



# Joyce B. Johnson

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It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our Mother, Joyce B Johnson. Joyce was 87 years old and passed away at home, as she insisted she would, on February 14th, 2026. Joyce was born in Newark, New Jersey on April 24th, 1938; daughter of the late Eric V. Hallar and Blanche Hallar.

Joyce was of Scandinavian heritage and very proud of her roots. She enjoyed travel when she was young, returning to her father's home in Husqvarna, Sweden, but also Paris, France, London, England and more. She attended the Pheonix School of Design in New York City for five years, majoring in both textile design and illustration. She had a career designing textiles as well as being a successful watercolor artist. But her talents did not stop there, and she continued to craft, make and create and even sold her items at local shops on consignment and at Coast Day here in Lewes.

Among her many passions, treasure hunting was her favorite. Joyce was president of the Delaware Marine Archaeology Society for several years and a go to resource for locals looking to identify their findings on the beach. Joyce was not your average beachcomber; Joyce was the real deal. She found a myriad of pieces over the nearly 40 years spent combing the beach and has quite a collection of treasures. She was a pirate through and through.

Joyce is survived by and missed by her three children Karl Johnson of St. Augustine, Florida, Jennifer Lynch of Seaford, Delaware and Ingrid Johnson of Atlanta, Georgia. Additionally, three grandsons, Erik Lynch, Donovan Lynch and Stefan Johnson, and a great grandson, also named Erik Lynch.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband Edward T. Johnson, and her parents, Eric and Blanche.

Joyce lived a full and adventurous life. She was an amazingly strong person, and she remained a fighter to the bitter end. She closed out her life with a rum cocktail listening to Frank Sinatra's "My Way"; incredibly fitting indeed. She will be deeply missed. We will think of you mom, every



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time we need a gentle nudge to persevere or see anything pirate themed! You were a splendiferous mom!

Now, bring us that horizon!

Please sign the Tribute wall located on this website.



# Tribute Wall

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**Virginia Davidson** posted:

What an amazing woman she was!! Most definitely a "one of a kind"! Thank you for writing such an amazing obit for her. Big hugs! Jackie and Virginia Childers @ Sea Shell City Fenwick Island DE.

April 19 at 4:59 PM



**Darrell Miklos** posted:

Where do I start, Joyce and I became friends over the phone and we shared life experiences and similar passions for hunting history. She could talk for hours about her adventures as a child and adulthood in search of history and old artifacts. She was extremely engaging and filled with passion for adventures. I considered her as my friend and always have her in my heart. I will miss her deeply!!!Darrell Miklos

March 7 at 8:34 AM



**Darrell Miklos** posted:

Oh boy.... Where do I start? Joyce was one of few people I knew whos passion for adventure ran through her veins like a raging river. We would have long phone conversations about her childhood adventures in search of history and any artifacts associated with that. She was engaging and clever and had such a sense of wonder for exploration. These were the things we shared in common and I will miss her dearly, very dearly!!Love and admiration Darrell Miklos

March 7 at 8:29 AM



**Ingrid Johnson** March 7 at 10:01 AM

Thank you, Darrel for these kind words and for being her friend in treasure and adventure over the years! She was thrilled to have known you and admired you dearly!



**L. C.** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Joyce.



March 5 at 12:53 AM



**Ingrid Johnson** March 5 at 9:35 AM

Thank you for this kind gesture. Joyce would like this!



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**Anonymous** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Joyce.



March 4 at 3:38 PM



**Ingrid Johnson** March 4 at 6:36 PM

Thank you so much for this generous contribution. Joyce would approve!



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joyce by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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