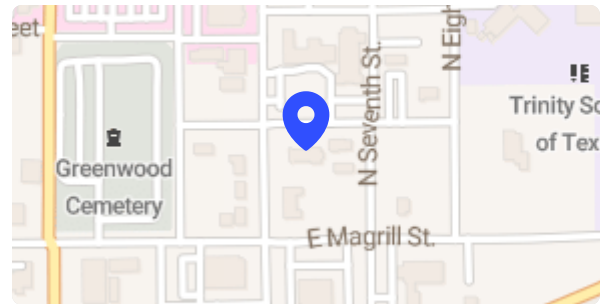


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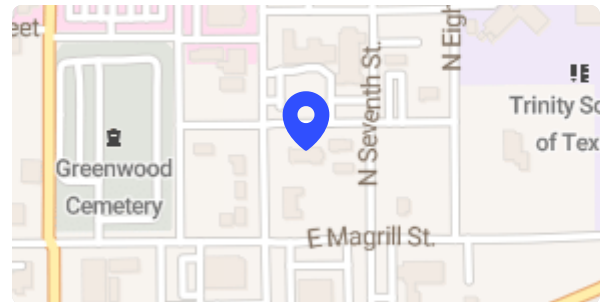
Rosary

- Thursday**, January 5, 2023
- 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM CT
- St. Anthony Catholic Church, Longview**
508 N Sixth St, Longview TX 75601



Funeral Mass

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MS

Megaan Johnston Stoehr posted:

I miss you so much everyday, Lady Louise. You are the best mother anyone could ever ask for, a true treasure. You're so loved and greatly missed. I love you like a rock. ❤️

May 14 at 1:44 PM

AJ

Ashley Jones posted:

My mother, my friend, why has God taken you ? I miss you so much . You were always the life of the party bringing entertainment to all. Never was there a song you didn't join in on, even climbing on stage at some events. You loved your family, dogs, the mountains, Mexico and Whigbey Island. You put up a fight against cancer. I was heartbroken that chemotherapy put you in a wheelchair, taking your freedom to kick up your heels. I know you are now dancing all over Gods heaven. No more pain, no more wheelchair and no more hospice to overmedicate you. I love you Mom . Love Ashley .

January 12 at 4:15 PM

CA

Claudia Alvarez January 23 at 9:01 AM

Miss Ashley. I am so sorry for the great loss of your wonderful, sweet mother. She sounds amazing. You are such a great daughter. I am sure your mother will forever proud of you and she will live forever in your heart and the memories all of you have of her and her great legacy will live on.

MJ

Maddie Jones posted:

My best memories with Honey were when we spent the night with her and DJ on our little green cotts in the living room when my mom worked. Honey would always let us use her laptop to play Farmville against her friends on Facebook. Honey bought me my first laptop in high school even when my mom told her I did not need one since we had a desktop at home. She was giving, loving, and cared for all her grandchildren. I hope you are having the biggest mug of coffee with Jesus and dancing in Heaven! Say hi to my other guardian angels up there for me. I know you will always be with me. I will miss & love you always.xoxo - Maddie

January 7 at 1:51 PM



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Aubrey Jones posted:

I will never forget the nights my mom worked and my sister and I went to stay with Honey and Dj. I wasn't allowed to have a phone when I was younger but honey always gave me hers to play with, we would stay up playing farmville on facebook until 3 in the morning! Honey had a sweet and caring soul, she was funny and smart and a wonderful grandmother. It will never be the same without her. Rest in peace sweet Honey we will miss you dearly

January 6 at 4:06 PM



Janice Chapman Killingsworth posted:

It made me so sad to read that Sheri had passed. She was such a fun person. I remember spending the night with Linda so many times and Sheri was always putting us up to something. I also loved Dula . She and my mom almost never said no to us. Rest In Peace Sheri. I'll look forward to seeing everybody one day. 😊 Janice Chapman Killingsworth

January 5 at 5:21 AM



Wes Stoehr posted:

It's with great sadness that I write these words but knowing you and having you in my life was such a blessing. You were an amazing daughter, mother, sister, wife, grandmother and friend. You made a difference in the lives of everyone you met. One of my favorite things about you was your ability to captivate. You regaled us all with stories and adventures from your life, and you always made me smile. I remember spending hours sitting around your kitchen table just talking. You opened your home and heart to me and raised a beautiful woman who would end up being my wife. I am eternally grateful. I am so sad that you are no longer here with us, and I will love you forever.

January 4 at 8:12 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Johnston family.



January 3 at 7:52 AM



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Sheronne Carlin lit a candle in honor of Sheri.



