



Jonna Annete (Mattson) Short

September 7, 1968 - November 11, 2025

Jonna Annete (Mattson) Short, age 57, of Rudyard, Michigan, died on November 11, 2025, at her home surrounded by her family. She was born on September 7, 1968, in Long Beach, New Jersey, to Albin and Myrtle (Fisher) Mattson.

Jonna grew up in Newberry, Michigan, and later moved with her family to Lansing, Michigan, and then to Kincheloe, Michigan. As a proud “Base Brat,” she lived in many different places throughout her childhood. She graduated from Rudyard Area Schools. Jonna worked a variety of jobs over the years before making Rudyard her home and raising her three boys. After many years together at Wood Forrest, a wood product plant in Kincheloe, she married the love of her life and high school sweetheart, Jeffrey Short, on July 25, 2003, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Jonna spent many years working at the Rudyard Co-op, where she became a familiar and friendly face in the hardware department for over nine years. She also worked several winter seasons for H&R Block and spent her summers working at the Back Woods Farmers Market.

A lover of the outdoors, Jonna found joy in bird watching, especially owls, and she carried a deep knowledge of them. She also enjoyed nature photography and tending to the flowers in her garden, passions that reflected her quiet

appreciation for the natural world.

Jonna is survived by her husband, Jeff; sons, Jesse D. (Liz Thompson) Short of Mackinac Island, Michigan, Jared D. (Harley) Short of Rudyard, and Jaxon D. Short of Rudyard; grandchildren, Julia A. Short and Waylon Short; father, Albin Mattson; brothers, Albin Mattson Jr. of Newberry, William (Debbie) Mattson of Illinois, Joseph (Bonnie) Mattson of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Leon (Tracy) Mattson of Grand Rapids; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Jonna was preceded in death by her mother, Myrtle; and in-laws, Laurel "Jack" Short Jr. and Willia Maxine Short.

A Celebration of Life will be held in 2026 at the family home.

Memorial donations in Jonna's honor may be made to McLaren Home Care & Hospice, 360 Connable Ave. Petoskey, MI 49770.

Family Life Funeral Homes – Pickford assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Tribute Wall

OK

“ I had the privilege of first meeting Jonna when she worked at the Rudyard Co-op. As of late when she worked at Backwoods Market , I had the opportunity to see her more frequently. Over this long period of time it has always been good to see her and have a conversation with her, an interesting person. She will missed in our community, and my sympathies go to the family.
Orv Kabat

Orv Kabat - November 24, 2025 at 06:45 AM

JS

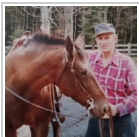
“ Thank you mom for everything. I'm thankful for having you for 21 years of my life.

Jaxon Short - November 21, 2025 at 06:47 PM

LM

“ Jonna bit me once when we were really little, and I carry a scar from that bite. She always hated it when I brought it up or she hapen7to see it, but it has always been cherished by me as I will always have a part of her with me.

Leon Mattson - November 20, 2025 at 06:14 PM



“ Darlene Muscoe lit a candle in memory of Jonna Annete (Mattson) Short



Darlene Muscoe - November 19, 2025 at 11:51 PM

TW

“ Tina & Dennis Wurster lit a candle in memory of Jonna Annete (Mattson) Short



Tina & Dennis Wurster - November 19, 2025 at 09:06 PM

SB

“ Jeff my heart breaks reading this obituary. Jonna was the sweetest lady. I loved her frequent Owl pictures and her precious family and grandbabies. I send my love and Hugs to you and the boys. Today is my Dad's 90th birthday in heaven. I know he will meet Jonna with open arms, hugs and kisses. I love you all!❤️🙏🏻✝️

Stacy Short Brubaker - November 19, 2025 at 02:04 PM

RW

She used to babysit me, thoughts and prayers to the family.

Robert Wood - November 19, 2025 at 06:49 PM

MB

“ Michael Burtch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jonna Annete (Mattson) Short.

Michael Burtch - November 19, 2025 at 01:57 PM

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“ Michael Burtch purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jonna Annete (Mattson) Short.



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