



## Susan M. Johnson

April 13, 1949 - August 30, 2025

Susan M. Johnson, 76, of State Circle, Gloversville, passed away at home on Saturday, August 30, 2025.

She was born in Gloversville on April 13, 1949, the daughter of Carmen and Ida Rizzio Ruggiero and was a 1967 graduate of Bishop Burke High School. Susan was a lifelong area resident.

At the time of her death, Ms. Johnson was the second-generation co-owner of Pearl Leather Finishers in Johnstown, which was established in 1976 by her late father, Carmen Ruggiero.

Susan was a very generous and caring person who loved spending time with her family and friends. Her children and grandchildren were her whole life. She enjoyed watching all of her grandchildren's sporting events. She loved tending to her beautiful home, her flowers, and her six cats.

In addition to her parents, Susan was predeceased by her sister-in-law, Theresa Ruggiero.

Survivors include her three children, Christina (Joshua) Laird and Jennifer (Thomas) Yost, all of Mayfield, and Matthew Johnson of Gloversville; a brother, John Ruggiero of Gloversville; six grandchildren, who were the light of her life, Haiden and Evan Laird, and Jacob, Thomas, James, and Jared Yost; and two nephews, Johnny Jr. and Joseph Ruggiero.

Calling hours will be held on Friday from 2pm-4pm at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc., 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black Street), Johnstown followed by a funeral service at 4pm with Rev. Dr. Bonnie

Orth, officiating. Entombment will take place at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Johnstown at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to James A. Brennan Memorial Humane Society or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, both in care of the funeral home.

UPDATE: ENTOMBMENT SERVICE

Entombment for Susan will take place on Friday, May 29, 2026 at 11 a.m. at Mount Carmel Cemetery, State Highway 29 and Briggs Street, Johnstown, with Rev. Dr. Bonnie Orth, officiating.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

SEP 5. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home  
111 County Highway 106  
Johnstown, NY 12095  
(518) 883-5323  
debbie@halgasfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.halgasfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

SEP 5. 4:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home  
111 County Highway 106  
Johnstown, NY 12095  
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## Graveside Service

MAY 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mount Carmel Cemetery  
Route 29 and Briggs St.  
Johnstown, NY 12095

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ *Cherie lit a candle in memory of Susan M. Johnson*



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**cherie** - October 03, 2025 at 08:02 AM

JH

“ *Just read your obituary and will miss your calls to help out. May you rest in peace.*  
*Jeremy H.*

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**Jeremy Hammond** - September 14, 2025 at 06:51 PM

BB

“ *Jennifer,*  
*My sincere sympathy on the passing of your mother. She was an amazing woman. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Beth Brown** - September 10, 2025 at 06:53 PM

ND

“ *Susan seems like she was a lovely human being. I am saddened by her passing, and am praying for her family and friends. I am praying for you all specifically during this time of need. I was passing through Broadalbin on the day of the funeral. God bless and help you. God draws NEAR to those who are mourning, and saves all of those who have been crushed in Spirit.*

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**Nathan Detweiler** - September 09, 2025 at 10:51 AM

MJ

“ To Sue’s family: I was saddened to read the Sue passed away. Sue always greeted me with a big smile and hug, I will miss that. I know that all of you have many happy memories that will give you strength and comfort during this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you .



*Bill, Marj and Abby Jones*

Maggie Jones - September 05, 2025 at 07:31 PM

JC

“ Sue was a great friend and a great person. She will be missed.

James Catucci - September 05, 2025 at 12:39 PM



“ Sue was a good friend and I will always remember all of our ladies lunches and getting together with all of our friends. Fly high and say hello to Mary Rose for me.



Mary Ambrosino - September 05, 2025 at 12:04 PM

DB

“ What started out as an extra set of hands after knee surgery turned into a relationship I will forever cherish. One of the most independent, strong, loving women I have ever met. I’m going to miss our time together, our talks and your laugh. I will love you always. Fly high my beautiful Susan

Danielle Burditt - September 05, 2025 at 10:11 AM

DG

“ *Debbie Vezzi Grant lit a candle in memory of Susan M. Johnson*



Debbie Vezzi Grant - September 05, 2025 at 08:40 AM

MB

“ *Martha Baker lit a candle in memory of Susan M. Johnson*



Martha Baker - September 05, 2025 at 07:46 AM

RE

“ *Condolences to the family of Sue. I went to High School with Sue and will never forget the great times we had together. Russ Eaton*

Russ Eaton - September 04, 2025 at 02:45 PM

RD

“ *RIP Susie, going to miss your smiling face and the times we went for pizza, tell Ma hello for us, love Rick and Maria* ❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏

Rick Dolder - September 04, 2025 at 02:32 PM



“ *Thank you for always being so kind to me and my family. My condolences to her family and friends*

Derek Rorick - September 03, 2025 at 12:56 PM

CK

“ *She always had a smile on her face and was pleasurable to be around whenever I was at my uncles house. Sorry for your loss uncle John and the boys and her entire family may she R.I.P.*

Courtney Kwiatkowski - September 03, 2025 at 12:10 PM



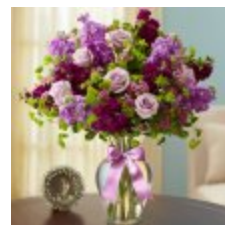
“ *Heartfelt Tribute Lavender & White Floor Basket Arrangement was purchased for the family of Susan M. Johnson.*



September 03, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Susan M. Johnson.*



September 03, 2025 at 10:27 AM

JS

“ *Jaime (Welling) and AJ Schiavone purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Susan M. Johnson.*



Jaime (Welling) and AJ Schiavone - September 03, 2025 at 09:53 AM

MS

“ *My beautiful friend, how can it be that you are gone? It seems like we just talked on the phone recently. I will forever miss your smiling face, our chats, laughing together. Christina, Jennifer, Matt, John, I loved Sue so much and will always miss her. Thinking of all of you and sending all my love to you and Sue's grandchildren. She will forever be in my heart. MJ*

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**Mary Jane Seeley** - September 02, 2025 at 04:17 PM

SF

*We had girls nite out .she was a beautiful person inside and out. Big heart ..loved her family an friends*

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**Sandra frank** - September 03, 2025 at 02:47 PM

MS

“ *Mary Jane Seeley lit a candle in memory of Susan M. Johnson*



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**Mary Jane Seeley** - September 02, 2025 at 04:11 PM

CH

*Sue was a wonderful person and so kind and generous. We talked on the phone for years and even though we never met I considered her a dear friend. Rest in peace Sue.*

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**Cherie** - October 03, 2025 at 07:58 AM