



## Shirley J. Johnson

August 9, 1947 - September 13, 2014

Shirley J. Johnson, age 67 of Wooster, went home to be with the Lord, Saturday, September 13, 2014 at Wooster Community Hospital following a long battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on August 9, 1947 in Wooster to Louis and Joyce (Kistler) Ghirardelli and has been a life long resident of Wooster.

She married John D. Johnson on December 24, 1966 in Wooster. He survives.

She previously worked in many capacities for the Wooster Daily Record for 28 years; was a lifelong member of the Wooster Church of the Nazarene where she also served as Sunday school teacher for many years; supported the Northwestern All Sports Athletic Boosters for many years.

In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by a son, Michael Johnson of Wooster; a daughter, Jody (Steve) McElroy of Wooster; mother & step-father, Joyce (Norman) Treece of Wooster; grandchildren, Amanda, Jordan, Allison, Taylor, Natalee, Nicki, Brookelyn, Corbyn, Chloe and Brenna; a son in law, Garald Wise of Wooster; 4 brothers, Steve (Dee Dee) Ghirardelli of Craig, CO., Tim (Lois) Gardella of New Salisbury, IN., David Clark and John Clark both of Wooster; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends; and her dog, Angel whom she asked to take care of.

In addition to her father, she is preceded in death by her daughter, Wendy Wise and her grandpa and grandma, Kistler.

Services will be Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. at Wooster Church Of The Nazarene

with Pastor Nathan Ward officiating followed by interment at Congress Cemetery.

Visitation will be Tuesday at the church from 5 - 8 p.m.

Custer-Glenn Funeral Home, 2284 Benden Dr., in Wooster is honored with serving the family.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to either the funeral home to help defray expenses or Hospice and Palliative Care of Greater Wayne County.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Lun and staff with the Cleveland Clinic Oncology Dept. as well as Hospice and Palliative Care of Wayne County for their special care and concern.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at: [www.custerglenn.com](http://www.custerglenn.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **16.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wooster Church Of The Nazarene  
3100 Oak Hill Rd.  
Wooster, OH

## Service

SEP **17.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JO

“ So sorry to hear of Shirley's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Ott Family

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**Jay and Kim Ott** - September 17, 2014 at 03:33 PM

TE

“ Dear John and family, we share your sorrow at Shirley's passing, and also share the joy that she is not sick any more... In Christ, Trish & Darrell Emerson

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**Trish Emerson** - September 17, 2014 at 08:17 AM

CC

“ I grew up meeting her as a neighbor when I was just young. Shirley was a wonderful lady. To all the family all of you are in my thoughts & prayers. I'm so thankful in knowing that "One Sweet Day " we will all see her again. Sending lots of love & prayers

*Caroline Croley*

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**Caroline Croley** - September 16, 2014 at 11:03 PM

JJ

“ Dear Johnson Family:

*Our deepest sympathy in the passing of Shirley. She was a wonderful Christian lady and will be deeply missed. Her dedicated service to The Northwestern Athletic Booster Club will long be remembered and appreciated. We pray God will bring special comfort and peace to your family.*

*Sincerely, Jim & Maxine Johnson*

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**Jim & Maxine Johnson** - September 16, 2014 at 09:23 PM

JH

“ We are richer for having known Shirley. She was an incredible woman of faith, always taking the time to post on FB encouraging words, scripture, and her love for the Lord. We won't forget her. Sending love, hugs, and prayers!  
*Joni and Greg Hagans*

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**Joni Hagans** - September 16, 2014 at 09:19 PM

DD

“ My sister Shirley, because we share the same birthday. We will definitely miss you here on earth. We spent countless hours together during Easter ministry which you loved and again when you ran the concessions for Upward. You always did everything to the fullest and it was a joy just being around you. I miss those times but I know you are now whole and complete and rejoicing with those in heaven. My prayers are with John and the whole family - I love you all

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**Dan DAugherty** - September 16, 2014 at 06:22 PM

SH

“ My cousin Shirley was a woman of incredible faith, strength, love and compassion. I know how much she loved her family and they loved her right back. I have so many memories of our childhood together with this "city" girl visiting the family in the "country" of Shreve. I will never forget those days or the times we saw each other in the last 15 years or so. She carried on the family reunion tradition that Uncle Vern and Aunt Gertrude had previously done, which meant that our families stayed in touch. Rest in peace my friend - we'll meet again one day.  
Sandy Randles Holland

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**Sandy Randles Holland** - September 16, 2014 at 03:18 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Shirley J. Johnson.



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September 16, 2014 at 07:39 AM

JA

“ Prayers for John Johnson & Family during this time, but know she is rejoicing in the presence of the Lord. John & Shirley were one of the first couples who extended a warm welcome to Bonnie, and I when we came to the Wooster Church of the Nazarene. Shirley loved sharing her Faith with God to anyone. Her smile & kindness showed her Joy for the Lord. Shirley will be missed deeply by many and one day we will meet again where no more Pain & Sorrow exist.. Shirley; we will always remember your Smile and Joy that you shared with all.. Love in Christ Jack, Bonnie, Dan & Sarah Baisden

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**JackBaisden** - September 15, 2014 at 10:23 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - *"If love could have saved you" was purchased for the family of Shirley J. Johnson.*



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September 15, 2014 at 06:19 PM



“ Shirley was and is an inspiration to many people, Sharon and I included. She is lovingly and deeply missed, although we are glad she is through suffering and is with her daughter Wendy and others that preceded her to join our Lord in Heaven. She was assured to have been greeted with the words.. *"Well done my good and Faithful servant, Welcome home!"* We send our love, prayers and condolences to John, Jody, Mike and the rest of the family at this time, Sharon and David Specht

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**David and Sharon Specht** - September 15, 2014 at 04:47 PM



“ So sorry for your loss! What a wonderful woman...always smiling. Wendy reminded me a lot of Shirley! She is dancing with the angels without pain. My heart goes out to all of you.

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**dusty** - September 15, 2014 at 04:00 PM



“ Sorry for the loss of Shirley, Prayers out to the family Amen R.I.P.  
:Randall L. Musselman

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**Randall L. Musselman** - September 15, 2014 at 02:19 PM

SD

“ Shirley was an amazing woman! She was always laughing and smiling and was so friendly and welcoming to everyone! She will be missed here on earth, but we know she is rejoicing with Jesus and her family who were waiting for her there! She truly has received the ultimate healing, no more cancer, no more pain! Looking forward to seeing you again someday dear lady! Prayers for all of you during this time of sorrow!

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**Sherry Daugherty** - September 15, 2014 at 10:59 AM

BK

“ I was so privileged to get to work with Shirley. She is an amazing person. She always had all the kids pictures on her desk. She was so proud of everyone of them. I have never known such a strong spirit as Shirley. I will truly miss her. My prayers are with John and her family.

*Brandy Kern*

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**Brandy Kern** - September 15, 2014 at 08:48 AM

BA

“ So thankful for the life Shirley lived. A prime example of Christ's love. Her love for God, her husband, and family were always evident. I don't say goodbye Shirley - I say, see you again someday.  
- Bailey, Sarah, and Camden Alexander

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**Bailey Alexander** - September 15, 2014 at 08:40 AM

MS

“ Thoughts and prayers for the Jihkson Family. Praise The Lord that all of the cancer is now gone and Shirley and and Wendy are reunited! Lots of great memories of Shirley and her whole family at Sloan's Hickory Lake Campground. My most fond memory is when John and Shirley used to take Mike, Matt and I up to the Cleveland Indians games at the old ball park and John used to drive the van down some pretty sketchy streets and Shitley would yell at him and is boys thought it was awesome, scary but awesome! Thanks for giving me my first experience at quite a few ball games John and Shirley! You will be greatly missed Shirley but never forgotten. Way to fight!

Love - Mark Siders and family

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**Mark Siders** - September 15, 2014 at 08:07 AM