



Dianne M. Johnson-Small

March 27, 1943 - September 22, 2021

Dianne M. Johnson-Small

Age 78

Of South Haven

Passed away Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at Rose Arbor Hospice Home in Kalamazoo, MI. Dianne was born March 27, 1943 in Chicago, IL the daughter of James and Estelle (Rajzer) Lorek, and has lived in the South Haven area for the past 46 years. She Co-owned and managed Moon Lake Campground in South Haven for 15 years and made many lifetime friendships with the people who camped there. She also worked in the Berrien County Court system for 25 years. She loved her job at the CourtHouse as much as she loved her co-workers there. She retired from Berrien County in 2016. She was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Bangor, and volunteered with the Food Pantry at the Church, and with the St Vincent de Paul Thrift store. She spent much of her time gardening, and her flowers were her only addiction. She was an avid seamstress, and sewed and donated over 200 masks during the Covid Pandemic. She also loved to spend time with her family and friends. Surviving are her 2 children, Suzanne (Ron) Craft of Bangor, and Shannon (Mike) Smith of Goose Creek, SC; daughters-in-law Tracy Mcfall and Diana Meads; 7 grandchildren, Dusten (Samantha) Burrows, Deven Craft, Deanna (Mike) Rizzo, Danielle Craft, Cody Johnson, Gavin (Johnson)Ellis, Avery Smith; 5 great grandchildren; brother, Ken (Mary) Lorek of St. Joseph; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Dianne was also an honorary mom and

grandma to many people who needed her in their life. She was preceded in death by her husbands, James Carl Johnson, and James Small; and a son, William James Johnson. The family will be having a celebration of her life on Thursday, September 30th, at the Geneva Township Hall at 62127 Co Rd 380, Bangor MI. Family and Friends are welcome to stop by anytime between 3:00 pm and 8:00 pm to share food, photos, and loving memories of Dianne. On Friday, October 1, 2021 a funeral mass will be held at 11:00 am at Sacred Heart Church in Bangor. A private burial for immediate family will take place at Monks Cemetery following the mass.

Cemetery Details

Monks Cemetery

21196 County Road 687
Bangor, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **30**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Geneva Township Hall
62127 CR 380
Bangor, MI 49013

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **1**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church
201 S. Walnut
Bangor, MI

Tribute Wall

FC

“ Family Division Berrien Cty Trial Court purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Dianne M. Johnson-Small.



Family Division Berrien Cty Trial Court - September 29, 2021 at 11:56 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dianne M. Johnson-Small.



September 28, 2021 at 05:25 PM

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“ Data Intelligence Group (DIG) purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dianne M. Johnson-Small.



Data Intelligence Group (DIG) - September 28, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dianne M. Johnson-Small.*



September 28, 2021 at 10:33 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dianne M. Johnson-Small.*



September 28, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ *Adam Aukerman purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Dianne M. Johnson-Small.*



Adam Aukerman - September 27, 2021 at 04:49 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers for Peace and Comfort are with you and your family.*

Ralph Yarborough

Ralph Yarborough - September 27, 2021 at 02:21 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dianne M. Johnson-Small.*



September 27, 2021 at 01:01 PM



“ *Our love and prayers go out to the whole Johnson-Small family. Praying for peace and comfort as you mourn her passing. Praying for joy and thankfulness as you remember and celebrate her life.*

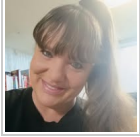
Adam Aukerman - September 27, 2021 at 09:15 AM



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JIM WILKERSON - September 26, 2021 at 03:59 PM



“ We ordered Dianne the Country Basket Bloom with the two butterflies because it felt most representative of the role she played in our lives.. She (via Moonlake Campground) brought two butterflies together 39 years ago (Stacey and I) when we were still just kids.. Moonlake and the Johnson family has always been key to our happiest most precious memories and we will go on loving them until our own obituaries are written.. Shannon and Suzanne, our hearts are completely broken and you're both heavy on our minds.. your mom has always been one the most beautiful souls of the earth so it makes it that much harder when you lose someone like that but take peace in knowing that she now is reunited with her true love and wonderful son as well as the rest of her family we know shes missed so much.. it doesn't stop the pain of your loss but I hope it does bring a little bit of comfort.. we love you girls and if you need anything at all please reach out



Suzie Troupe - September 25, 2021 at 04:51 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dianne M. Johnson-Small.



September 25, 2021 at 04:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dianne M. Johnson-Small.



September 25, 2021 at 01:52 PM



“ *FROM JIM WILKERSON FAMILY* purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Dianne M. Johnson-Small.



FROM JIM WILKERSON FAMILY - September 24, 2021 at 07:28 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* was purchased for the family of Dianne M. Johnson-Small.



September 24, 2021 at 05:36 PM



“ *Greg and Jennifer Jewell Kitzmiller* purchased the *Serene Retreat* for the family of Dianne M. Johnson-Small.



Greg and Jennifer Jewell Kitzmiller - September 24, 2021 at 02:28 PM

JK

“ Dianne was such a wonderful person. I worked with her at the courthouse for 15 years before she retired and she always greeted me with a smile. She had a caring nature and a great sense of humor. She truly cared about the kids that came through our office. My thoughts, prayers, and condolences are with her family during this time of sorrow. I know she will be missed everyday. May a perpetual light shine upon her.

Jennifer Kitzmiller - September 24, 2021 at 02:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dianne M. Johnson-Small.



September 24, 2021 at 11:22 AM

GW

“ Suzanne,
So very sorry to hear of your loss. Your mother was such a sweet wonderful person. She will be missed. Geralyn Waldschmidt

Geralyn Waldschmidt - September 23, 2021 at 10:56 PM

KR

“ Suzanne, I am so very saddened to hear of the loss of your mom. Such devastating news. Praying for peace and comfort for you and your entire family as you navigate through this difficult time.



Karen Richards - September 23, 2021 at 05:25 PM

JA

“ *Suzanne, I am so sad to hear of your mother's passing. My heart goes out to you and the rest of your family. I'll be thinking of you often and praying that you receive a peace that surpasses all understanding.*



Jason - September 23, 2021 at 05:12 PM

CH

“ *Thoughts and Prayers to the Johnson-Small Family. Diane was always a positive and warm soul, who was very devoted to her faith and her family. She will be deeply missed by anyone whose life she touched. May you find comfort and peace in this sorrowful time. Rest in Peace Dianne.*



Chris - September 23, 2021 at 10:23 AM

PH

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Your Mom was one of the sweetest ladies that I know. It was my privilege to work with her in the Christian Service group. She was always so helpful and encouraging to me. May God grant her eternal rest and give peace and comfort to your family. With deepest sympathy, Pat Henry*

Pat Henry - September 23, 2021 at 10:03 AM

AW

“ *Suzanne, Shannon and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. So sorry for your loss. God Bless*

Amelia Walantyn - September 23, 2021 at 09:16 AM

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“ *Amelia Walantyn lit a candle in memory of
Dianne M. Johnson-Small*



Amelia Walantyn - September 23, 2021 at 09:14 AM