



Christine Louise Johnson

November 18, 1946 - August 21, 2025

Christine Louise Johnson (née Benson) passed away at home on August 21, 2025, in Santa Clara, Utah, at the age of 78. Born on November 18, 1946, in El Centro, California, Christine lived a life marked by curiosity, unbelievable resilience, and an extremely deep appreciation for learning and laughter.

Raised in Brawley, California, Christine was the eldest of her three surviving siblings—Robert, Donna, and Karen. From an early age, she displayed a love for books and exploration, often spending her childhood days immersed in the world of libraries and museums. Her intellectual curiosity blossomed into academic excellence; she graduated with honors at the top of her class from Brawley Union High School in 1964.

Christine pursued higher education at Imperial Valley College before transferring to Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa. It was there that she met her future husband, John L. Johnson—a chance meeting that would shape the course of her life. They were married in Brawley, California in 1968. Six years later, their son Jeff was born. He, his wife, Lisa (Murray), and their daughters Rita and Maren survive.

Her professional journey began early when the family dentist trained her during high school to work part-time as a dental assistant. This experience sparked a lifelong interest in dentistry and healthcare. During her college

years, she worked as a pediatric dental assistant, where she taught young patients dental hygiene. She later advanced to become a surgical assistant for an oral surgeon—a role that reflected both her skill and compassion.

Christine's life was enriched by a wide range of interests and talents. She enjoyed swimming, badminton, hiking, and playing piano during her youth. Her love for nature, playing piano, and music remained with her throughout her life. She found relaxation in camping and excitement in dirt biking. She had an innate ability to find beauty in the world around her and goodness in those she encountered.

Known lovingly as “Sis,” by her Dad, Christine was admired for her kindness, generosity and gratitude. A cancer survivor, and in spite of having decades of multiple debilitating autoimmune disorders, surgeries, and complications, she approached life with optimism—always ready to make lemonade out of lemons—and never missed an opportunity to count her blessings. Her smile was genuine and her laugh infectious; both were hallmarks of her presence.

Christine's sharp wit and sense of humor were legendary among those who knew her best. Even in challenging times, she maintained control with grace and levity. One of her favorite quips—delivered with perfect timing—was: “I'm really not interested in what you're saying right now; why not go talk to the mirror.” It was this blend of honesty and humor that endeared her to so many.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Walton Benson and Tommie Louise Benson. Christine's memory will live on through those who knew and loved her. May it bring comfort to all who remember her laughter, wisdom, and unwavering spirit.

In honoring her final wishes, there will be no service. In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family requests donations in Christine's name, to Best Friends Animal

Sanctuary in Kanab <https://bestfriends.org/donate> or the St. George Rotary Sunrise Foundation, Youth Literacy Project, using Venmo <https://www.venmo.com/u/St-George-Sunrise-Rotary> or mailing a check to Post Office Box 1622, St. George, UT 84771.

The family would like to thank Dixiecare Home Rehab and Hospice for their comprehensive, superior care. Their staff is exceptionally knowledgeable, supportive, and appreciated. Family and friends are invited to share condolences online at: www.SerenityStG.com Arrangements and memorial tree planting are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, St. George, (435) 986-9100.

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