



## Lisa Gayle Johnson

September 26, 1960 - July 7, 2020

Our precious Lisa Gayle (Meese) Johnson went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 7, 2020.

Lisa was born on September 26, 1960 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. The middle of three children, Lisa, her older brother Mark, and younger brother Clark, were raised by their parents, George and Nola Meese, in Bartlesville.

Lisa was a fixture in the Bartlesville community, starting in her junior high and high school years - she loved choir, pom squad, and spending time at Bartlesville First Baptist Church. Lisa began modeling at age 16. She started with a Tulsa agency and her work included advertisements, Phillips 66 magazines, and other publications throughout Oklahoma. Building on her local success, Lisa moved to New York City soon after graduating from Sooner High School in 1978. Lisa spent the next 10 years modeling and singing in Manhattan. Some of her most memorable experiences included modeling for Raspini, Fosterfell, and Ten Jeans brands. She sang at many weddings and events around the city, including being an opening act for Sammy Davis Jr. and singing with Pat Benatar on multiple occasions.

Lisa moved back to her hometown in 1989, where she reconnected with her high school sweetheart and love of her life, Rick Johnson. Rick and Lisa were married on May 19, 1990. They raised their three daughters, Joya, Caly, and

Macy in Bartlesville and have continued to be active members of the community over the last 30 years.

Lisa served as the Registrar and friendly face to greet you at Madison Middle School, where she and Rick have both worked for over 20 years. She also worked for Bartlesville Public School Athletics, overseeing all sporting event logistics for 15 years. Lisa loved her life as a coach's wife, and many nights you'd see Lisa and her three girls cheering on the Bruins from their normal seats, right behind the team bench.

As an active member of First Baptist Church, Lisa spent years singing in the choir, teaching youth group, and volunteering in the nursery - many newborn babies were held and loved by Lisa on a Sunday morning at the church.

Lisa and Rick have watched their three daughters succeed in many ways, which was one of Lisa's proudest accomplishments as a mother. Joya and her husband, Bryan Christie, live in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where they are both Physicians. Caly lives in Los Angeles, California and works for ABC as a Publicist. Macy lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma and works for BOK Financial as a Manager for their Training Programs.

Lisa loved spending time with her parents, vacationing at the beach, visiting new restaurants with friends, singing songs in the car with her girls, and watching thousands of kids grow up through Madison Middle School and Bartlesville Athletics.

Lisa was diagnosed with Leiomyosarcoma cancer in 2017, a rare diagnosis that impacts less than 1% of cancer patients. She bravely dealt with stage four cancer for the next three years, being a witness and light to others. Lisa never once complained despite five surgeries, multiple rounds of chemotherapy, countless blood draws, CT scans, procedures, and side effects of her

treatments. She continued to praise the Lord and stay strong in her faith every step of the way.

Lisa was a hero, friend, and mom to many - she will continue to impact the lives she touched throughout her 59 years on this earth. We are assured knowing she is in Heaven and was greeted at the gates by her mother, Nola Meese, who passed away in April of this year.

Lisa is survived by her husband, Rick Johnson; father, George Meese; mother-in-law, Margaret Johnson; her three children, Joya Johnson-Christie and husband Bryan Christie (Grand Rapids, MI), Caly Johnson (Los Angeles, CA) and Macy Johnson (Tulsa, OK); her brothers, Mark Meese and wife Paula Meese (Tulsa, OK), Clark Meese and wife Traci Meese (The Woodlands, TX); her brother-in-law Rod Johnson and his wife Rhonda (Glenpool, OK); 8 nieces and nephews, and a multitude of other extended family members.

We will celebrate the life of Lisa Johnson on Tuesday, July 14th, 2020, at 10:00 am CT. The service will be held at Bartlesville First Baptist Church and online at [www.mybfbc.org](http://www.mybfbc.org). Safety is the utmost importance to the family - we encourage you to join us online for the service. If you feel called to celebrate in person, masks will be required upon entrance to the worship center.

In lieu of flowers, those interested may donate to The Sarcoma Foundation of America ([www.curesarcoma.org/donate](http://www.curesarcoma.org/donate)) to support cancer research.

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

Bartlesville First Baptist Church  
405 S Cherokee Ave  
Bartlesville, OK 74003

# Tribute Wall

KB

“ *Kathy Beard lit a candle in memory of Lisa Gayle Johnson*



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**Kathy Beard** - July 26, 2020 at 10:40 PM

JH

“ *Lisa was my substitute teacher for a while and we saw each other in passing for years. She would greet my late wife Kim and I and always recognized us as the young couple from school and would say how happy she was to see us still together. Always a big beautiful smile and never a negative word. She was truly a wonderful person. It's such a shame to see her go so young. Our family will have her family in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Jack Harper** - July 22, 2020 at 12:44 PM

ML

“ *The Model*

*A model of attire, on runways treads with grace.  
Her elegance is seen by all who view,  
As she pirouettes in place,  
Enhancing the garment that she styles that very day.*

*Lisa modeled, too, in another way,  
Which was far more challenging in its task.  
When as a mother, three lovely girls she raised to be  
Caring, loving, and steadfast*

*In character, faith, and family,  
With great exuberance they would exhort,  
Through cheers as Dad's greatest, loving fans  
When as coach, he hit the court.*

*All who met her were greeted warmly,  
By the gleamiest of smiles,  
Which could lift your mood to azure heights,  
Lighten your burdens for a while.*

*Her strength shown during her hard-fought battle,  
Was based in faith in God above,  
Even when it seemed too much to bear,  
She still felt His caressing love.*

