



Flo Johnson

July 2, 2015

ASHDOWN, Arkansas – Leila Flo Spigner Johnson passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 2, 2015, surrounded by her family at her home in Ashdown, Arkansas.

Born June 29, 1920, to James Thomas and Fannie Fawcett Spigner in Ben Lomond, Arkansas, and known fondly and widely as "Mama Flo," Mrs. Johnson was a mother, homemaker, school teacher, devout Christian, and devoted fan of the Arkansas Razorbacks.

She is preceded in death by her parents, by her husband and father of her children, Finos Buford Johnson, and by her five siblings: Lillie Spigner Sutton of Ben Lomond; Mary Alice Spigner Dillard of Nashville, Arkansas; William Rhoton Spigner of DeQueen, Arkansas; Benny Wesley Spigner of Ashdown, and Tommye E. Spigner Penney of Falls Chapel, Arkansas. Also preceding her in death was Sam "Pete" Johnson, whom she married several years after the passing of Finos, and step-son John Wayne Johnson of Houston.

She had a bottomless reservoir of unconditional love for her large family including her three children and their spouses: Rebecca Flo Johnson "Becky" Gunter and James Hervey Gunter, of Ashdown; Dick Spigner Johnson and Juliette Newkirk Johnson, of Fayetteville, Arkansas; and Finos B. "Buddy" Johnson, Jr., and Elizabeth Findley Shores, of Little Rock, Arkansas;

grandchildren Teri Lynn Bowman Day (David), Stephen Bowman (Christie), Molly Johnson, Sara Wasson (Thomas), Findley Johnson, and Layet Johnson; seven great-grandchildren; and two step-daughters, Julie Johnson Phipps of Schertz, Texas, and Gail Johnson Fuller of Huffman, Texas.

Mrs. Johnson grew up in Ben Lomond, was graduated from high school at the age of 16, and attended Henderson State Teachers College, where she earned a certification in teaching. She taught school in Ben Lomond and later in Ashdown. She married Finos in 1944, and they made their home and raised their children in Ashdown. Several years after Finos's death in 1970, she married Sam Johnson and lived for a time in Houston, Texas, Seattle, Washington, and Anchorage, Alaska, before returning to Ashdown.

A life-long member of the church of Christ, Mrs. Johnson was baptized in the Cossatot River near Paraclifta west of Ben Lomond. She was a beloved member of congregations in Ashdown and Ben Lomond and for a time was a member of Westbury church of Christ in Houston. She was the oldest active member of the Ashdown church of Christ. Mrs. Flo Johnson was one of the founding members of the Church of Christ in Ashdown, AR.

Mrs. Johnson enjoyed playing bridge, following the Razorbacks, and volunteering for numerous church and community activities.

Visitation is 3-5 p.m. on Sunday, July 5, at Ashdown Church of Christ, 270 Main Street, Ashdown. Funeral is 10 a.m. on Monday, July 6, at Ashdown church of Christ with David Formby officiating. Burial will follow at Ashdown Cemetery.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Ashdown church of Christ, 270 Main Street, Ashdown, AR, 71822, or to Children's Home, Inc., 5515 Walcott Road, Paragould, AR, 72450-3319.

On-line registration maddenfuneralservice.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Flo Johnson*

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“ *Coach Gunter, please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry for your loss.*

Alan and Tammy Embry - Lumberton, TX - Hometown family friends - July 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I don't remember a moment in my entire life, where Flo Johnson wasn't in it, somewhere. Now the world feels off-kilter, with the passing of this special lady. God gave her a long and full life...and has rewarded her with her Mansion. And more than a few stars in her crown. God bless and keep you, family.*

Fabienne Thrash - Texarkana, TX - friend - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *As a first grader at the Ben Lomond School she was my first love. Thankfully, through out the years, I got to visit with her from time to time at Ashdown . She was a gracious lady and we all will miss her. My sincerest condolence to the family.*

Leon Crabtree - Melbourne, FL - Former Student - July 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Annie Jean really had a special love for her big brother, Finos, AND his bride. We will miss Mama Flo, her welcoming smile, her boundless energy and the example she set on how to live a Good Life. Thankfully, she passed those things down through her three and they have passed it to theirs. As it should be. We will be thinking of you, Dick, Becky, Buddy and your families, over these next days, months and years.

The Hedgecocks of Little Rock

Richard and Belinda Hedgecock - Little Rock, AR - Nephew - July 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I posted this on Facebook the day after Mama Flo died. I think I should post it here as well. I so wished that I could have been there today, but it just wasn't possible.

The foundations of my world seem a little less secure today... My best friend's mother passed away last night. I can't remember not being loved unconditionally by Flo Johnson. I would like to say something really profound about Flo, but she was simply good, always smiling, always faithful, always loving and kind. The world seems a more ominous place without her, so I guess we really must do what she can no longer do: love a bit more unconditionally, be kinder, laugh and smile more, pray more, root a bit more for her beloved Razorbacks and Panthers and a million other things that that great woman would do. Thanks Mama Flo for your goodness and your love, the world will miss you.

Rex Hays - Patterson, CA - July 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Joe and Brenda Cornelius - Brown Springs, AR - Friend - July 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Mama Flo was truly a most special lady. She was an example to all of us of what a Christian should be. She epitomized Love! She was a constant source of encouragement to everyone who was blessed with her friendship. I wish I could be there today, but know that someday we will be reunited again. My sympathy to her family that treasured her, so much, & that she loved dearly.*

Love,

Becky Edmisten - Conway, AR - Friend - July 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ *Mrs. Flo was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever known. She always had a smile on her face and a kind word for everyone. You have all been so blessed to have her in your lives for so many years. My thoughts and prayers for everyone as you say goodbye to this precious lady.*

Vicki Jester Matthews - Ashdown, AR - July 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss she was my rock when Mom & Dad passed away. She alway called me to make sure I was ok. I know she & Mom are in heaven laughing & maybe even playing bridge. May God comfort you & your family. Sorry I won't be able to attend the funeral she will be in my heart.*

Rosemary Harless - Sherwood, AR - family friend - July 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *Becky, Dickie, Buddy, I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Johnson, Flo, was such a wonderful, sweet lady who had a smile and a hello to all. She never failed to ask questions about how you were doing and what was new in your life. She was a real lady. Becky, I have such fond memories of all of us during cheerleading season and our parents supporting us. I know you are missing her so much! May all the memories and good times support all of you.*

Gina Evans Sheridan - Denver, CO - friend of the family - July 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM