



Rene Johns

June 12, 1955 - April 10, 2026

Rene Jean Johns, 70, of Cedar Falls, died Friday, April 10, 2026, at UnityPoint Allen Hospital in Waterloo.

She was born on June 12, 1955, in Waterloo, Iowa, the daughter of Gary and Dorothy (Bishop) Abernathy. Rene graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1973. On May 12, 1981, she was united in marriage to Keith Johns at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. She was employed at Standard Golf until her retirement in 2020.

Rene was a lifelong sports fan, a devoted Chicago Cubs fan, and a proud Green Bay Packers supporter who rarely missed a game. She also enjoyed placing a bet or two on the action. She enjoyed reading mystery novels, spending time and traveling with her family, watching games, and relaxing with a good mystery book. Rene had a jovial personality who enjoyed good laugh.

Rene is survived by her husband, Keith Johns of Cedar Falls; her son, Chris (Jennifer) Johns of Evansdale; her grandson, Tyler (Samm Swope) Johns of Cedar Falls; and her sister, Lori Abernathy of Cedar Falls.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at

Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls, with burial following at Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2026, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Americans for Independent Living (AFIL) of Waterloo.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

12th and Division Streets
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
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richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

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Tribute Wall

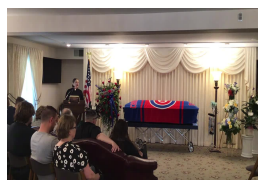
CT

“ *Im so sorry for Rene's passing. I first met Rene when I babysat Christopher and then really got to know her as a Amvet Women's Auxilary. RIP*
CHRISTIE TWAITES

Christie Twaites - April 20 at 01:27 AM

RF

“ *1 file added to the album Rene Johns funeral service*



rfs - April 14 at 03:03 PM

AV

“ *Rest in Peace Rene, say hello to Mom when you see her*

Ann Vorland - April 13 at 02:25 PM

NG

“ *So sorry to hear of Rene's passing. She will be missed by all who knew her.*

Nancy Grapp - April 13 at 02:11 PM

BC

“ *Bradley C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rene Johns.*

Bradley C. - April 13 at 10:31 AM

LK

“ So sorry to hear of Rene’s passing. She was a sweet person.
Condolences to her family.

Liz Amble Kressig - April 11 at 11:22 AM

CJ

“ Candy Winston & Frieda Johns purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Rene Johns.



Candy Winston & Frieda Johns - April 11 at 11:18 AM

LS

“ Linda and Shelly purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rene Johns.



Linda and Shelly - April 11 at 09:30 AM

LW

“ What a girl! She always made you laugh. Everybody loved her. She will be missed.

Larry and Diane Webb

Larry Webb - April 10 at 07:46 PM

JJ

“ Rene made me feel like part of the family from day one. I truly won the mother-in-law lottery. She was an amazing wife, mom, sister, and grandma, and someone who was always there for others— never hesitating to help or give back to the community.

Life will not be the same without her. I loved getting her all riled up over whatever crazy thing I was doing next, and how she would always tell us to stop teasing her grandson... even though we never actually did. ☐

She was such a social butterfly, and her laugh was something you never forget.

My heart is completely shattered 💔 RIP Rene Johns Love you Always and Forever

Jennifer Johns - April 10 at 07:16 PM

CT

*So so sorry for your loss
I met Rene when I babysat Christopher n then got to know her better as a member of the Amvets Auxiliary
She will be missed*

Christie L TWAITES - April 11 at 06:44 PM

AB

*So sorry to hear of Rene's passing! Her mom was my late husband's sister and I always enjoyed seeing Rene and Lori when we were driving through Iowa. Had many laughs together and a beer or two when we saw her at the Amvets in Cedar Falls. Rene always had a joke or funny story to tell.
Rest in peace Rene and tell your Mom hi*

Audrey Bishop - April 13 at 11:21 PM