Janel Beth Johnston, 64, of Grand Forks, ND, passed away on Friday, September 25, 2026, in Fargo, ND under the care of the HIA Hospice, Heather's House.

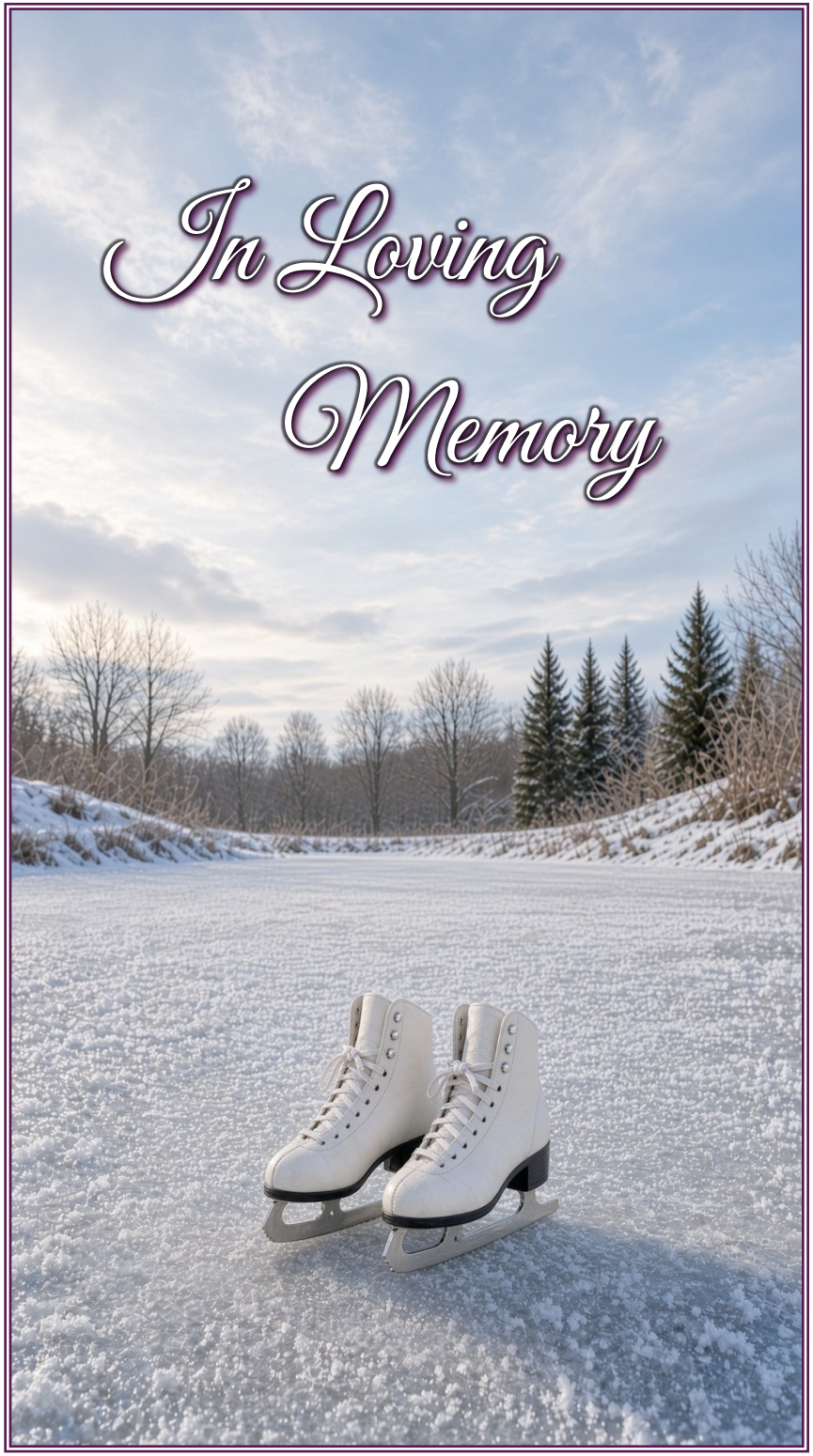
Janel was born January 06, 1962, in Williston, ND to Charles and Meredith (Ohnsager) Sansburn. She was one of three children. Janel grew up in Grand Forks, graduating from Central High School in 1980. She married Jay Johnston on June 11, 2011, in Grand Forks where they continued to make their home.

Over the years, Janel enjoyed competing in Special Olympics basketball, volleyball, soccer and was a cheerleader. She figure skated in International Special Olympics, in Salt Lake City under guidance and coaching of Karen Torkelson. Janel was an avid sports fan, following along with her favorite teams, the Minnesota Vikings, Twins, and UND Hockey. She would never forget a birthday or special occasion, and made sure, by always sending a card. She loved and cherished the time spent with friends, family and her husband, Jay.

Janel was preceded in death by her grandparents, Eddy and Marie Ohnsager, Charlie and Carrie Sansburn and mother, Meredith Sansburn.

She is survived by her husband JaDean Johnston; brothers, Dean and Scott (Vicke) Sansburn; her father, Charles Sansburn; her nieces and nephews; long with many other family members and friends.

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God saw she was getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around her
And whispered, “Come with Me.”
With tearful eyes we watched her suffer
And saw her fade away,
Although we loved her dearly
We could not make her stay.
A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

Janel Beth Johnston

Jan. 06, 1962 — Sep. 25, 2026

Date & Time of Service

Saturday ▪ October 03, 2026 ▪ 2:00pm

First Presbyterian Church

Grand Forks, North Dakota

Officiating

Rev. Dr. Spencer S. Homan

Musical Selections

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

“On Eagle’s Wings”

“How Great Thou Art”

“You Raise Me Up”: Josh Groban

Accompanist: Ruth Ann Tuseth

Interment

First Presbyterian Church Columbarium

Grand Forks, North Dakota

The family wishes to express their appreciation for your thoughts and prayers. Please join them for refreshments following the service.

Janel Johnston