



## Susan Johnson

April 24, 1955 - February 7, 2013

Susan Simpson Johnson, 57, of Alpharetta died February 7, 2013 at home, after a long and brave battle with cancer.

Susan was born in Fort Worth, TX on April 24, 1955, the only daughter of Jefferson A. and Claire G. Simpson. She was a graduate of Naples (FL) High School, and earned a BS degree in Psychology from Florida Southern College. She was a member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Susan was married in June 1978 to B.J. Johnson, and she was employed as a counselor with the Florida State Employment Service throughout her time in Florida. Sue became very active in volunteer and community activities, due to moves associated with her husband's career. Throughout the 1980's, Susan made her home in Plymouth, MN (twice), Aurora, CO, Lake Oswego, OR, and Roswell, GA. After settling in Alpharetta in 1992, Susan remained active in community and neighborhood activities, taught pre-school, and was a co-owner of an accessories and furnishing retail store. She was always a benefactor and contributor to select charities very close to her heart.

Susan loved birds and gardening, travel with her family and close friends, and had many other interests and causes. She truly excelled as an active, supportive, and loving mother to her three beloved sons, as a devoted wife to her husband, and as a loyal and trusted friend to many. She had the unique ability to attract, nurture, and maintain close friendships.

Susan is survived by her father, Jefferson Simpson of Naples, FL; her husband B.J.; sons, Ty (of Estes Park, CO), Adam (of Fort Collins, CO), Josh,

(Alpharetta); two nieces and one nephew. Susan was preceded in death by her mother, Claire, of Naples, FL.

A Celebration of Susan's life will be held February 24, 2013 at 1PM, in Day Hall, at the Atlanta Botanical Garden , 1345 Piedmont Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA, 30309. A reception will follow.

The family is very grateful for the outpouring of love and support during Susan's illness. In lieu of flowers, or other memorials we request donations to:

Boys and Girls Aid

018 SW Boundary Ct.

Portland, OR 97239

503.542.2327

[boysandgirlsaid.org](http://boysandgirlsaid.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Sikorski Funeral Home

3630 West George Street  
Chicago, IL

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 24. 1:00 PM (ET)

Day Hall at Atlanta Botanical Garden  
1345 Piedmont Ave. NE  
Atlanta, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Susan Johnson*

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October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *The world has lost a special brightness and I have lost a dear, special friend. Sue was one of the most caring people I have ever known. She practiced the "art" of friendship everyday. I will miss her kindness always. Blessings to you BJ, Ty, Adam and Josh. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers as your memories overcome the pain of loss.##imported-begin##Beth Freeman##imported-end##*

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February 24, 2013 at 12:08 AM



“ *Good bye dear sweet friend- thank you for teaching me the true meaning of friendship. I shall miss your kind, gracious and loving ways.  
Until we meet again...##imported-begin##Susan Macdonald  
##imported-end##*

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February 23, 2013 at 05:06 PM



“ I loved Sue very much. I will miss her immensely. I will miss her authentic life, her courage, her strength, her intellect, her sense of humor, her loving smile, her genuine kindness, her humanity and mostly, her friendship.

My deepest compassion for B.J., Ty, Adam, Josh and the rest of her family. You all have lost an amazing woman, we all have lost an amazing friend.

Sue was that "special" person that enters your life only once in a lifetime. I am humbled to have had the honor and pleasure of her friendship.

Loving Sue always,  
elba##imported-begin##Elba Gale##imported-end##

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February 21, 2013 at 12:05 PM



“ It is our misfortune not to have been able to get to know Sue better than we did. Our thoughts are with BJ and the boys and all friends and family who share in the loss of such a special person.##imported-begin##John and Karen Cannon##imported-end##

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February 20, 2013 at 01:06 PM



“ What I will miss most about Sue is our many conversations while out walking the neighborhood. She was a very special person and I am thankful for the time I had with her. I remember our kids playing together when they were young - she was a great mom. My heart goes out to BJ and the boys as i know they will miss her even more.##imported-begin##Karen Sapro##imported-end##

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February 19, 2013 at 10:40 PM



“ BJ and Sons,

*No words can possibly cover what you all have been going through. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers daily. May God bless you all.##imported-begin##Ron & Bonny Cjamberlin##imported-end##*