*Let faith as a rock be your foundation,  
When at life you seem to fail,  
And remember her smile that lifted all,  
Ever life's model, dear Lisa Gayle.*

*Mike and Juanita Lamb – Ever richer for having known her.*

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**Michael Lamb** - July 14, 2020 at 10:56 AM

MB

*This is so beautiful and touching!!! Thank you for sharing this. ❤️*

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**Michelle Bennett** - July 14, 2020 at 07:39 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lisa Gayle Johnson.*



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July 14, 2020 at 10:20 AM

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“ *I have so many childhood memories with Lisa and her family in them. My sister and I grew up down the street from The Johnson's and were over at the house playing with Joya a lot. One of my earliest memories is of Joya's 7yo or 8yo birthday sleepover when Mrs. Johnson gave each girl a makeover then took glamour shots for us. She let us dress up in her clothes and shoes and did our make-up and hair. I still have the picture! I spent many Wednesday nights going with The Johnson's to First Baptist, eating dinner before service and sitting with Joya's grandmother, Lisa's mom, learning sign language. I remember Mrs. Johnson liked to volunteer, substituted our school classes on occasion, and when she worked at Madison Middle School, I helped her in the office the last hour of the day with attendance folders. She always lit up a room and I can't remember a time she didn't have a smile on her face. I'll never forget how loving, kind, caring, and beautiful she was inside and out. My heart breaks knowing she's not here anymore. Heaven is lucky to welcome such a wonderful soul.*

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**Lesley Randolph (Pinney)** - July 13, 2020 at 07:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lisa Gayle Johnson.*



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July 13, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ *Love always, Hammond Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lisa Gayle Johnson.*



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**Love always, Hammond Family** - July 13, 2020 at 12:18 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Lisa Gayle Johnson.*



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July 13, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ *I'm Nick. I went to Madison Middle School from 2011-2013 and I absolutely loved Ms. Johnson. Whenever I'd be in the front office she was always so welcoming and made me laugh. She will be missed.* □

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**Nick Washum** - July 12, 2020 at 11:12 PM

EL

“ Elizabeth G Lewis purchased the Lovely One Sp  
athiphyllum Plant for the family of Lisa Gayle  
Johnson.



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**Elizabeth G Lewis** - July 12, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Lisa Gayle Johnson.



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July 12, 2020 at 09:13 AM

RB

“ Rosy Nikkel Beck lit a candle in memory of  
Lisa Gayle Johnson



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**Rosy Nikkel Beck** - July 11, 2020 at 10:21 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of  
Lisa Gayle Johnson.



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July 11, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lisa Gayle Johnson.*



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July 11, 2020 at 11:35 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Lisa Gayle Johnson.*



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July 11, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ *Sooner classmate 1978! What a privilege to call her friend. Love called her forward. Love stays with us to cherish her vitality of life, her grace, and ever-present smile that radiates joy. By heart, always. Godspeed the Comforter to bless this community that she so embodied with purpose and enthusiasm. in the spirit of love and support, Linda Brown*

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**Linda Brown** - July 10, 2020 at 05:41 PM



“ *Lisa. There are no words that are adequate enough to make the pain go away. You were and are loved. As long as I breathe, I will hold you in my heart.*

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**Theresa Miller** - July 10, 2020 at 05:00 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Lisa Gayle Johnson.*



July 10, 2020 at 12:51 AM



“ *love Connie & Sally purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Lisa Gayle Johnson.*



**love Connie & Sally** - July 09, 2020 at 09:54 PM



“ *Lisa was active in the Youth Group at FBC with my three sons, Gregg, Stan and Brad Simmons when we moved here in 1974. We have enjoyed her, Rick and their family at church. She will be greatly missed, but happy and healthy in Heaven. Lots of Love and Prayers for her family, including her father, George Meese and Rick's Mom, Margaret Johnson, Irene Simmons*

**Irene Simmons** - July 09, 2020 at 09:13 PM



“ *Prayers for your family. I loved seeing you at Murphy's.*



**Kimberly Watkins** - July 09, 2020 at 08:48 PM

BP

“ Lisa made my time in middle school so fun and enjoyable by introducing me to cheer and making it a great environment. She’s such an amazing spirit. You could always go talk to Ms Johnson about anything

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**Brooke Wehmeyer Puga** - July 09, 2020 at 08:35 PM

SR

“ Lisa was such a special lady, warm and nurturing to all. I first met Lisa as a mother to an incoming, new to the district 6th grader who was nervous about putting her son in a new, much bigger school. She put me to ease and I left registration that day feeling as if I made a friend. I was blessed to work with her as a fellow school employee and she helped me so much in making sure that the forms I needed for my job were completed by parents. She could talk to them and put them at ease, just as she did with me. She was good about getting to know them and having them open up to her. She helped so many families (not just the students) by learning about their situation and letting them know what the district could do to help them. I will miss Lisa’s smile and cheery voice. While we didn’t get to see each other often in person, when we did, she always lit up the room, even while she was recovering from a treatment, She was an angel on Earth and now she’s singing with the angels in Heaven.  
Sarah Rowe

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**Sarah Rowe** - July 09, 2020 at 07:01 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lisa Gayle Johnson.*



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July 09, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lisa Gayle Johnson.*



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July 09, 2020 at 05:57 PM



“ *8 files added to the album Johnson Family Photos*



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**Johnson Family** - July 09, 2020 at 05:49 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lisa Gayle Johnson.* ”



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July 09, 2020 at 05:32 PM