



Joye Lenora Grigsby Johnson

March 1, 1925 - December 30, 2016

Joye Grigsby Johnson passed away peacefully Friday, December 30, surrounded by her husband and their children. Born March 1, 1925, she was the seventh child of Jacob L. and Ada Lester Grigsby. She was a lifelong Methodist belonging to the Emory and St. Paul congregations where she was involved on many levels.

After graduating from Winthrop College, she taught school in North Augusta and then was employed at Epworth Children's Home in Columbia. In 1949 she returned to Saluda and married her true love, J.C. Johnson. Married 67 years, they raised their family and were an active part of the Saluda community. For many years Joye was a teacher in the Saluda school system at the elementary, middle, and highschool levels. She had a lifelong passion for gardening and was a founding member the Pyracantha Garden Club. She and J. C. were also charter members and enjoyed their involvement in the Saluda County Historical Society. Her life was spent helping others, and she always had a smile and kind word for everyone, especially her former students.

Joye is survived by her husband and their children Julia (Joe) Taylor, Carson (Andrea) Johnson, and Gena (Bob) Ramos as well as their grandchildren Torri Taylor (Scot) O'Bryan, Andrea Taylor (Tommy) Parnell, Jeff Taylor, Jake Johnson, Harrison Johnson, Samantha Ramos, and Michael Ramos. Great-grandchildren are Holden, Kempson, and Grigsby Parnell and Nora

Hollingsworth. She is survived by one brother, James A. Grigsby, and beloved nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at 10 A.M. in the Family Life Center of St. Paul United Methodist Church on Monday, January 2, 2017. Funeral services will follow at 11 A.M. in the sanctuary with Rev. Bart Sistare officiating .Interment will follow in Travis Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church, 102 E. Church Street, Saluda, SC 29138 or to the Saluda County Historical Society, 105 Law Range St., Saluda, SC 29138.

The family offers special thanks to the staff of the Saluda Nursing Center and caregivers Frances Robinson and Betty Thomas.

Cemetery Details

Travis Park Cemetery

Travis Avenue
Saluda, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul United Methodist Church
102 East Butler Avenue
Saluda, SC 29138

Funeral

JAN 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GS

“Mrs. Johnson” was my fourth grade teacher. Growing up in Saluda in those days you couldn’t have imagined that anyone would study Greek mythology, but her fourth grade class did. Not only did we study it, we read it, we listened, hanging on every word she spoke of Homer’s Iliad and Odyssey. I’ve not read any of it since, but I remember it and know the stories still today.

She was ahead of her time in using small groups to solve problems she posed to us. As she made her way around the room encouraging us with a pat or a hug as she studied and listened to our questions and solutions. You could hear her say, “marvelous!” and “wonderful!” as she looked and listened to what had to be ordinary fourth grade work, but to us, we thought we could do anything. I’m sure as her family she made you all feel that way too at some point.

God bless and thanks for all that your parents and grandparents meant to us all.

*In sympathy,
Grig Sawyer
(John Grigsby Sawyer)*

Grig Sawyer - January 03, 2017 at 10:36 PM

GS

“ I am sorry to hear of the loss of both of these great people that made an impression on me as a young man growing up in Saluda in the 70s and 80s. "Mrs. Johnson" was my fourth grade teacher. We read and studied Greek mythology and how you got kids in those days interested in something as foreign as that is beyond me, but she did it. I have not read a word hardly of Homer since but I can still recall the stories.

She had us work together to discover answers to problems she presented, that concept was far ahead of its time. Her words of encouragement were repeated by her students years later as we recalled how she would give you a pat or a hug while telling us our work was "marvelous!" or "wonderful!". Truthfully, it was probably just fourth grade work, but she made you feel like you could do anything. I am sure as her family she made you feel this way too.

With sympathy,
Grig Sawyer
(John Grigsby Sawyer)

Grig Sawyer - January 03, 2017 at 10:12 PM

HE

“ I wanted to reach out to you during this sad time to offer my condolences.

While nothing will completely take away your grief, by meditating on God's promises found in the Bible, you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

Heather - January 02, 2017 at 01:29 PM

TH

“ *My heart is so sad for Saluda to have lost such a wonderful person. I never heard her say a negative word about anyone. I told my family she was one of the best women I have ever known. My prayers are with all of you.*

Trilby Higbee - January 02, 2017 at 10:32 AM

KE

“ *Dear Julia and Family:*

We were saddened to learn of your Mother's death. Your Father, JC, was a first cousin of my late husband, Carl Johnson Vansant. I always enjoyed spending time with your mother at the Johnson Family Reunions, even though I didn't get to attend many.

I know she will be greatly missed and you all have our sincere sympathy.

*Martha S. Vansant
Marsha Vansant Wells
Karen Vansant Edwards*

Karen Edwards - January 01, 2017 at 07:20 PM

VE

“ *Vernawertz3333@gm lit a candle in memory of Joye Lenora Grigsby Johnson*



Vernawertz3333@gm - January 01, 2017 at 05:01 PM

KL

“ *Saddened to hear of Joye Johnson's death. She and my father (George) were first cousins growing up and spent a lot of time together. She will be missed.*

Keith Lester - January 01, 2017 at 02:26 PM

LA

“ *Dear Julia and family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your dear, sweet mother. Please know that you are all in my prayers. May God's peace, comfort and steadfast love sustain you now and forever. Yours in Christ, Lora*

Lora Herlong Atwood - December 31, 2016 at 06:13 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Joye Lenora Grigsby Johnson.*



December 31, 2016 at 05:31 PM