



Rita Johnson

November 7, 1938 - April 25, 2012

Rita J Johnson, 73 of Zanesville, died 11:06 AM Wednesday, April 25, 2012 surrounded by her family at Genesis Good Samaritan CCU following a brief illness. She was born Thursday, September 7, 1938 in Zanesville, the daughter of Cecil L. & Gertrude A. (Viney) Johnson.

Rita was a very dedicated and faithful Christian servant who loved the Lord and attended the Christian Nation Church. Rita retired from NCA following 20 years of service. Following her retirement she was employed by Z Bus as a receptionist. Rita was devoted to her family and her work. She had strong work ethic and a great sense of humor who never met a stranger. She was very active with her grandchildren and was a very loving and caring mother and grandmother.

Rita is survived by one daughter: Janet (John) Long of Zanesville; three grandsons: Granger Long, Anderson Long both of Zanesville and Zack Long of Columbus; one brother: Richard (Pauline) Johnson of Zanesville; one nephew: Richie Johnson of Somerset and two great nephews: Tyler and Damian.

Rita was preceded in death by her parents.

Friends may call Sunday, April 29, 2012 from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Union Tabernacle Church, 2433 Hartford Avenue, where Funeral Services will be held 1:00 PM, Monday with Rev. Terry D. Newman & Rev. Ronald Justice co-officiating. To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note please visit link at the top of this page.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rita Johnson*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *So sorry to hear this news. Our prayers our with all of you. Mark & Donna Snyder*

July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Janet, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. She was a special woman. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Lina Newman - May 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Janet Marie and family - Sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. God has certainly inherited a very special angel Your mom leaves behind a legacy of faith, family and friends. As a friend she was like no other. My mom can rattle off story after story of the years gone by and the fond memories that she shared with your mom and her forever friend, Rita. As for me, I recall a very vivid and cherished childhood memory of summer evenings, up on "the hill," listening to adults chat while we kids played, ran around and yes, caught those smelly lightening bugs in jars. The journey that you are abut to endure will not be easy but reflect on the good times, count your blessings and be grateful. Continue to make your Mom proud as she is forever with you in heart and soul. remember, "There are holes in the floor of Heaven" With sincere sympathy and coninued prayers, Janet Young & Connie (Young) Lover*

Connie Young - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Janet, Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother. May GOD bless and keep you and your boys.

Stacey Duling - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ Rita's family and friends, My sympathies to all of you. I met Rita when we were both volunteers on Crisis Hotline. She was a nice, nice lady.

Dixie Zack - April 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ We have so many great memories of Grandma Rita, she has been such a wonderful, positive person in the lives of my family. Thank you for sharing her with us. May God comfort you during your time of need.

Bruce - April 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ So sorry for your loss. Rita was a beautifully inspirational woman. Her beautiful smile will be missed by all who knew her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!

Tom - April 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *The Blessing of Rita & her grandson's friendship started while I was working at Elder Beerman and continued as our paths crossed in other local retail stores. The wonderful memories you boys have and with your faith in God will carry you on to be a true reflection of your Grandmother's dream she carried for each one. She was very proud of her boys and you can keep this honor in her memory. Blessing to all members of her family.*

J Bone - April 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Janet Marie - My heart goes out to you and the boys with love and prayer! Don't think anyone could have asked for better neighbors over the past 40 years than all of you guys. You have your mother's smile so she will always be a part of you. May God send a comforting peace to you and the boys knowing that she was loved by many.*

Melody Williams - April 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Janet and Family So sorry to hear of Rita's passing. We all remember the beautiful smile she always had! Our thoughts and prayers are with each one of you! Jr Newman and girls (Karen Pyatt, Carla Samson, Trish Kincheloe and Marsha Richards)*

April 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Janet, Granger & Anderson- Rita was such an inspiration! I have been truly blessed to have known her. Her faith and positive attitude were a true reflection of the person she was. What a blessing to know we will see her again! God be with you all. I know Rita will watch over you.*

Loretta Frenton - April 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Pete, So sorry to hear of the passing of your sister Rita. She was a very nice and good person to know. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Esther - April 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ To the Johnson Family, I was so shocked to hear of the passing of your Mother/Grandmother. I had talked to her within the last month. I have known Rita since I was a child of 9 years. She was a wonderful happy woman. She will be greatly missed by a lot of people. I will never forget her or her smile.