January 3 at 6:36 AM



Linda Laws January 3 at 7:14 PM
thank you so very much Sheronne



Sheronne Carlin January 3 at 7:01 AM
Sheri and I were quite a pair for 3 or 4 years in the early 60's. She was, by far, one of the funniest friends I'll ever know. The antics happened daily and never stopped. Her mother, Dula, was the first customer when I graduated from Michael's Beauty School, that followed me to the Headhunter Salon, my first professional job. I would love Dula forever until she left this world. Sheri and I were thick as thieves till she met Larry and he took her out into the beautiful world for many unforgettable adventures. The word "Comedian" is not even close to her mindset. She entertained every one she met and raised some wonderful girls. Her little sister, Linda, was a little shadow at first, going into journalism and growing to outshine the rest. Larry and Linda, my prayers are with you both and the rest of Sheri's.. family, friends and acquaintances that were blessed to have her in their life, even for a short moment. "She is in a better place" they always say but, her circle of loved ones will miss her till we all meet again. Knowing Sheri was a unbelievable experience that no one since has touched. There has to be a very special place in heaven for her. Till then.....🥹🥹🥹💙



Dylan Stoker posted:

Be one with the White Lizard!

January 3 at 5:42 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Johnston family.



January 3 at 3:09 AM



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Leah Hart lit a candle in honor of Sheri.



My Sweet Honey, It's been 11 years since Nana has died, and at times, it still doesn't sink in that she's gone, and now you too....Will it ever feel real to live in a world with out the both of you in it? Finally though, you can breathe easy again. Finally, Honey, you can breathe without struggle. Finally, you are reunited with Nana. Finally, you are home. We spend our lives saying goodbye everyday! I say good bye to Joseph before he goes to work, I say goodbye to my kids when they get out of the car to go to school, I say goodbye to my mom when she has to return to Longview, I say it when I leave work to my coworkers, and even to the Chick-fil-A worker who hands me my tea. "Saying goodbye is part of our every day. It's when that goodbye feels final though, it is then that we start to think about the moments." Moments I have of you are my favorite! We sang, "Country Bumpkin" all the way to the mountains! We presented your Elvis Presley license at Fuddruckers so they could tell, "Elvis" his order was ready! We made coffee stilts in New Mexico, explored the white sands, and sent Dylan off to be one with the white lizard! We set up sleepovers for my 8th grade year that I will never forget and we ate, "Big as your damn head, hamburgers" in El Paso! We explored Colorado, and built puzzles and ended our nights in the hot tub! We made DJ eat our cookies even after realizing we left out the sugar, and watched him lie to our faces about how much he, "loved them", we sang about the Rocky Mountains on the way to tube the river and you introduced us to all things, "John Denver". We made Jokes in Oklahoma about, "all the DAM things" because they were big on naming all of their stores and restaurants after their, "beaver dams". I'm not exactly sure how I'm supposed to continue this life without you! My heart is so raw. I don't want to let go of the hand that made the mother who made me. I can barely see to write this. I'm not sure if this letter makes sense and I know for DAM sure it's everywhere! You loved us all deeply, and we felt it. I hope you were able to feel our love pouring right back at you. Because we love you so much. Then, now, and forever. Until we meet again, Country Bumkin! Leah ❤️

December 31 at 4:42 AM



Sheronne Carlin January 2 at 6:25 PM
Prayers going up for all of you, Larry and Linda 💙



Sheronne Carlin January 2 at 6:24 PM
❤️🙏



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Shari Stoker posted:

I was always so proud to be your namesake- your little Sheri! Growing up I was always thrilled to go visit or stay with you for extended times. I always wanted to be where you were, hang by your side while you sipped your coffee and have long conversations with you about everything and nothing. Ill never forget all the times we laughed sang and danced together. My favorite memory of you was dancing to " La Bamba" in Mexico at your favorite restaurant. The moment the song came on we jumped out of our seats and twirled our napkins over our head, not caring who was watching. Another sweet memory is breaking out into hysterical giggles with you when you encouraged me to order the "Bigger than your Damn Head Burger". I hope I get to pass on your fun and whimsical nature to my little one. I will miss you more than you know!! I love you so!

January 2 at 9:50 AM



Kirstin Steiner posted:

My sweet Honey was wonderfully fun and had an adventurous spirit. I will forever cherish my memories of visiting her and my grandfather, "DJ," in the many places they lived-- Colorado, Mexico, New Mexico, Oklahoma, El Paso. We shared many fun memories and were our silliest selves together. I will miss you forever, Honey. I love you!-Kirstin Blaine

January 2 at 9:30 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Johnston family.



January 2 at 4:49 AM



Linda Laws posted:

she called me Sis Willie in fun. She was so much fun. I have a hole in my heart...my dear and only sister.

January 1 at 1:25 PM



Anonymous sent a Serenity Wreath to the Johnston family.



January 1 at 12:26 PM



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Wayne And Margaret Musslewhite posted:

T thought the world of Larry and Sheri and sister Linda! I had gotten my driving permit at 14. She called wanting me to come get her at record shop! We passed an ambulance, and I started crying she said what's wrong I said someone in my family is in that ambulance! She said you are crazy!Got home being alone the phone rang dear friend called to say my dad had just died Mother and twin at hospital! WE talked and shared thru the years!!Linda too! Grew up together as neighbors and with our dear Class of 1962!My heart and prayers are with you all. Our son passed at Thanksgiving time this year and the love and prayers, and faith get us thru it. Larry call Wayne if you need to share!!! We couldn't ask them for another day after being sick could we! Totally healed in heaven!

December 31 at 4:42 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sheri by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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