



Ruth E. Johnson

January 18, 1939 - March 6, 2022

Ruth E. Johnson, age 83, of Kankakee passed away Sunday, March 6, 2022, at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee. She was born January 18, 1939, in Annapolis, MD, the daughter of Thomas and Emma (Ruedeman) Fowler. Ruth married Stanley Johnson on June 21, 1961, in Brookville, PA.

Ruth was a homemaker. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene. Ruth Johnson was a beloved wife, mom, sister, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She came from a family dedicated to Christian ministry and served the church in a number of ways as a pastor's wife in many different places, from West Virginia to Florida. She was a talented musician: she played the piano and accordion, loved singing alto with her family, and often directed church choirs of all ages for weekly and special services. Ruth was also an artist, using chalk drawings as a ministry, while also painting, sketching, and crafting for personal enjoyment. She taught Sunday school, directed Vacation Bible schools, led women's ministries, and worked enthusiastically for mission outreach around the world. Ruth was happy to pack up for a picnic, a fishing trip with Stanley, or a walk on the beach to collect shells. The love of Ruth and Stanley, and their joy in each other's company, has been an inspiration.

Surviving are her husband, Stanley Johnson of Manteno; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Dianne (Jonathan) Cramer of Syracuse, NY, Brenda (Jim) Walker of Maryville, MO, Karen Knudson of Kankakee, IL; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sally (Tom) Schankweiler of Avon Park, FL, Carroll (Roger)

Henry of Swansea, SC; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Thomas (Esther) Fowler of East Lake, OH, Fred Fowler of Thomaston, GA, Paul (Sandra) Fowler of Woodbury, GA; eight grandchildren, Joshua Cramer, Caleb Cramer, Jacob (Caity) Cramer, Rachel Simpson, Melanie (Logan) Garland, Amy (Bryan) Griffin, Penny (Matt) Orrick, Grace Knudson; and a large extended family.

Ruth is preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. until the time of the 3:00 p.m. funeral service on Saturday, March 12, 2022, at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Interment will be on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 10:00 am at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Memorials may be made to The Church of the Nazarene International Missions: <https://nazarene.org/give>.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
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Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Funeral Service

MAR 12. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Interment

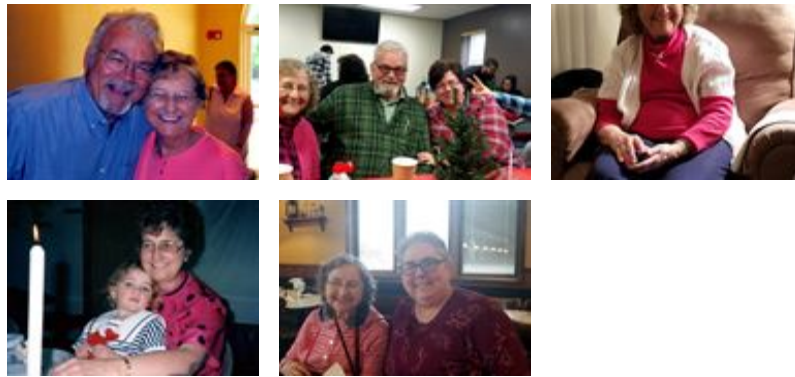
MAR 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - March 10, 2022 at 02:37 PM

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“ *Your Mother enjoyed Grace's recitals and had such a beautiful smile. May God comfort you and your family in this time.*

Jasmine Cieszynski - March 10, 2022 at 11:29 AM