

# Obituary



**JOHNS,  
Noreen M.  
(Nee Shout)  
January 11, 1946 -  
December 22, 2025**

The family of Noreen Mae Johns is heartbroken to announce the passing of a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend on December 22, 2025. Born on January 11, 1946, Noreen

was raised in the Zelma District, where she attended school in Zelma and later in Watrous. From an early age, she was actively involved in 4-H, local sports, and community activities—interests that would shape her lifelong dedication to service and community.

Following high school, Noreen pursued her dream of teaching and married her high school sweetheart, Lloyd Johns. The couple began their married life in Saskatoon before moving to the Johns family farm in 1975, where they raised their two children. It was here that Noreen seamlessly balanced her roles as a mother, farmer, activist, and community supporter. She began volunteering with local organizations and went on to become an integral part of provincial and national groups, many of which focused on advocating for farm women and the needs of farming and rural communities.

Family was always Noreen's number one priority. She could often be found driving her children to sporting events, preparing meals for the field, and hosting family celebrations. She loved socializing and cherished time spent with her many friends and extended family. Noreen and Lloyd shared a love of travel, and

in retirement they purchased a vacation home in Arizona, where they enjoyed many winters filled with cocktails, conversation and friendships - both old and new. Above all else, Noreen especially treasured time spent with her grandsons, Benjamin and William, who were truly the light of her life.

Noreen leaves behind her loving husband of 60 years, Lloyd; her children Jason (Nancy) and Janine; her grandsons Benjamin, Isaac, Nathan and William; her brother Richard (Sharon) Shout; brother-in-law Terry Deneiko; sister-in-law Arlene Johns; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents T.W. and Irene Shout; her brother Lorne Shout; her sister Eileen Deneiko; her brother-in-law Bob Johns; and her special Aunt Lil. The family extends a heartfelt thank you to all who cared for Noreen in her later years, with special appreciation to the staff at Manitou Lodge.

A Celebration of Life Service was held at Watrous United Church on Tuesday, December 30, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Joan Kessler officiating. Register Attendants were Elaine Frey and Colleen Fisher; Ushers were Blanche and John Allingham. The Urn Bearers were grandsons Ben and William. Honorary Pallbearers were Penny and Al Fitzsimmons, Lil and Dwight Sabiston and everyone who knew Noreen, including all her Arizona friends. A Poem was read by Nancy Johns and Scripture Readings were provided by Rev. Marilyn Stobbs. Lil Gingrich was the Pianist. The Eulogy was given by Janine and Jason Johns. Tributes were provided by grandsons Ben and William.

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