



John & Heidi Johnson

January 10, 2019

New Ipswich, NH; John W. Johnson, 58, and Heidi G. (Roberts) Johnson, 57, of New Ipswich, NH, formerly of Townsend died Thursday evening, January 10, 2019 in Epping, NH from injuries received in a motor vehicle accident that evening.

John was born in Groton, February 21, 1960, the son of Beverly R. (Maggs) Johnson and the late Willard L. Johnson and resided most of his life in Townsend before he and Heidi married in September 2001 and moved to New Ipswich.

John was a 1978 graduate of North Middlesex Regional High School in Townsend and then continued his education at Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner and later at the Municipal Police Training Council Academy.

For nearly 40 years John worked as a police officer in the Town of Townsend, retiring as a Sergeant in July 2018.

John enjoyed cooking, scuba diving, woodworking and played the bagpipes. In addition to his mother of Townsend, he leaves three sisters, Kathleen J. Dempsey of Foxboro, Jennifer L. Hunt and Rebecca S. LeBlanc both of Rindge, NH.

Heidi was born in Ayer, September 29, 1961, one of seven children born to the late Fred S. and Joan E. (Wilson) Roberts and was a 1979 graduate of North Middlesex Regional High School. She had worked many years at the Hannaford Supermarket in Rindge, NH.

Heidi enjoyed lighthouses, llamas and camping. But most importantly Heidi's family was her world. She was there for all her children, siblings, especially being her sister Linda's guardian, all with unconditional love.

She leaves two sons, Darrell Gyles of Mason, NH, Erik DeBettencourt of New Ipswich, NH; two daughters, Carrissa DeBettencourt and April DeBettencourt both of Ashby; three brothers, Fred S. Roberts Jr. of Maine, Michael D. Roberts of Townsend, Dennis W. Roberts of Leominster; three sisters, Bethany J. Molter of Ashby, Linda L. Roberts of Keene, NH, Margaret E. Strickland of Newport, NH and three grandchildren, Violet Gyles, Gabriel DeBettencourt and Noah DeBettencourt.

Calling hours honoring John and Heidi's lives will be held 3-7 PM Thursday, January 17, 2019 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street (Rte 119) Townsend Center. Please see www.andersonfuneral.com for additional information or to leave an on line condolence.

Funeral services will be held 11 Am Friday, January 18th at St. John's Church, 1 School Street, Townsend.

Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Townsend.

Memorial contributions may be to Special Olympics Massachusetts, 512 Forest St, Marlborough, MA 01752 or to Best Buddies Massachusetts 529 Main Street, Suite 202, Boston, MA 02129.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Highland Street
Townsend, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 17. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Funeral Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Church
1 School St
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2291

Tribute Wall



“ *OMG this is such an awful tragedy that I just learning about this morning as I heard this on the news... John & Heidi were my neighbors down the road & its so sad that this happened to two caring & wonderful people If there is anything I can do to help the family, please contact me or my husband Rob God Bless! Kathy & Rob Beauchamp 67 Collins Rd New Ipswich, NH 603 878 4508*



Kathy Ferguson-Beauchamp - January 25, 2019 at 09:12 AM

HK

“ *A donation to the Special Olympics has been mailed in the memory and honor of two wonderful people who gave so much to so many... from the Schrock Family (Donald, David, Heidi Schrock Koppelkam and Daniel). Godspeed.*

Heidi Koppelkam - January 20, 2019 at 11:04 AM

LA

“ *So very sorry for such a tragic loss of this lovely couple. Heidi was a cheerful and fun girl who loved her family so much. My heart goes out to all of the Roberts & Johnson's families with deepest sympathy, Laurie Atwood*

Laurie Morris Atwood - January 18, 2019 at 02:39 PM

ES

“ *Elaine St.john lit a candle in memory of John & Heidi Johnson*



Elaine st.john - January 17, 2019 at 05:19 PM



Michelle Buscemi

“ *R.I.P. HEIDI AND JOHN. OUR CONDOLENCES FOR THE FAMILY.*



Michelle Buscemi - January 17, 2019 at 05:16 PM

L(

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



LT Peter "Doc" Wight (retired) - January 16, 2019 at 09:56 PM



“ *Classic Fireside Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of John & Heidi Johnson.*



January 16, 2019 at 06:35 AM

NP

“ I remember how Heidi would always smile and how happy she was for me when I was accepted into grad school. Both you and John will be missed Heidi. Rest in Peace.

Tasha

Natasha Pastor - January 15, 2019 at 06:26 PM

BK

“ To John and Heidi,

As well as to the very best backup any cop could ever have!!! A cop's cop!

Although we haven't seen one another for several years, we will miss you both forever. May God bless and keep your families close during this most terrible time. The next time Kate and I are in Jaffery, we'll be sure to order your favorites at the Ole Silver Ranch!

