



## Beate Johnson

November 28, 1942 - August 3, 2017

Beate Johnson, entered into eternal peace on Thursday, August 3, 2017, in Longwood, Florida.

Beate was born on November 28, 1942, in Kiel, Germany, daughter to the late Adalbert and Helena Looks. She grew up in Kiel and as a teenager was drawn to the arts especially vocal studies as she trained to be a soprano opera singer and her angelic voice was heard in many productions. She continued to expand her artistic talents by studying Photography in college, specializing in Theatre Photography. That degree gave her the opportunity to leave Germany & travel the world as she worked as staff photographer for a major cruise line.

In 1968, Beate married Errol Johnson in Basel, Switzerland, and a year later gave birth their daughter Jasmin. In 1970, she and the family moved to Jamaica, where she welcomed her son Nils into the world in 1972. In 1979, the family came to the United States where she worked in Errol's Electrical Contracting Business as a book keeper. Beate retired from the business in 1994 and concentrated on enjoying her new granddaughter Yazmine and volunteerism. She never gave up her passion for singing as she sang for years as the lead soprano in the church choir. Her photos have also been showcased on various websites. After being diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer in 2001, she became active with The Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Florida as it's Photographer & historian, as well as, being a key planning member of all the

educational outreach and fundraising events for the organization.

She was lauded by all for her culinary and entertaining skills and the ability to make family and friends feel at home with every visit regardless of hosting one person or 100 people. She had a loving, kind and generous heart, always giving to others. Beate never forgot a birthday and always took the time to send a self-made birthday card to her numerous family members and friends. Traveling was her passion, which led to her cruising around the world with Errol and traveling to various parts of the world to learn about countless foreign cultures.

She leaves her loving memories to be cherished by her devoted husband Errol, endearing children Nils and Jasmin (and her husband Jack), and her adoring grandchildren Yazmine and Chace.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 19 at 11:00 am at Northland, A Church Distributed, 530 Dog Track Rd, Longwood, FL. 32750, followed by a festive "Celebration of Life" repast at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to one of her 2 philanthropies:

The Women's & Girls Cancer Alliance through the Florida Hospital Foundation: [www.FloridaHospital.com/WGCA](http://www.FloridaHospital.com/WGCA)

Negro Spiritual Scholarship Foundation: <http://www.negrospiritual.org/>

# Tribute Wall

KH

“ Dear family of Beate,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all as you mourn the loss of your dear wife, mother and grandmother. I will always remember her sweet, gentle (yet strong) spirit beneath that beautiful smile of hers. May you all sense God's abiding love and care as you go through this difficult time. Beate will not be forgotten. She leaves an example of strength and courage even for those who knew her for a relatively short time. Though Richard and I, regretfully, will not be able to attend her service, we both send our love and will keep you in our prayers.

Kaye & Richard Hanna - August 16, 2017 at 02:36 PM

BK

“ Bill, Kim, Billy and Dean Kanasky purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Beate Johnson.



Bill, Kim, Billy and Dean Kanasky - August 11, 2017 at 02:52 PM

GF

“ Mrs Jay, will always be lovingly remembered by my "Jr James Family". She often showed my Family love through the beautiful pictures she would take and give us. We will certainly miss her genuine hugs and spirit that was serious and playful, all in one. We love you...

Greg James and Family - August 11, 2017 at 01:55 PM

VH

*To Errol, Jasmine, and Nils and the family. The Hudson's know the feeling of loss at the passing of your precious wife, mother, and grandmother. Our prayer is knowing that God is the only one who can heal your broken hearts, because Jesus loved her, He came for her, and now Oh my, she is whole and renewed with Her Lord and Saviour. May God Bless, and keep you all as a family in His care. We love you.*

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**Viveca Hudson** - August 18, 2017 at 08:59 PM

MA

“ Moss, Krusick & Associates purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Beate Johnson.



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**Moss, Krusick & Associates** - August 09, 2017 at 09:56 AM

“ In 1998, on a visit from Zimbabwe we accompanied friends to a New Year's Eve party at the Johnson's in Longwood. We later discovered that we had in fact met both Errol & Beate at the home of a colleague and former neighbor of the Johnson's, in Smokey Vale, St. Andrew, Jamaica, in the mid-1970s. Our reacquaintance led to a substantial and lasting friendship.

