



Velinda Sue Jonson

September 7, 1940 - October 29, 2021

Velinda Sue (Norris) Jonson, 81, a longtime resident of Hudson, NH, died on Friday, October 29th at her home with her loving husband by her side.

Born in Flint, MI on Sept 7, 1940, Velinda was the daughter of the late Donald Frank Norris, Sr. and Harriet Velinda (Kurtz) Norris. She is survived by her husband of over 56 years, Edward C. Jonson. She is also survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Matthew and Wendy Jonson of Windham, NH, two brothers and a sister-in-law, Donald Frank Norris Jr. and Gail Norris of Newport, MI, and David Owen Norris of Flint, MI, her grandchildren, Alexander and Amanda Jonson, 14 nieces and nephews, and 15 great nieces and nephews. She is terribly missed, but we know her love for all endures with us.

As a young woman, Velinda graduated from Flint Central High School in 1958. She earned her nursing degree from Hurley School of Nursing in 1961, and became a registered nurse to care for others. She worked in pediatrics and public health during her service as an RN. Eventually Velinda stepped away from nursing to devote her time to supporting and raising her family, but she always kept her nursing license current.

Velinda deeply loved her family and pets and would proudly share pictures and stories with all she knew. She also loved her friends and each of her church families. She was an active member of the choir in each place she lived as well as leading the prayer chain and organizing Marriage Encounter. Velinda had a deep belief and commitment in her faith, which made her the perfect leader for her church prayer chain, always trusting God would listen to everyone's needs with gratitude. She frequently took on other peoples' concerns to help share their burden in a time of need. Velinda's calling was to care passionately for other people, and she did it throughout her life for family, friends and neighbors. As a big sister, she cared for her brothers while they were all growing up together and had fun telling them scary Halloween stories. As a military spouse she cared for her family through six relocations; and everywhere she went she found the good things to focus on, usually being the first person to find the silver lining in any new city or situation. For her son, she had a priority to create learning opportunities and rejoice in his successes. She also loved

games and mind puzzles, and always had something ready for the family to do on a long car ride -- with Velinda, boredom was not an option. She enjoyed many sleepovers with her grandchildren and enthusiastically planned fun activities and games to do with them. Additionally there were visits to her garden, both indoors and outdoors, where every plant seemed to thrive from her touch.

Velinda would say she was shy, but that is not how others saw her. She was outgoing, friendly, cheerful, kind and thoroughly enjoyed chatting; frequently being the last to leave the church coffee hour or any other get together. She also was a good listener and would note others needs and look for things that would support them. Despite frequent moves thanks to the military, she found ways to stay in touch with friends and also led the family to build new foundations and friendships wherever they lived. Velinda was very social and enjoyed meals at T-Bones with family and friends, and welcomed any opportunity to gather with others. She especially looked forward to time with her grandchildren and had a love for all things they did, regardless of how great or small the endeavor.

Velinda is remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother and a dear friend to all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, you can make a memoriam donation either to Trinity Lutheran Church (<https://www.tlc-chelmsford.org/online-giving> put the memoriam in the notes field) or to the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter (<https://nshks.org/donate/>).

Visiting hours will be determined soon, and this will be followed at a later date with a memorial service, including joyful singing, at Trinity Lutheran Church, in Chelmsford, MA, as soon as the rules permit it.

Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, November 18th from 4pm - 6:30pm with a Prayer Service beginning at 6:30pm in the funeral home.

Events

NOV **VISITING HOURS** 04:00PM - 06:30PM

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Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home Hudson, NH
50 Ferry Street, Hudson, NH, US, 03051

NOV **PRAYER SERVICE** 06:30PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes - November 16, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ Beautifully done. Karen Shelley Nichols

Karen R. Nichols - November 17, 2021 at 08:20 PM



“ Deepest condolences to Ed and the family. I remember Velinda from the Trinity Lutheran Church choir, where I sang and played piano. Velinda was always so kind to me, my husband Paul, and my daughter Jessica. She always added us to the prayer chain during difficult times. She had a wonderful and warm personality and sense of humor. She was a beautiful lady of faith inside and out, and I will miss her dearly.

Margie - November 19, 2021 at 04:42 PM



“ We are in shock with the news of the passing of Matt's Mom and Ed's beloved Velinda. She was like a sister to us. We often had long wonderful conversations, which we will definitely miss. When we had questions about medicines or vitamins it was always Velinda to whom we would turn. Every Sunday she sent a text saying, "The peace of the Lord be with you ". Holidays will not be the same.

May her many wonderful memories bring you comfort. Much love, Sue and Mac

Sue & Mac Harris - November 12, 2021 at 03:30 PM



“ My condolences to my Friend David Norris and his entire Norris family during this time of grief. God Bless You and give you peace. Jowanne Carrigan

Jowanne Carrigan - November 08, 2021 at 12:20 AM



“ We send deepest condolences to Velinda’s family. She was such a kind and beautiful person.

Laura Cormier - November 06, 2021 at 04:44 PM



“ I haven't been in the family very long. I married her Niece Monica Norris Sochor just 3 years ago.

I met dear sweet Aunt Valinda at her mother's, Harriet Norris, funeral in Daytona.