With All Our Love,

Brian and Kate Knuuttila,
N.S.B., FL.

Brian and Kate Knuuttila - January 15, 2019 at 01:10 PM

FK

“ FROM THE FAMILY OF BRIAN AND KATE KNUUTTILA. purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of John & Heidi Johnson.



FROM THE FAMILY OF BRIAN AND KATE KNUUTTILA. -
January 15, 2019 at 12:48 PM

DS

“ I remember Heidi as my neighbor on South Row Road, and when she was in the Produce Dept at Victory/now Hannafords in the 1980s. A wonderful person with a smile that was Heidi. And she had my sister Heidi to walk to the Bus Stop every morning. John was a dedicated servant of his community. Gruff on the outside but once you knew him, he was a fun person to know. One day as my father was having a problem with an ATM machine, and sure enough there's Sgt Johnson, who as he saw the name on the card, says "you know my wife, as she was once your neighbor." Always saving the day, one way or another. That was John Johnson. Godspeed and sincerest sympathy

Daniel Schrock - January 14, 2019 at 10:06 PM

BM

Thank you Daniel for sharing this! xo Bethany

Bethany Molter - January 15, 2019 at 06:58 AM

AT

“ To the family.they were wonderful loving couple. So sorry for your loss. It was great to know them. Great people great friends always.

Andrea m thibaudeau - January 14, 2019 at 09:21 PM

NJ

“ My Family moved us to "The Farm" in July 1960 when I was 9 yrs old..all of my schooling was in Townsend until Graduation in 1969..for over the past almost 59 yrs., you become part of a Small Town Community in many ways.. I am very proud to be a member of this Town and have known many Men & Women serving in all capacities with Pride & Passion !! When the horrendous news started filtering everywhere about John & Heidi, I think I was in shock...My heart was so heavy..I didn't know what to do.."This can't be true"..Having a big Family will get each and everyone of you moving forward. It's hard enough when age takes a loved one BUT....John & Heidi were only beginning the next chapter of their lives.. There will never be enough words to say or even understand why they were taken so young !! My heart is heavy with sadness for your whole family..Always remember the examples that they set and make them proud !! John & Heidi..Happy Trails until we meet again..With Deepest Sympathy Nancy J. Loudon

Nancy J.Loudon - January 14, 2019 at 03:45 PM

JB

“ My most sincere condolences to the extended Johnson family. I pray that St. Michael, the patron saint of all police officers, will extend greetings to them as thy join him at the heavenly table. John Burtis, Detective II (retired) LAPD.



John Burtis - January 14, 2019 at 02:11 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of John & Heidi Johnson.*



January 14, 2019 at 01:47 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of John & Heidi Johnson.*



January 14, 2019 at 12:30 PM



“ *No amount of words can ever express the great loss felt by the passing of John and Heidi. We have known John since he started his service to the town of Townsend in 1979. He was a good police officer and a good friend, and they leave a lot of good memories for all who knew them to share. Our deepest sympathies go out to their family and friends and the Townsend Police Department of this wonderful couple. You will both be deeply missed. RIP
Bill and Karen Baro*

karen baro - January 14, 2019 at 09:48 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss...Praying for everyone.....*

Judy Sullivan

Judy Sullivan - January 14, 2019 at 08:38 AM

CH

“ I only new Heidi through Hannaford supermarket but both Heidi and John I found were loved by many. I am sending my deepest condolences to all of their family and friends that will miss them deeply.

Christine - January 13, 2019 at 07:34 PM

CJ

“ I am truly sorry for your loss. No words will help so just know you are in my thoughts. 💙



Corinne Joly - January 13, 2019 at 07:22 PM

WP

“ Aunt Beverly, Jennifer, Kathy and Becky, my deepest condolences on the loss of John and Heidi. You are all in my prayers and my heart during this most difficult time. Love, Wanda Pelchat

Wanda Pelchat - January 13, 2019 at 06:54 PM

PA

“ Pam lit a candle in memory of John & Heidi Johnson



Pam - January 13, 2019 at 06:36 PM

SL

“ *So Sorry For This Terrible Loss. lit a candle in memory of John & Heidi Johnson*



So sorry for this terrible loss. - January 13, 2019 at 06:14 PM

HF

“ *Hannaford Family purchased the Pink & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of John & Heidi Johnson.*



Hannaford Family - January 13, 2019 at 04:02 PM

SS

“ *We are so very sorry to hear of this tragedy. There are no words to describe the feelings of loss. We know that they are both held in the arms of angels. We pray that the Lord will hold you all in His loving arms and help you to heal.*

*With much love and faith,
David and Sandi Sanderson*

Sandi Sanderson - January 13, 2019 at 03:44 PM

RH

“ *Aunt Beverly, Kathy, Jenny and Becky, thoughts and prayers to both families through this most difficult time.*



Robin Hidenfelter - January 13, 2019 at 12:40 PM

KR

“ Erik, Carrissa and April...so very sorry..you are in my thoughts and prayers..I know you will hold each other close and gather strength through this difficult time..

kathleen rathbun - January 13, 2019 at 08:09 AM

BM

“ Words cannot describe the sorrow I feel for the families of Sargent Johnson and Heidi. My sincerest condolences to their families and to the Townsend Police Department.

