



## Jean Kathleen Johnson

April 3, 1946 - September 12, 2014

Jean Kathleen Johnson, Topeka, passed away Friday, September 12, 2014 at the House at Midland Care. Jeanie was born April 3, 1946, on the island of Bermuda, the daughter of Manuel DeCosta and Aline Faries DeCosta. She enjoyed her youth on the island where she especially loved swimming, boating, fishing and waterskiing. She attended Warwick Academy and graduated from Avis Vokes Secretarial School. In 1967 she immigrated to America where she was employed by Hills, several law firms and Payless Shoe Source. For the last 25 years, Jeanie has been employed by Washburn University in Admissions and was Campus Visit and Event Coordinator. Jeanie came from a musical family. They had a recording studio in their home and a weekly radio program. Singing came naturally to Jeanie. She belonged to the Sweet Adelines for almost 40 years, traveling extensively with her chorus and many quartets and competed at International. She was an excellent cook and family and friends looked forward to sharing the delicious dishes she created. Jeanie is survived by her sister, Diana Ehlers; nephew, Tim Ehlers; nieces, Becky Braden (Norman) and Dr. Kris Frantz (Darin); four great-nieces and nine great-nephews; one great-great-niece; her four-footed "son" Hershey; and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral service and interment will be in Bermuda. A Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Come share your memories! Memorial contributions are suggested to Helping Hands Humane Society, 5720 SW 21st

Street, Topeka KS 66604 and The Salvation Army, 1320 SE 6th Avenue,  
Topeka KS 66607.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jean Kathleen Johnson*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *My condolences to the family and friends at this time of loss. I can tell that this lady touched the lives and hearts of many. May the God of all comfort help to sustain you as we await His promise to reunite us with those we have lost.  
(John 5:28,29)*

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**Beatrice Mitchell** - September 25, 2014 at 09:45 AM



“ *Jeanie was a huge part of my first job at the Admissions office at Washburn. I still have her recipe for lasagna and had until this year the 9X13 pan that she gave to me for my first apartment.*

*She will be missed but she touched so many people!!*

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**Linda Oldham Burns** - September 22, 2014 at 03:16 PM



“ *Jeanie will be missed by everyone at WU. She always had a smile for everyone, and would always make me laugh when she called to schedule appointments. My thoughts & prayers are with the family.*

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**Lisa Rieschick** - September 22, 2014 at 01:55 PM

LM

“ Jeanie will be dearly missed by her Washburn Family. I loved sharing stories with Jeanie and hearing about her adventures. With change comes a new season. See you down the road. My deepest condolences to the Family.

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**Linda Mathews** - September 22, 2014 at 12:16 PM

JM

“ Jeanie was full of life and enjoyed living. She will sing in Heavens Choir.

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**Janet McClean** - September 22, 2014 at 10:34 AM

AD

“ I've only known Jeanie for a year, but it was a pleasure working with her. She was always kind and did a lot of behind the scenes work to make the admissions events and visits a success. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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**Angela Duncan** - September 22, 2014 at 10:11 AM

KH

“ *Tireless, vocal, devoted, and unique, Jeanie can be remembered in many ways. She will always be close to my heart.*

*I cherish my eight years working with her. Whether it was using a 1985 typewriter to craft labels, or swiping my office plant to assure its survival, Jeanie made sure things were done correctly.*

*Jeanie was an amazing lady who loved music, animals, and large suitcases (for packing hardware goods and gardening supplies) for her trips home to Bermuda.*

*I am truly saddened by her departure, but I know she is in a better place. My thoughts and prayers are with her family, friends and colleagues at Washburn University, specifically her second family in the Admissions Office.*

*May the day be full of songs and laughter, for Jeanie never wanted anyone to be unhappy.*

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**Kirk Haskins** - September 22, 2014 at 12:48 AM

SS

“ *I worked with Jeanie while I worked in Admissions at Washburn - what an amazing woman!! She was strong and professional, yet fun and personable. Truly she was a force and I greatly enjoyed working with her. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. You'll be missed my friend!*

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**Sheila Williams Smith** - September 21, 2014 at 08:11 AM

PK

“ *Singing in the chorus with Jeanie is a treasured experience that ended much too soon. I will miss her voice, her next fine quartet and so much more.*

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**Pat Kies** - September 20, 2014 at 04:30 PM

AG

“ *The spot for Jeanie on the risers of the Kansas City Chorus will be empty and we'll miss her. She insisted on accuracy and showmanship for which we are thankful. Jeanie..you'll be in the heavenly chorus with Jo Kraut and others. Sing in peace!*

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**Annette Gauthier** - September 20, 2014 at 04:03 PM

JS

“ *I loved Jeanie. She was a dear friend. I'm so glad I came back to Topeka in July and got to see her quite a bit. I can't imagine coming back without seeing her.*

*One of my best trips was to Bermuda with Jeanie in 2012. It's beautiful there and we had a great time.*

*Jeanie would surprise me every once in a while with a special treat she had made.*

*I loved going out with Jeanie, Pat and Linda especially to celebrate our birthdays.*

*My sympathy goes out to her sister and family.*

*May she rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

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**Judy Scherschel** - September 20, 2014 at 10:43 AM