



## Leslie "Missy" Johnson

November 29, 1947 - February 5, 2003

Leslie "Missy" Johnson, 55, of Kensington, died Wednesday February 5, 2003 at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center in Myrtle Beach, SC. Born in Hartford, daughter of the late Arthur L. Johnson and Martha Anderson Johnson Bengtson, she lived in Kensington most of her life. She was also predeceased by her mothers second husband Harold Bengtson. A graduate of Berlin High School, class of 1965, she attended Yale-New Haven Hospital School of Nursing. An LPN, "Missy" worked at New Britain General Hospital for 10 years, Grove Hill Medical Center for 10 years, and for the past 13 years, worked with special needs children for Interim Health Care of Bristol. She was a member of First Lutheran Church in New Britain.

Surviving are 2 step-brothers, Stephen Bengtson and his wife Deborah of SC, and John Bengtson in California; an aunt, Doris Anderson Johnson of Kensington; several cousins, Sherwood Anderson of Southington; Eaudine Reeves of Sandwich, Mass; Mark Anderson, Norman Holmberg, Betty Jane Nygren, Martha Milkey, and John Darrow all of Kensington; as well as several second cousins.

Funeral services are Monday 10 AM at First Lutheran Church, 77 Franklin Square, New Britain. Calling hours are Sunday 4 to 6 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Memorial donations may be made to First Lutheran Church or to a charity of the donor's choice. Please share a memory of "Missy" with her family on our online guestbook by clicking "sign memorial guestbook" at the top of the page.



# Tribute Wall

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“ *MISSY WAS A GOOD FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR, AS WELL AS A DEVOTED AND LOVING DAUGHTER AND CAREGIVER. SHE TRULY APPRECIATED THE SIMPLE THINGS IN LIFE. A FAVORITE EXPRESSION SHE USED WAS "THANK THE LORD". WE'RE GOING TO MISS HER, AND WE'RE THANKFUL TO HAVE KNOWN HER.*

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**THE DELCEGNO FAMILY** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Frankie, Sherri and Eric's Grandmother, Martha's caregiver and Leslie's friend: Leslie had a heart of gold. She was helpful to all that needed help.*

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**Mary** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Thank you for your generosity and for making many people happy especially for taking care of my grand-daughter, Kiera!*

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**Toni and Richard Tetreault** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *Kiera's aunt who's 30 something: Some day I want to be like Leslie when I grow up, a selfless person!*

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**Liz Apruzzese** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ From Anne Kiera and Sherri's special ed homebound teacher: Leslie always understood the importance of the activities that I did with Kiera. She always had fun ways of adapting activities for Kiera's ability level so that Kiera could participate as much as possible at any given moment. The result was often many days of wonderful responses from Kiera as well as much laughter. Only Leslie and Kiera knew the complete progress, fun and stories behind all of our activities-from the uniquely flavored and textured cookies with the strange shapes to the art projects that took on totally different twists as we learned more and more about what Kiera liked and could do.

Leslie and I worked together with several different families. I was very lucky that she kept in touch with me. A recent card that she and Kiera sent sums up what she did for everyone. It had a huge smile and said 'Here's a smile for the next time that you need one.' I will always remember Leslie as someone who demonstrated the incredible difference that one person can make in this world.

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**Anne Sypek** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ From Monica Kiera's aide: Leslie, you will be greatly missed by all of us. You truly had a heart of gold and it showed in the way you took care of Kiera every day. I miss the way we cracked each other up. I miss your wacky sense of humor. Love Monica.

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**Monica M** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ LESLIE: HEAVEN’S VERY SPECIAL NURSE PLUS

*You were an angel in disguise to help our family and others. You came into our life to make it easier! At times, you took over Kiera and our household whether we needed it or not! Kiera misses your smiling voice and tender loving care along with your fun, rowdy ways! You cared not only for Kiera, but Makaila and us; along with Kiera’s Team and our menagerie of pets. Woodstock, the cat, misses you too! He’s been meowing for you since November! You will never be forgotten due to your very caring and too giving ways! From the craft items you constantly brought and worked with the kids to the many baskets and containers over from your house to our house to organize us! You were our backbone of caring for Kiera plus. Makaila misses the tickling and sister-like sessions! We miss your over-protectiveness, bossiness in a caring way and the BM talks. When we see Dannon lemon yogurt or Ponderosa we will think of you. We’re so glad you were able to enjoy Disney and Florida with us last year! We couldn’t have done a lot without your help!*

*Last Wednesday was not an easy day! Not only did we find out we lost Leslie, our surrogate Mom and Friend, grandma/sister to our kids; but in trying to reach the Foster family who Leslie took care of, we also found out we lost their son, Frankie, another special child, the previous week. So now Leslie is not only with her Mom, Dad and Step-Dad in heaven, but also with Frankie and his sister Sherri who passed some years ago.*

*In Leslie’s memory we are taking donations for a park bench,handicapped accessible picnic table and/or to plant a dogwood tree; with a plaque dedicated to Leslie with the Nurse’s poem to reflect her caring ways of many children and their families. We will donate this to the All Children’s accessible playground in Page Park of Bristol since Leslie supported our efforts for this important project. All children including ones who use a wheelchair or with disabilities can enjoy play with their family, neighbors and friends at All Children’s. If anyone is interested in donating, please let us know after the service. Thank*

*you and goodbye our extended family member, Leslie. We love you and have missed you very much!*

*With Much Love: Deb, Wayne, Kiera and Makaila Johnson*

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**Deb, Wayne, Kiera and Makaila Johnson** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *I am very saddened by Leslie's passing and my heart goes out to her family. My dog, Sunshine, and I saw her the day before she left for South Carolina. She was so excited about going. I will always remember her bright and cheerful disposition and that great big smile.*

*She will be missed.*

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**Sherry Lang** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My sincere sympathy to all of Leslie,s family and friends. She was an exceptionally friendly and outgoing person. She was very caring, a good friend, and a good nurse. She will be missed by many.*

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**Ellen Binder** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *My heartfelt sympathies go out to Leslie's family. Though I have been gone from there for over 20 years, my time spent working with Leslie at New Britain General are times I will always cherish! She was a caring, and professional co-worker as well as a good friend!!*

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**Joe Wueke** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM