



Ruth Johnson

July 6, 1917 - February 11, 2016

Mary "Ruth" Johnson

Mary Ruth Johnson, of Willow Springs, passed away Thursday evening, February 11, 2016, while at Willow Care Nursing Home, due to natural causes. Born July 6, 1917 in Willow Springs, MO to Ora and Nettie (Baldwin) Ray, she was 98 years old.

Ruth was married to Claude Raymond Johnson in Willow Springs on April 17, 1935. The two had four children together. Ruth gave of her time for many years in her community and her church. She was a Red Cross volunteer for over 50 years, recognized on many occasions by the organization as a dedicated worker. She was also a volunteer at Willow Care Nursing Home who was committed to the staff and residents there, helping wherever needed and being a friend to them. She also worked for decades at the polling place in Willow Springs during local elections, and was also a longtime active member of the First Christian Church of Willow Springs, known as "Grannie Ruth" to all. She moved to Willow West Apartments in 2007, shortly after the death of her husband. In 2012, she moved to Willow Care. She loved her family and especially her grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all. Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her brother, Raymond, and sister, Maxine.

Ruth is survived by her children: Claudene Freeman and her husband Gerald of Willow Springs; Glenna Kentch and her husband Leon also of Willow Springs; Richard L. Johnson and his wife Marilyn of Williston, SC; and Linda

Baker and her husband Charles of McLouth, KS. She is further survived by her grandchildren: Tony Warden and his wife Janet of Bonner Springs, KS; Cheryl Fiedler and her husband Michael of Farmington, CT; Dr. Keith Kentch of Topeka, KS; Pam Nave and her husband Tim of Orlando, FL; Kim Mitchell and her husband Dave of Aiken, GA; Matthew Freeman of Springfield, MO; Richard Johnson, Jr. of Williston, SC; and 12 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

A visitation for Ruth will be held Tuesday, February 16, 2016 from 1:00 P.M.- 2:00 P.M. at the First Christian Church, located at 310 N Center Street in Willow Springs with the funeral service immediately following the visitation at 2:00 P.M. Interment will be held at the Willow Springs City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Ruth requested that memorials may be made in her name to the First Christian Church of Willow Springs. Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home. On-line condolences for the family may be made at www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Willow Springs City Cemetery

State Rte DD
Willow Springs, MO 65793

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church
310 N. Center
Willow Springs, MO 65793
(417) 469-2429

Service

FEB 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ I will always remember Ruth as a very special person. She was my Sunday school teacher when I was very young. I still remember setting around that little u shaped table with her. She was a friend and a mentor. Loved her so much. Bonnie Stricklin

Bonnie Stricklin - February 16, 2016 at 07:04 PM

AS

“ Archroma U.S., Inc. Martin, SC purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Ruth Johnson.



Archroma U.S., Inc. Martin, SC - February 15, 2016 at 08:06 PM

PS

“ I only knew Ruth a very short time, but I knew the first day that I met her that she was a special lady. She will be greatly missed. My prayers for her family.

Patti Sexton - February 15, 2016 at 05:00 PM

FB

“ Floyd B. purchased the Classic Sympathy Basket Arrangement for the family of Ruth Johnson.



Floyd B. - February 15, 2016 at 04:33 PM

FR

“ *Richard and Family,
We are remembering you in our prayers during this difficult time.
Your Friends at Folk Funeral Home*

Friends - February 15, 2016 at 11:22 AM

TW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Billy, Letitia, Joane and Families.*

The Williams' - February 15, 2016 at 11:21 AM

MB

“ *I was so sorry to hear about your mama. I remember going to Missouri and staying at her house. I loved playing in the backyard and going to the springs swimming. I can still see your mama and daddy in my mind. I loved staying with Dad Ray and Ruby too. Those are memories I'll always treasure. You know she is happy now where she is. I love you all.*

miriam baggs - February 15, 2016 at 09:44 AM



“ *Ruth Johnson was my Granny! I am so proud that she was a part of my life! I loved her so much and I'm really going to miss her! She is with Gramps in Heaven now and is at perfect peace! I will never forget Gramps and Granny's "Baywatch" sunglasses that they used to wear in the summertime! It was just too cute!*

Matthew Freeman - February 14, 2016 at 07:28 PM



“ *Granny and Lainey together talking up a storm.*



Janet Warden - February 14, 2016 at 04:00 PM

TW

Grannie J. and Lainey Bug. Lainey loved Grannie J.

Tony Warden - February 15, 2016 at 08:41 AM

TW

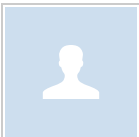
Some of Grannie Johnson Grandchildren never had the Chance to meet her. Just know She loved you all, and knew each by name.

Tony Warden - February 15, 2016 at 08:47 AM

MM

“ *So sorry to hear about your Mom, she was a sweet lady, an was always ready to visit, Mrs. Johnson, will be missed by not only her family, but everyone whose life she touched. Mary Sue an Tammy Meal*

Mary Sue Meal - February 14, 2016 at 01:28 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Ruth Johnson.*



February 13, 2016 at 09:43 PM

LD

“ *Sorry for your loss. I remember her being anywhere she could volunteer and help others.* ”



Linda Daugherty - February 13, 2016 at 05:15 PM

SB

“ *So sorry for your loss. Ruth was a blessing always enjoyed her stories.* ”

Sharon Bales - February 12, 2016 at 07:59 PM