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February 18, 2013 at 05:01 PM



“ Sweet Sue and I are neighbors but we actually met while sharing on the the same PTA committees at River Eves when our kids were in elementary school over 18 years ago. I loved how she stood her ground on the things she believed in. She and I spoke many times about her health issues. We had several issues in common with our health. Her sweet friend, Tina, would always keep me updated if there was any changes with her health that she thought I needed to know. Sue and I didn't mind sharing "every" detail with each other. She is so lucky to have BJ and her boys who she loved so much to take such great care of her. It is exactly what she wanted. I asked before Thanksgiving if she was glad she knew the doctor gave her three months to live and she said "absolutely". She wanted to know everything! Amazing lady that I will miss dearly.##imported-begin##sue boutwell##imported-end##

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February 16, 2013 at 12:46 PM



“ All our thoughts and prayers to out the the Johnson family. Sue will be missed deeply by all. She was one of the kindest people I have ever met and my entire family will forevr cherish her memory##imported-begin##Steve and Mary Rothermel##imported-end##

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February 14, 2013 at 10:43 AM



“ Dear Johnson Family,  
Please accept our Sincere Sympathy.  
I'm so glad that BJ and I were able to speak prior to Sue's passing.  
Please know that your entire family is in our thoughts and  
prayers.##imported-begin##Wester & Lorraine Miga##imported-  
end##

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February 13, 2013 at 09:16 AM



“ BJ, I'm so sorry to hear about Sue. You and your family will continue  
to be in my thoughts and prayers at this time.##imported-  
begin##Joan Robertson##imported-end##

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February 12, 2013 at 01:54 PM



“ I loved Sue's fine mind, her incisive intelligence, her  
straightforwardness and candor, and friendly manner. There was an  
authenticity in her conversations and relationships that I admired.  
She didn't shy away from tough topics and made courageous  
decisions in her personal life. I am grateful for her friendship.

Please accept my condolences on her passing.##imported-  
begin##Joy Marsella##imported-end##

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February 11, 2013 at 08:30 PM



“ Sue and I used to be tennis partners a long time ago and that's how I came to know her when my family moved to Nesbit Lakes. Such a great person...so positive, so funny, and genuinely nice. Hadn't seen Sue for a long time although we live close by but kept running into her this past summer. I'm so glad i did..so optimistic and brave! BJ and family, I am so sorry for your loss...i have thought of you all lately and prayed for you often. Sue was a wonderful person and will be sorely missed...with loving thoughts, Jody##imported-begin##Jody Cufaro##imported-end##

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February 11, 2013 at 05:37 PM



“ As a recent cancer survivor, I can only imagine how difficult Sue's fight for life was. She was a great gal with a spirited personslity that was beloved by many of us in Nesbit Lakes. To her husband and sons, I know you will cherish the many amazing memories you must have of Sue and may they bring you solace on "difficult" days. May Sue rest in the peace she so diligently earned in her life on earth.##imported-begin##Jenny Salvador##imported-end##

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February 11, 2013 at 02:26 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Susan. She was a blessing to so many lifes and it is commendable how BJ, Ty, Josh & Adam were everything she needed in a very difficult time. May God touch your hearts in a very special way, you will feel his loving arms around you and bless you with extra strength. You will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Debbie Sunnarborg##imported-end##

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February 11, 2013 at 01:35 PM



“ BJ - Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Mike, Paula, and Will Collins##imported-begin##Mike, Paula, & Will Collins##imported-end##

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February 11, 2013 at 11:12 AM



“ BJ,  
You and your boys will remain in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Linda & Bruce McWhorter##imported-end##

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February 11, 2013 at 10:58 AM



“ BJ-

*So sorry to hear of Sue's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the boys during this difficult time. My you find some comfort knowing that she is at peace.*

*Jill O'Connor##imported-begin##Jill O'Connor##imported-end##*

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February 11, 2013 at 10:49 AM



“ Sue was an angel who welcomed me, a newcomer, into what was a huge network of friends. Despite the numbers of people who loved her, she cared about each individual and made time for each in a unique way that is already sorely missed. As has been said, she adored her family and vice versa... what a legacy she has left on so many levels. Jim and I are here for BJ and her sons, and will treasure our friendship forever.##imported-begin##Anne##imported-end##

