

Peace in Christ

He gives us *hope*
when hope is gone.
He gives us *strength*
when we can't go on.
He gives us *shelter*
in the storms of life.
When there's no *peace* on earth,
there is peace *in Christ.*

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FUNERAL HOMES

Celebrating the Life of



Marsha L. Johnson

November 9, 1949 - October 6, 2026

Marsha L. Johnson, 76, of Garner, passed away on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at Mayo Clinic Hospital, Methodist Campus in Rochester, MN, surrounded by her family.

Marsha Lee Johnson, the daughter of Gordon and Shirley (Dakken) Haes, was born November 9, 1949, in Forest City. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Garner. Marsha graduated from Garner-Hayfield High School in 1968. In 1969, she was married to Pete Gouge, and together had four children, Shannon, Staci, Buffy and Jeremy, and raised their family in Garner. In 1999, she married Marion Johnson at St. Paul Lutheran Church and to this union, she gained a bonus daughter, Nichelle. They lived in Garner all of their married life. Marsha was employed as a dental assistant for Dr. Peter Vidal for many years and worked part-time at Wood Chiropractic until retiring in 2011. She enjoyed her family, bowling, golfing, gardening, cross-stitching, and playing cards. She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. Her favorite past time was spending time with her "Weezers" and this special group of friends walked through life together for many years, supporting each other through the good and the bad! They enjoyed dressing up, having their own parties, including the annual weenies and martini's bonfire amongst other adventures. They were friends that became family. She was an avid Iowa Hawkeye, Green Bay Packer, and Indiana Fever fan.

She was a lifetime member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and St. Paul LWML.

Marsha is survived by her husband of 27 years, Marion of Garner; children, Shannon (Tim) Driscoll of West Des Moines, Staci Lowe of Sheffield, Buffy (Lance) Gardner of Garner and Jeremy (Gail) Gouge of Garner; her bonus daughter, Nichelle (Jason) Kendall of Forest City; grandchildren, Logan (Makenzie) Driscoll and their daughter, Jayla and one on the way, Brody Driscoll, Courtney Lowe (Josh Thomas), Hannah Lowe, Ty Gardner, Trever Gardner, Brockway (Tjaden) Gouge, Gretta Gouge, Mattie Gouge, Natalie Kendall and Jaydon Kendall; a brother, Marlin "Mick" (Kathy) Haes of Minneapolis, MN; two sisters, Margo Greiman of Windsor, CO and Mareen Nedved of Garner; brothers-in-law, Rex (Candy) Johnson of Leland and Keith (Karen) Johnson of Meservey and Debbie Johnson of Springfield, IL; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother-in-law, Gary Greiman; niece, Jennifer Nedved; a sister-in-law, Benae Johnson; and brother-in-law, Michael Johnson.

Memorials may be directed to the Garner VFW or Garner Community Christian Child Care (GC4).

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MEMORIAL SERVICE
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Garner, Iowa
10:30 a.m., Saturday, October 10, 2026

OFFICIATING
Rev. Scott Kozisek

MUSIC
Beverly Cataldo, Organist
Congregational Hymn
"The Old Rugged Cross"
Special Music
"You Raise Me Up"
"I Can Only Imagine"
"Supermarket Flowers"

USHERS
Travis Schleusner
Matt Greiman

HONORARY BEARERS
The Weezers
Courtney Lowe
Hannah Lowe
Natalie Kendall
Gretta Gouge
Mattie Gouge

URN BEARERS
Brockway Gouge
Jaydon Kendall
Logan Driscoll
Brody Driscoll
Ty Gardner
Trever Gardner

INURNMENT
Concord Township Cemetery
Garner, Iowa

All are invited to a luncheon in the church basement immediately following the committal service at the cemetery.