Esther - April 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ Janet, Granger and Anderson, I am sorry to hear of Rita's passing. She was such a lovely lady who had lots of love for the three of you. Cherish all of your wonderful memories. Hugs and prayers.

Heather Ward - April 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ I met Rita, many years when our sons were attending Muskingum Christian Academy. I loved her from the get go. She always supported the school in any way she could. I love working the concession stand with her and her daughter, Janet. It seemed lately, before she got sick, that we always ran into them somewhere. She always had a smile on her face and was so kind to everyone she met. She adored and was so very proud of her grandsons. Rita followed their basketball games and was one of their biggest fans. She will be dearly missed. There in no doubt she is singing and dancing with Jesus. She loved the Lord with all of her heart. Heaven is a better place having another angel there. Janet, Granger and Anderson, rest in knowing is in a much better place than we are. If we can do anything for any of you, please let us know. With love and prayers, Randy, Sue, Randy, Jeff, Taylor, Brody & Jordan Wolff

Randy - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Janet and boys sorry to hear about the lost of a wonderful mother and grandmother she will surely be missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers love ya.

Brenda Justice - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ JANET, GRANGER & ANDERSON WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT RITA, SHE WAS A WONDERFUL WOMAN AND SO MUCH FUN. WE ENJOYED BEING AT THE BASKETBALL GAMES WITH HER. PLEASE KNOW THAT OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL. JOANN, MARK & CALEB JAGO

JOANN JAGO - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *janet, so sorry to hear about your mother, but her laugh and loving ways will be carried on forever, if you need anything please call, bynum*”

lisa bynum - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Janet,I was so sorry to hear of Rita's passing. Please know that we are thinking of you in this difficult time.*”

Bobbie Jo Williams and Family - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *to Rita's family; I had the pleasure of working with Rita at NCR. She was a special lady and a true friend. She will be greatly missed by anyone who had the pleasure of ever meeting her. God Bless.....*”

Darlene Hatcher - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *Our prayers are with you and your family, Janet. Truly another soldier has gone home!*”

Phillip Avery - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *My sympathy to Rita's family.We went thru Grover Cleveland & high school together.Rita was always a cheerful person with a good word for everyone.Just a few mos ago we met at the library & had a nice visit.Rita was Rita,one of a kind,sweet & beloved.*”

Pat Cullins - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Janet, I was so shocked to receive your phone call of your Mother's passing. Ms.Rita was always encouraging me throughout my health struggles. I will miss her smile and laughter. Please know that Daniel, Ross and I are here for you, Granger and Anderson. Love you dearly.

Sue McKenzie - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ Your Mother, Grandmother, Rita has her arms wrapped around you. Feel the love. May God bless you in this time of sorrow.Aunt Ada

Ada Adams - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ Prayers for Rita's family. Rita took a liking to my daughter who went to a babysitter down the street from her. She would give her little happy meal toys that she said reminded her of Baylee. Baylee will miss her very much, as will many others. She was such a sweet lady.

Heather - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Would like to express my condolences to the Rita Johnson Family at this time, the time of Rita's death. When I was living in Zanesville Ohio many yars ago, Rita was two years behind me at Zanesville High School back in the 1950's -and when my family was living on West Main Street in Znaesville, Rita and her brother, Rlchard, were living in the same neighborhood. Connor E. Lewis

April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ My prayers are with you and your boys, Janet. Your mom was such an amazing and FUN lady! Your life is a testimony to her training and prayers. "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, what God has prepared for those who love Him." 1 Cor. 2:9

Jessica MacMaster - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ I had the pleasure of working with Rita for several years here at ITM and what a joy she brogught to me and to others. She will be greatly missed.