Valinda and I became great friends the second we met. It wasn't uncommon for us to have a 2 hour phone conversation. She made me laugh as much, if not more, as I did for her. Ever since last Friday when Monica and I were told of her passing I've been in a state of sadness and disbelief. She was just so full of life and had a brain that just thought all the time. I know that she passed knowing how much I, and our family, just loved and adored her. Her big heart, her big smile, her warm love will always be remembered by all who knew her, especially her big hair. I try not to cry when I think of her now but I can't help it. I wish I had just one more long conversation with her. Even though I know if I did, I would still want another one just the same. The small relationship I had with her is, and will be, forever kept in a very big part of my heart.

Aunt Valinda, I will always love and miss you in this life and I look forward to having ridiculously long conversations with you in heaven when my time comes. Get your hair done in heaven and tell Jesus to put it on my tab. I'll pay for it when I get their in do time. xoxoxo

Uncle Ed, My deepest condolences for your loss and if there is anything Monica and I can do please reach out to us. Our love for you is just as big and everlasting. Our house is always open to you if you ever want to visit beautiful Naples Florida. (huggs)

John Sochor - November 06, 2021 at 11:38 AM



“ So very sorry to hear this. Many fond memories with Ed and Valinda back in the day when they lived in the Flint area. Prayers of comfort for the family.
Gordon and Carolyn Asiala

Gordon D Asiala - November 03, 2021 at 03:35 PM



“ What a lovely tribute to a beautiful woman. Sending love and light to Ed, Matt and the whole family. PEACE

Kate Conran - November 03, 2021 at 09:25 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Mrs. Jonson's passing, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Raymond and Colleen Lafortune

Raymond Lafortune - November 04, 2021 at 07:19 AM



“ Dear Ed, Matt, Wendy, Alex and Amanda, Den and I were so very sad to learn of your losing Velinda. She was so much a part of our Hurley School of Nursing Class of 1961. That was a great learning institution, but so tough---fresh and soph years all in one. By the time of jr and senior years, those of us who survived it all had bonded like family. I am so glad Ed and Velinda were able to come to Michigan for our 55th reunion at Brick Street in Grand Blanc where there were a bunch of squealing nurses so happy to be seeing each other after so long a time. Through the years, we always stayed in touch, despite being many, many miles apart via letters, texts and phone calls and I will miss those times.....have felt as if we knew your family as time went by. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. God has blessed you all with some wonderful memories to treasure.

Dennis and Karen (Shelley) Nichols, Clio, Michigan

Karen R. Nichols - November 04, 2021 at 04:36 PM



“ Among lots and lots of Sunday afternoon luncheons with Velinda,

Ed and a few other couples, became such a relaxing, cozy event,

that we looked forward to the next W/E...and a calming feeling...

Velinda, you are going to be OH! sooo...missed!! God be with....

you ...Give Ellie a good Hug....Richie Olson, Westford

Richard E Olson - November 07, 2021 at 09:56 PM



“ Dear Ed....I am so very sorry to hear of Velinda's passing...I'm sending you lots of love at this very difficult time...So many memories of our soccer times with the "kids"...Tom was there to greet her along with Ellie and so many others....

Betsy Smith - November 13, 2021 at 05:32 PM



“ Ed and family,

We were so sorry to hear of Velinda's passing. She was a wonderful, kind, spiritual person. When she offered words of wisdom and support her calm presence was a balm. Once, when I was dealing with a particularly difficult situation, we talked about how hard praying

was when we didn't know how to process what was happening. She told me when words failed to think of the person being bathed in the Holy Spirit, glistening and glittering light pouring over them like water, filling them and giving peace. I cannot tell you the number of times I have done this and have shared this with others. Right now, words fail me. I am praying for you in the way Velinda taught me. I wish you all the joy of the wonderful memories you shared with Velinda and the comfort of God's presence as you mourn. May the light of the Holy Spirit fill you.

Leslie Poitras

PS- I have one of Velinda's aloe plants on my kitchen window sill from a Garden swap years ago. I think of Velinda every time I water it. It formed buds this past week and is ready to bloom for the first time, ever.

Leslie Poitras - November 14, 2021 at 11:09 AM



“ Dear Ed,

When I heard the news from Pastor Erica during live Worship, I was so sad to hear about Velinda's passing. My deepest condolences to you and your family. Velinda and I had shared a little bit with each other about our health, when we were still having church in person before the pandemic. I regretted that I didn't call or write to her as much as I should. She was such a wonderful person and a great friend. I still have her beautiful cards that she had sent to me. I will miss her very much.

My thoughts and prayer to you and your family.

Peace,

Malyna

Malyna Buth - November 15, 2021 at 10:17 AM



“ Ed, words of sympathy on the death of Valinda, whom I remember well from my year of internship at Trinity. May you find joy in remembering her, hope in the promise of resurrection, and comfort in the embrace of God and friends.

Imogene Stulken

Imogene Stulken - November 16, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ Dear Ed and family, such sad news. Velinda was such a sweet, kind, and generous person. I will never forget the support you both have shown me for my various endeavors over the years. It meant more than you know. I will miss her cheery voice and ever-present smile. May God's peace be with you. Kathy

Kathy Kliskey - November 17, 2021 at 01:16 PM