

Karen Ishoy-Johnson

October 10, 2023



Karen K. Ishoy-Johnson passed away on June 2, 2023, at 4:12 PM in Murrieta, California with her daughter by her side. She is now celebrating a long-awaited reunion with her son SSgt Kenneth Lee Johnson, parents Dorothy and Jan Ishoy, and beloved friends and family members Chester and Sharon Hoffman and Marge and Don Voboril.

She is survived by her brother Jan Ishoy, Jr, daughter Deborah Johnson-Graffam, son Curtis Johnson, grandchildren Alan, Michael, Jessica, Samuel, Jacob and Campbell, great-grandchildren Jonah and Jace, and daughters in love, Eilene and Karen.

Karen was a native of Sunnymead, California. When she was young, her home was on a self-sustaining farm that helped to feed not only her family, but friends as well. They raised goats and chickens and had a huge garden. From that home, her parents moved to the house on Deerwood which Karen later purchased and raised her own family.

Karen was a long-time member of Sunnymead Baptist Church and served as the church secretary and pianist. She also served as a teacher and later the Principal of Sunnymead Christian School where she dearly enjoyed teaching and serving the students in the Christian community. She especially loved going on honor roll trips to Disneyland or Sea World where she could relax and just enjoy the hard-earned reward with the students.

After receiving her teaching credential from California Baptist College (now University), Karen joined the Moreno Valley Unified School District and served the district as an elementary school teacher until her retirement in 2004. She loved being a teacher and enjoyed going to work every day.

Upon her retirement, she moved up to Crescent City, CA to be near her mom and was the co-owner of A Perfect Yarn, yarn shop on the 101. She loved every minute she spent at the shop and the lifelong friendships she made there.

Karen loved to travel. Her favorite partners were Eilene and Sharon Hoffman and they traveled around Europe and to many different areas in the United States. She had so many stories about these trips and just talking about them always made her laugh hysterically.

Karen was also a trained cook and loved cooking for just about anyone. She especially enjoyed the summers and holidays when all the children and grandchildren were together and could enjoy at least a week of home cooking including Danish Pancakes, of course.

She will be incredibly missed by all.

Services will be held October 14, 2023, 12:00 pm at Fort Dick Bible Church, 6725 Lake Earl Drive, Crescent City.