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February 10, 2013 at 10:05 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy in your loss. Words can not express the sorrow I feel for you having to go through this difficult time in your life. Your family is in my prayers!###imported-begin##Lisa Albright Wald###imported-end##

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February 10, 2013 at 07:03 PM



“ I was fortunate enough to have met Sue at the 10th high school reunion of the school BJ and I went attended. We hit it off well and we always stayed in touch. The miles never seemed to matter, especially after we began to have our children, all close together in ages. Sue was an excellent friend to so many, kind, compassionate to those less fortunate than herself, and was always in such good spirits, even when this disease had her on the mat. When I visited in December, her spirits were high and she managed to make us all laugh, even about such a thing as her illness. I will never forget her and as my son said when I told him of her passing , " Mom, don't forget what you always say; a person is never really gone, as long as someone remembers them. I'll always remember Sue". I will, too, and so will SO many others who loved her, especially BJ and her wonderful sons. My sincere condolences to you all. Sue will be in your hearts always.###imported-begin##Terry Tingen Darmody###imported-end##

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February 10, 2013 at 02:39 AM



“ Sue, We will miss our dear friend, however you will live in our hearts forever. You touched our lives and added a ray of sunshine to our life. Our hearts and prayers are with the Johnson Family. We love you all and are here for you in anyway we can help.

*The Boslet's*##imported-begin##Chris and Sandy Boslet##imported-end##

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February 10, 2013 at 12:33 AM



“ Sorry, wasn't changed to Torrance, but Plymouth. Sue was kind enough to keep in touch over the years about her 3 boys who were so important to her. A kind, remarkable woman.##imported-begin##Jonet Anderson##imported-end##

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February 09, 2013 at 10:45 PM



“ Prayers to the family for a warn & wonderful woman. Was a neighbor in Wayzaya, MN (later changed to Torrance). Remember her & BJ fondly. So sorry for her passing.##imported-begin##Jonet Anderson ##imported-end##

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February 09, 2013 at 10:40 PM



“ Susan you will always be in our prayers and thoughts. You were a brave women that no matter how tough the situation was you faced it with a bright smile. One of our biggest blessing was having you in our life as a member of our family. You were a great freind that thought about others before yourself. God blessed you with a wonderful a family. You were a wonderful mother and great wife and also an amazing friend. i havent lost a freind because you are still there in my heart like always. Forever youll be loved  
susan###imported-begin##Maria,Hugo,Daisy,Ruby,Edeth,David  
##imported-end##

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February 09, 2013 at 10:21 PM



“ I will miss my dear friend and she will be forever in my heart. Rest in peace, Sue. With love always.##imported-begin##Valarie Ziccardi##imported-end##

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February 09, 2013 at 08:34 PM



“ To B.J.and the Boys

We are so sad about your wife's and mothers passing. We pray for your strength during these times...May God guide you thru this process and into the future. There will come a time when you will be doing something and you will find yourself saying out loud "HI Mom"...yes she will be with you forever...##imported-begin##Craig and Sandi Baker##imported-end##

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February 09, 2013 at 07:30 PM



“ Words cannot express our sorrow.  
Sue was one of the greatest individual's this world will ever know ....  
Everyone she met was touched with her sincerity and charm.  
We will miss her, but she will be forever in our hearts❤️  
Love. All the Elders###imported-begin###Nancy , Mike, Maghan,  
Lauren and Todd###imported-end##

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February 09, 2013 at 05:57 PM



“ Sue made everyone feel like they were her best friend. She was so good to us! We love her, and we miss her. My heart hurts, but I know we'll be friends until forever... She raised three awesome young men to carry her legacy. Our thoughts and prayers to BJ, her loving husband, Ty, Adam and Josh.###imported-begin###Louise Plagman ###imported-end##

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February 09, 2013 at 04:58 PM



“ Sue and I became friends the summer of 1975...I joined ADPI and she became my BIG SIS...We were like Sisters...we both had 3 sons. She was more than generous to me. She was a great friend.###imported-begin###Colette###imported-end##

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February 09, 2013 at 04:29 PM