



Barbara Johnson

February 11, 1930 - August 18, 2020

Barbara Johnson passed away peacefully in her bed at Parkway Place Retirement Center in Houston on August 18, 2020. She lived a long and happy life and touched many lives with her compassion, infectious joy and positivity.

Barbara grew up in Enid, OK, where her dad ran the John Deere dealership in town. She attended Oklahoma A&M College, where she met and married the love of her life, Lokey Johnson. The young couple lived in Beaver, Chickasha, and McAlester, OK before settling in Tulsa, where they lived most of their lives and were active in John Knox and Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Churches. In her later years she lived at the Tulsa Jewish Retirement Center before eventually moving to Houston.

Barbara was a friendly and happy soul, she loved children and never met a stranger. She was a consummate people person and enjoyed chatting with and helping whoever she ran into. She had a mischievous streak and enjoyed little jokes and pranks to keep life fresh. She had a deep love and compassion for others, and devoted much of her energies to volunteering to help improve the lives of others. Worries never seemed to trouble her long, and even as she aged and encountered inevitable health issues she always maintained a sunny outlook on life. In her later years, all her caregivers loved “Ms. Barbara” because she was so joyful and appreciative of all they did for her.

Barbara is preceded in death by her parents John Harlan and Pearl Ross Harlan, brother Bill Harlan, and her husband Lokey. She leaves behind her younger brother and partner in crime, Tom Harlan (Ann), her loving daughter and devoted caregiver Laurie Moore, her sons Steve, Bill and Lee (Marta), grandchildren Terry Vitrano, Amanda Thompson, Ross Johnson, and Adam Johnson, and four beautiful great grandchildren, Brynn, Emma, Rosie and Oliver.

Barbara lived her life full and well, and impacted those who knew and loved her greatly. Her body is gone, but her spirit lives on through the example that she set for others, showing us how to live our lives with love, joy and gratitude.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the Alzheimer's Association.

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Johnson*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Barbara Johnson*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Barbara Johnson*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Barbara Johnson*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *To Barbara's family: I've known your parents since I was a child at John Knox. Both of them were such kind people and so devoted to their church family. Barbara and Lokey visited us when we first visited Kirk of the Hills. I was always inspired by the way they gave of themselves to teach the little ones. Barbara helped during the services for so many years. She even taught me how to knit baby hats for the preemies at the hospital. I pray that your many sweet memories of her will carry you through this time of loss.*
Nancy(Stock) Goodman

Nancy Goodman - August 30, 2020 at 12:32 AM

SJ

Nancy, thank you for your kind words and sharing your memories.

Steve Johnson - September 01, 2020 at 12:00 PM

BJ

Nancy, so thoughtful of you to share your memories and thoughts. Its heart-warming to hear the kind comments her friends have shared. She was a special woman.

Hope you and your family are well, and staying safe. Best.

Bill Johnson - September 01, 2020 at 03:08 PM

MY

“ *Barbara and Lokey have always been one of my favorites. And a great role model as well. From John Knox and then to Kirk of the hill, May God,s grace comfort each of you. Mac & Suzanne Young.*

mac young - August 24, 2020 at 09:17 PM

SJ

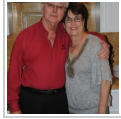
Mac, thanks for your note.

Steve Johnson - September 01, 2020 at 12:03 PM

DJ

“ *Barbara was my mother in law for 32 years. She and Lokey were always like parents to me. They loved me like I was one of their own children. And I loved them back. Barbara was a feisty thing, all 100 pounds of her. She had a wonderful sense of humor, and loved practical jokes. She was always helping others and especially loved children. She volunteered at elementary schools in Tulsa well into her 70s. She and Lokey raised 4 wonderful children, all very successful and caring, like their parents. I love you Barbara. Steve, Laurie, Bill and Lee, I mourn for your loss, but am thankful she didn't suffer and kept up her positive attitude until the end. The world was truly a better place with Barbara in it.*

Dona Johnson - August 21, 2020 at 03:28 AM



I'm so sorry about your loss. It is so hard to lose a parent. My prayers and thoughts are with you. Billie Mason

Billie Mason - August 21, 2020 at 07:59 PM

JG

“ Angel and I remember the Pool Party and “cut throat” Go Fish competition we shared with Laurie and Barbara on one of her visits to Houston. We count in a privilege to have experienced her grace and charm.

Julie Gersib - August 20, 2020 at 09:12 PM

OJ

Ms Johnson the lady with the million dollar smile, she was so pleasant, humble, loving and kind to all. I remember she was always my number one person in the game of “Trivia” very smart lady and she will be missed. Thank you Barbara for your smile that always warms my heart. Sweet sleep. Olivia (Parkway Place)

Olivia Johnson - August 20, 2020 at 10:04 PM