



## Shelly R. Johnson

July 12, 1967 - September 3, 2020

Shelly Raven Johnson passed peacefully into the arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Thursday, September 3, 2020, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Visitation with the family present will be from 4:00 to 6:00 pm, September 10, 2020 at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney. A private family Memorial Service will be held in her memory.

Shelly was born July 12, 1967, to Henry A. and Carol M. Bowker in Fort Yates, ND, where she started Grade School. She then attended schools in Aberdeen, SD, before moving to Rapid City, SD, then California and Nebraska. She has lived in Kearney, NE, for the past 25 years. She and her children are members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of South Dakota.

While living in Aberdeen, Shelly was a member of the First Baptist Church where she committed her life to Jesus Christ at a young age. She was baptized in Richmond Lake in a special baptismal ceremony in 1979.

Shelly was born with an engaging personality that endeared her to family and friends alike. Animals, too! She never met a stray animal that she did not like or failed to bring home. She dearly loved her family, but most especially her daughter, Haley Raven, and her son, Justin Lee.

In addition to her faithful dog, Anna, and long-time friend, Steve Nelson, Shelly is survived by her children; her parents, Hank and Carol Bowker, Aberdeen, SD; sister, Debra Bowker MD, Newcastle, CA; sister, Staci Graves, Aberdeen, SD; and nephew, Jesse Gene Graves. Other surviving relatives include her Uncle Mike & Aunt Pam Ernst and family, Aberdeen, SD; her Uncle David & Aunt Naomi Ernst and family, St. Joseph, MO; her Aunt Sherron Aguirre and family, Long Beach, CA; her Aunt Donna Clausen and family, Eagle Butte, SD; and many wonderful cousins and extended family. She loved them all.

Shelly was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Richard & Marcella Ernst; by her paternal grandparents, Henry & Gatsey Raven Bowker; and by aunts, uncles, and cousins on both sides of the family whose memories she always cherished.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **10**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl  
2421 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 237-2259  
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Shelly R. Johnson*

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January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Hank, Carol and family, our love and prayers to all of you. We have many wonderful memories of Shelly and our families. We love you all and Shelly will never be forgotten. Love Paul and Ida*

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**Ida Picotte** - September 11, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ *I remember Shelly as a beautiful young girl. I remember when she opened her heart to Jesus and also when she was baptized. Because she placed her faith in Jesus, we rest upon His promise,*

*"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die." John 11: 25,26*

*My love and prayers,  
Pastor Salem*

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**Pastor Harold Salem** - September 10, 2020 at 12:18 PM

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“ *Hank, Carol, and family, I was so very sorry to hear about the passing of Shelly. She was such a beautiful and vibrant soul!!! She was one of the most "fun and energetic" people I have ever worked with and I was blessed to have known her. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time and may God Bless Shelly's children for all of their days.*

*With much love and many heartfelt prayers,*

*Mitch Leinen*

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**Mitch Leinen** - September 10, 2020 at 09:44 AM