Barbara Matthes - January 13, 2019 at 02:15 AM

ES

“ So sorry for your loss to both family and to the Townsend police and the community



Elaine st.john - January 13, 2019 at 12:01 AM

JR

“ Aunt Beverly, Kathy, Jenny, and Becky. My heart is breaking over the sudden and tragic loss of John and Heidi. May you take some comfort knowing they are now at peace in the house of our lord. I will keep all of you in my heart, my thoughts, and my prayers as you mourn the loss of your son , brother, and sister~in~law. I love you

Jessica Ruff - January 12, 2019 at 10:56 PM

JR

“ Jessica Ruff lit a candle in memory of John & Heidi Johnson



Jessica Ruff - January 12, 2019 at 10:51 PM

KD

“ I want to send my sincere condolences and sympathy to Heidi & John’s immediate family and their extended families and friends, too! Heidi and I were friends since the first grade and I will forever remember her awesome smile, sparkly eyes, sweet personality and great sense of humor. Her family was her greatest love and a huge source of happiness and pride! It showed in all the pictures she shared with us in Christmas cards and on Facebook. I am so glad that she and John shared such a great love and happy life together. Heidi was a very special person and will be remembered so fondly by all who knew her! Rest In Peace, Dear Heidi & John!



Kimberley Dee - January 12, 2019 at 10:09 PM

JR

Aunt Beverly, Kathy, Jenny and Becky. My heart is breaking over the loss of John and his wife Heidi. May you find some comfort knowing they are now in the house of the lord. I will keep you all in my heart, thoughts and prayers. Much love to all.
R.I.P John and Heidi

Jessica Ruff - January 12, 2019 at 10:48 PM

LS

*To John and Heidi's family
We are in shock and so very sorry for your loss. John was very much respected in our community. May their lives have been for a blessing.
Shalom The Shifrin Family*

Laura E Shifrin - January 13, 2019 at 11:42 AM

BR

“ *Brenda Rodgers lit a candle in memory of
John & Heidi Johnson*



Brenda Rodgers - January 12, 2019 at 10:00 PM

LM

“ *Linda M lit a candle in memory of John &
Heidi Johnson*



Linda M - January 12, 2019 at 09:15 PM

MW

“ *Marie Eggleston Wood lit a candle in memory
of John & Heidi Johnson*



Marie Eggleston Wood - January 12, 2019 at 08:54 PM

GS

“ Words are hard to come by to describe the profound loss I feel over the tragic loss of a childhood and lifelong friend, Heidi Roberts Johnson and her husband John. Our hearts and prayers go out to the Roberts and Johnson families ♡ We are so fortunate to have had our three neighborhood families (Roberts, Archer, Schrock) bond that developed from childhood till now that made us ALL one big family, here for each other as needed! Sending much love and prayers to the families! Love, Gail & John and family XOXOX

Gail & John Shappee - January 12, 2019 at 08:13 PM



“ Dennis and I are so very sorry. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Norma Straitiff - January 12, 2019 at 07:40 PM

GS

“ My family and I send our condolences to the families of John & Heidi.
John was a friend & school mate of my late son George Jr. John will be remembered for his generosity of time & dedication to his hometown. May they both rest peacefully .
Ginny Spinney

Ginny Spinney - January 12, 2019 at 06:35 PM

JL

“ Jacqueline Lauze lit a candle in memory of John & Heidi Johnson



Jacqueline Lauze - January 12, 2019 at 06:15 PM

KP

“ I could very easily send a candle showing that I cared, but I can't. People mean more to me than just a quote. May they eventually find peace. Reach out to our community you are not and never will be alone. I can honestly say that my family has lived here for 23 years and have not only received help from the community but have also had the pleasure to pay it forward. May you always know that Mom and Dad were great people who gave their all (even when you as teenagers did not realize it) In time you will find peace knowing that they gave their all, and we appreciate them for that and so much more! Peace to the entire families

Kim Phinney - January 12, 2019 at 05:27 PM

Brenda Patten Campbell

“ Brenda Patten Campbell lit a candle in memory of John & Heidi Johnson



Brenda Patten Campbell - January 12, 2019 at 04:28 PM

PF

“ Paula Rhodes Friberg lit a candle in memory of John & Heidi Johnson



Paula Rhodes Friberg - January 12, 2019 at 04:24 PM



“ *Pamela Tighe-Deberardinis lit a candle in memory of John & Heidi Johnson*



Pamela Tighe-Deberardinis - January 12, 2019 at 04:04 PM