*Upon retirement in 2000 we set up residence in Longwood within walking distance of the Johnson's. This was the start of our complete immersion into the extended Jamaican community in the greater Orlando area. The Johnson home was the major clearing house for information related to Jamaican activities and contacts. Errol and Beate also held their fair share of memorable parties and domino sessions. While it is reasonable to think that Errol contributed to the success of all of these events no one ever doubted that Beate was the chief architect and person-in-charge. She was the consummate host who hosted as only a perfectionist can.*

*Beate declared herself a "Germaican". Her incomparable Jamaican "rundung" dish amply substantiated this declaration. This blending of her heritage made for interesting occurrences. We recall the story of her attempting to purchase ackees for a dinner party to supplement her unusually meager crop from her own garden. No ackees were available but one helpful higgler indicated to her that there was only one place she would likely find ackees at the time: the yard of a white lady in Longwood. Of course, the white lady in question was Beate herself, the "Germaican". No one else in Longwood was known to have a fruitful ackee tree.*

*Beate was an exemplary wife, mother and home maker, an exceptionally skilled photographer and more than competent gardener. All who came to know her well quickly understood and accepted her unapologetic commitment to the discipline of timeliness, order and routine. Once, Beate agreed to store some party food for us in her garage freezer. In her absence Errol volunteered to place the items in the freezer. During this unwise*

*initiative, daughter Jasmine arrived to witness the disorder her dad was about to create. Every shelf in Beate's freezer was numbered and every item was labeled and dated. Aghast at her dad's indiscretion she expressed grave concern which Errol promptly ignored. We later learned that Beate, true to form, retrieved the items and placed them all in a space in her freezer that she had clearly identified for the purpose.*

*We have to believe that there must have been times when Beate was angry or displeased. Amazingly, we never witnessed either. Most of us suspect that Beate "spoiled" Errol by being such a visibly devoted and protective wife. One of the first things we were told by mutual friends is that Beate would zealously disallow intrusion by errant phone calls from friends or associates during Errol's daily nap time.*

*We will surely miss our "Germaican" friend but will always remember her as a delightful spirit who easily shared herself with a community of generally free-spirited Jamaican folks in a manner most non-native Jamaicans would have much discomfort emulating. She may have departed but she has most certainly not left us entirely*

*Our bountiful memories will console us always.*

*Owen & Icy James*

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**Icy James** - August 08, 2017 at 05:54 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Beate Johnson.



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August 08, 2017 at 12:55 PM

BC

“ *Babete Matthieu and Caroline purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Beate Johnson.*



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**Babete Matthieu and Caroline** - August 08, 2017 at 12:33 AM



“ *It is with heartfelt sympathy I express my condolences on the home going of Beate, may our family find comfort in knowing there's no more pain and she rests in our Fathers arms*

*I had the great pleasure of visiting the home on Stoney Mountain in Jamaica. As a child, the home was the most amazing remarkable adventure I'd ever been on. The house was the mastermind and execution of Errol and Beate's superior talent and everlasting love, from the breathtaking spiral lighting erected from Clorox bottles to the magnificent swimming pool in the center of the house. The captivating view and ambience was alluring. This was a house that love Built.*

*I'll never forget on my visit I rode with Beate to the store. With a driveway composed of BMW and Mercedes, to name a few, Beate choose a Volkswagen Beetle, surely one of the first off the production line, When she opened the door the panel hit the ground, the seats had to be anchored and you could see the ground under the foot pedals the car was truly held together with prayer. This bug she drove down the the Long, winding and scary mountain fearlessly. She loved it, just a example of her humble sweet spirit. Beate's loving hospitality, soft spoken nature, unforgettable pallet pleasing culinary skills, amazing resourcefulness, creativity, craftiness and smiling face shall remain within me eternally.*

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**Patrice Harrison** - August 07, 2017 at 11:28 PM

MS

“ To Errol and family,

*We can only imagine how difficult it must be for all of you to deal with Beate's passing.*

*She dealt with her illness with poise and grace, yet we are glad to know she is no longer suffering.*

*Robert and I will miss our cards from her with the most beautiful pictures of flowers, also*

*her extremely elegant entertaining skills.*

*As time goes by our wish for you is that you remember the good times with her and seal them in fond and lasting memories*

*Warm wishes,*

*Robert and Marjorie S.*

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**Marjorie S** - August 07, 2017 at 08:11 PM