



Georgeanna Jane Johnson

July 30, 1937 - May 20, 2021

The unequalled energizer bunny Georgeanna Jane Ward Johnson moved on to new adventures on May 20, 2021. On the evening of her death in Gilbert, Arizona, her six children surrounded her bed, coming from across the country to the woman they adored.

For decades, her energy to serve God, family, friends, and community left others breathless. Years ago, while working at a nursing home, the staff requested she slow down her walking as she was making the residents dizzy. It's been hard these past months for us to watch her slow down week after week.

Georgeanna was born in Twin Falls, Idaho on July 30, 1937, the oldest child of Ross G. Ward and Catherine J. Reilly. Growing up on a farm, she described her childhood as magical. Like her hero Roy Rogers, she could vault her horse running from behind, placing her hands on its haunches and landing in the saddle. Siblings and cousins were favorite playmates.

At 18, she took Brigham Young University by storm, becoming the president of the Association of Women Students from 1958-59. After graduation, she earned her certification from Los Angeles' Children's Hospital School of Physical Therapy. In 1962, on a blind date, she met BYU's basketball star, Lloyd Johnson. They married on Dec. 14, 1962.

After moving to California, the couple welcomed six children: Aura Lee, Stephanie, Ward, Derek, Aaron, and Katie. Through the years, the family lived in Santa Clara, Modesto, Visalia, landing in Kingsburg in 1972. In 1975, she opened Kingsburg Physical Therapy. Georgeanna became a strong leader and supporter in multiple community organizations, including numerous Swedish Festival committees, KHS Music Boosters, KHS Athletic Boosters, Seawolves Supporter (including serving as its announcer for years), Boy Scout leader, early morning religion teacher, choir director, organizational leader, and for many years, an active member of the local Kiwanis chapter.

Johnson parties and celebrations were loved by all for the wonderful food, and more importantly, the love shared. Georgeanna was inclusive in her invitations, there was always room for more. . In 2006, Georgeanna and Lloyd were honored for their dedication to Kingsburg by being selected as the Swedish Festival's Grand Marshalls.

Georgeanna is survived by her children: Aura Lee (Garn) Loveland of Mapleton, Utah; Stephanie (Guy) Burgess of Gilbert, Arizona; Ward (Helida) Johnson of Framingham, Massachusetts; Derek (Vicki) Johnson of Meridian, Idaho; Aaron (Alita) Johnson of Cameron Park, California; and Katie (Cody) Smith of Santa Maria, California; 29 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; her brother Grant (Judy), additional brothers and sisters through marriage, numerous nieces and nephews, and even more "adopted family" members who associated with her and her family through the years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd, granddaughter Kendra, parents and two sisters. Cathy and Patty.

A viewing will be held Thursday, June 3 from 6 to 8 pm, at Salser & Dillard Creighton Memorial Chapel, 1588 Lincoln St., Kingsburg. The Celebration of Life will be on Friday, June 4 at 2 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2370 Burnham St, Selma. All guests are invited to the supper afterwards to share stories of this irreplaceable woman.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the LDS Humanitarian Fund, at LDS Philanthropies, 1450 N. University Ave., Provo, UT 84604 or give.lds.org/humanitarian which aids people around the world. One hundred percent of every dollar donated is used to help those in need without regard to race, religion, or ethnic origin. Another way to honor Georgeanna is to look for someone in need and offer your helping hands and love.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto <http://www.salseranddillard.com>.

Events

JUN **Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel
1588 Lincoln Street, Kingsburg, CA, US, 93631

JUN **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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JUN **Memorial** 02:00PM

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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
2370 Burnham Street, Selma, CA, US, 93662

Comments



“ We have wonderful memories of serving in the Fresno temple with Georgeanna. She was unstoppable. Such a great example of faith. Dave and Jeanette Crane

David Crane - June 04 at 01:44 PM



“ We wanted to let you know how much we love and appreciate Georgeanna. When we moved to Selma I was very pregnant with our 5th child. Georgeanna and Lloyd were the ones who welcomed us to the Selma ward. They came with dinner in hand to help us set up beds and unpack the essentials. That example of service to others and a focus on the importance of family are qualities we associate with Georgeanna and the whole Johnson family. We have many wonderful memories of gatherings at the Johnson home. Georgeanna holds a special place in our hearts for the positive influence she was on our family. She was a true, constant friend and will be missed more than words can express. Irma and Bruce Bybee

Irma Bybee - June 04 at 01:01 PM



“ Loved working with Georgeanna at the Fresno Temple. She was always eager to serve. Will miss her dearly and her bright smile. Bob & Debbie Bordner

Debbie Bordner - June 02 at 09:20 PM



“ Grant and Judy Ward Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Georgeanna Jane Johnson.



Grant and Judy Ward Family - June 02 at 04:51 PM



“ Aunt Gorgeanna always had such spark and enthusiasm. She made me feel so loved, always asking for an update on my life and listening to my stories, then sharing stories of her recent adventures! She really did care. I'm thankful for the incredible family she raised...people I get to call my cousins. You can truly know the kind of people Lloyd and Georgeanna are through their children. Sending you all my love and sympathy. -Elissa McConkie

Elissa McConkie - June 02 at 10:55 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Georgeanna Jane Johnson.



June 01 at 05:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Georgeanna Jane Johnson.



May 27 at 08:28 PM