Theresa Birkhimer - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ rita ia m sorry that you are gone no more sunshine at z-bus i will miss you very much . Doris Peyton z-bus rider

April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with u all!! May god bless u in this difficult time!!

shandi miller - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Janet, I am sorry to hear about your mom. I remember her always smiling and the fact that no one was a stranger to her. Prayers are with you and your children.

Angela - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Janet and sons, You have been passed the torch by a wonderful woman of Faith. Rita was like an older sister to many of us. Her sweet Spirit drew us to her and we envied you because at the close of church you went home with her and we were separated till the next time. She entertained us with just her purse and her pictures. Rita was such a joy to worship with. Her rich sweet voice as she sang lifted our souls Heavenward. Now she has taken her place in the Heavenly Choir. She will be missed by all who knew her. She touched many lives. May you always be comforted by her memory and her radiant smile and rich laughter live long in your thoughts. May it be said of us, as it was with Rita.....She loved to laugh!

Cathy Avery - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ To Rita's dear family. I was in the American Business Women's Assoc. with Rita for many years. She was a wonderful person, and I loved her. Sincerely, Peg Drake

Peg Drake - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Janet, I am so sorry about your mother. She was a wonderful woman- funny, warm and generous. I'm confident that she is in a better place now. You and your family will be in our prayers.

Carolyn Potter - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Janet, I am so sorry about your loss. Rita with that big smile was always such a joy to meet. She was such a blessing to the choir program at Grover Cleveland when I taught there. Every time I saw her she was so proud of you and bragged on you. I pray peace to you.

Jim McLaughlin - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Janet, I am sorry for your loss she will be missed. she has earned her wings. God Bless

Renea Ross - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Janet. Granger and Anderson. you are in our thoughts and prayers. I can still see Rita teaching Sunday school at the church on Matthew St. She was a special lady. Lots of good memories. Tammy Constable

April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Janet and the boys. Your mother and I were high school mates. What a wonderful woman.

Sylvia Bordley - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Janet, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Your mother was always so kind and loving towards me. She was truly a gem. May God Bless You and the Boys.

Debra Smith - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Janet, Granger & Anderson, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I feel blessed to have known such a wonderful lady. I will miss seeing her in the mornings. She always made me smile.

Sharon Cornett - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Janet, Granger & Andy...So sorry to hear about Rita. She was an amazing woman. You are all in our thoughts.

Debbie - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Janet and kids.. I am deeply saddened to hear the passing of Rita.. She was such a lovely lady who adored her grandsons.. My prayers and thoughts are with you!

Brooke Sands - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ I send my condolences to Rita's family. Rita was my first Sunday School teacher. I will always remember the songs and Sunday School lessons she taught us.

Toy Mayle - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Janet, Thinking you and the boys during this difficult time. May God keep you in His care. Jane Van Schoyck, Columbus

April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Janet, I remember your mother as the very nice lady that lived at the end of Superior Street. She was always so sweet to all of the kids who lived in the area. Even after I grew up and left the area she remembered me. Whenever we would see each other she would always speak to me. You are in my prayers.

Cathy Matson - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Janet, we are so sorry to hear about your mom. She was a sweet lady and always smiling. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Mark and Renee Male

Mark Male - April 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ I had the honor of working with Rita at Hartstone for many years. She was a wonderful person and will be missed by all.

Lisa DeLong - April 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Had the pleasure to work with Rita at Zbus. Rita will sadly be missed.

Terry - April 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Janet and Sons: Our hearts are broken for you. We are thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers. Your mama and grandma made a great impression on our lives. We loved her dearly. The Averys, Ken, Esther

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