



Joyce Ellen Johnson

January 17, 1937 - August 14, 2024

Joyce Ellen Johnson, 87, of Peoria, IL, passed away on August 14, 2024, at a local hospital. Joyce was born in Lacon, Illinois, to Clarence and Myrtle Hodge, on January 17, 1937. She married Jerry Johnson on June 1, 1957, in Peoria, IL. He precedes her in death, along with her parents and sisters, June and Nancy.

Left to cherish Joyce's memory is her loving family: daughters, Kathy Matlock (Mark) and Laurie Simpson (John), seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and beloved cat, Missy.

Joyce loved opera and music. She was known as "The Cookie Lady" for the symphony as she often provided her homemade cookies for their rehearsals. Many others knew her as the cookie lady as she made cookies for so many people who knew her.

She loved to be out and about and was very active, especially in her garden. Making arrangements for the Garden Club was a favorite activity.

Joyce was also a Christian servant. She served at her church's "Loaves and Fish" every Saturday morning. Her job was to keep the children entertained while the parents shopped for their food. In past years, she was also part of the Bear Buddy ministry with Irving Primary School. The last couple years, she joined Community Bible Study.

Joyce always dressed her best and was known as a fashionista! Every day was Sunday best for her. She lived life to the fullest and will be missed by all who had the opportunity to have her in their life.

Cremation has been accorded. Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Celebration of life will be held at First United Methodist Church in Peoria on Saturday, September 21st, from 11:30am - 1:30pm.

Address: 116 NE Perry Ave, Peoria IL 61603 in the chapel.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Joyce Ellen Johnson*

Anonymous - September 21, 2024 at 02:27 PM

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“ *We loved Joyce. We got to know her at Peoria FUMC and in our Adelphians Sunday School class. She was always good for a smile and a hug. We admired her enthusiasm for anything involving music. She always reminded us of local concerts and performances. And she was a lady of faith who gave of herself to others. We miss her! ❤️ Ron & Judy Zipfel*

Ron & Judy Zipfel - September 21, 2024 at 11:21 AM

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“ *In loving memory of Joyce Johnson. From the Hatfields (Joan, Brent & Amy, Brad & Sandra, and Brian & Laura) and the Lowes (Mike & Michele)*

Anonymous - September 20, 2024 at 01:11 PM

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“ *Joycy, I know you have great tickets for the concerts in heaven!*

Courtney Kerley - September 15, 2024 at 08:40 PM

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“Joyce was there for me at a very difficult time in my life. She cared for my two year old son, while I recovered from a breakdown and then while I was in the hospital having my daughter, weeks later, she cared for him again. We have kept in touch for 55 years since then, and traveled up the East Coast together, and thoroughly enjoyed each other's company. I miss knowing she is there gardening, baking and loving her family. Joyce knew who she was and had every reason to be proud of the way she lived her life. She was a mentor and I will miss her greatly.

Donna Howard - September 05, 2024 at 06:08 PM

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“In loving memory of my sister, Joyce, who shared my love of trees and gardening,

Sharon McClellan - September 04, 2024 at 04:33 PM

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“This seemed fitting with all the flowers Joyce tended to! So happy I have a few flowers and flower garden deco to remind me of her!She will be missed!

Anonymous - September 04, 2024 at 04:22 PM