



Mattie Johnson

May 5, 1918 - September 20, 2009

Mattie L. Johnson, 91, of Casa Grande, Ariz., formerly of Bradley, died Sunday (Sept. 20, 2009) at her home peacefully with her son and daughter-in-law by her side, following a short illness. Memorial visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, where services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 1. Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens. Memorials may be made to Hospice Compassus, 1675 E. Monument Plaza Dr., Casa Grande, AZ 85222. Mrs. Johnson retired from Texize in Kankakee after many years of employment. She was born May 5, 1918, in Ella, Ky., the daughter of William and Bell McQueary. Her husband, Lyman Johnson, whom she married April 7, 1934, died June 3, 1978. She enjoyed reading, watching Wheel of Fortune and playing the dice game 10,000. She has been a devoted Cubs fan since 1939. Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Linda Johnson of Casa Grande, Fred and Pat Johnson of Mulberry, Fla.; seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and two stepgrandchildren; and one sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Chuck Green of Georgia. She was loved dearly by many nieces and nephews. Deceased are one son, Sid Johnson; three sisters, Betty Spina, Jo Rigsby and Mary Smith; and one brother, William Speed.

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“ I remember Mrs. Johnson from the late 60's. I would visit her home when I was with Mike. She would put up with the racket that we would make playing music in the garage. She was a very kind woman.##imported-begin##Mark Wright##imported-end##

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“ I am not sure if Aunt Mattie or her sisters knew it or not, but they were an incredible influence on myself and my family. My mom, Sue, was an only child and Aunt Mattie lived around the corner from us for years. Grandpa Speed lived just a block over. We spent a lot of our younger years with Aunt Mattie, Aunt Jo, Aunt Betty and of course our wonderful Grandpa Speed, along with the occasional ice cream run to Aunt Mary's. We loved every minute. We were fortunate in so many ways to literally be surrounded by people who cared. We learned a lot watching the McQueary sisters. They were incredibly interesting, funny, gorgeous and absolutely tough as nails when they needed to be. We joined them as they sang at the piano at Aunt Mattie's, went on the pontoon boat at Aunt Jo's, made raviolis at Aunt Betty's or just sat around the table playing dice while cheering on our beloved Cubbies. They laughed and we laughed with them even if we weren't sure what they were laughing about. Mostly we watched them call each other Sis and Brother as they taught us what it meant to be family. I will miss my Aunt Mattie. Gosh...I miss them all. But I will think of her fondly every Cubs game. Every time I hear Sentimental Journey. I will choke down a Budweiser in her honor on every Wrigley Field Opening day and I will make everyone sing the Cub Fans Last Request. When Ryan Sandberg finally becomes the coach, I will cry for her and say how handsome he is. More than anything though, I will never forget the great memories given me and the true family values shared. Do the right thing. Be there for each other. Enjoy Life. Laugh...Laugh A lot. I will hope that I can truly honor her, Aunt Betty and Aunt Jo, Aunt Mary and of course, Grandpa, by carrying on the McQueary tradition of being a strong, generous, fun loving spirit that appreciates life and all that it has to offer. Today I will cry a little for our loss, but then, I will remember and I will smile and I will laugh again because that is what she would tell me I should do. "Oh, Mickey. Quit your fussing. Roll the dice already."

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“ We missed the wake for Mattie. We wish to extend our greatest sympathy for your loss. Mattie was our real good tenant. She was very nice. Cecil & Madonna Elsey

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“ Aunt Mattie was a very special lady and I have many good memories of her and her sisters that I have always treasured. I always admired Speed and the wonderful bond he had with his sisters. All the family has my deepest sympathy. Lyllette (Lou) Coy-Lamie

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“ So sorry to hear of Mattie's passing. It has been many years since we last seen her, may you find Peace & comfort in the fond memories that you have. I worked with Mattie for many years at Texize. Please know that your are in our thoughts and Prayers. Marge & Jack Martinson

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“ Mike and family,
Please accept our heartfelt sympathy on the passing of your mom. I was deeply saddened to hear of your loss. May the peace that comes from memories of her love, bring you comfort in your time of need. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Doug Wright##imported-end##

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