



Emma Lou Johnson

August 9, 1935 - June 4, 2022

Conway..... Emma Lou Thompson Johnson passed away peacefully in her family home of 49 years surrounded by family and friends on Saturday, June 4, 2022. Her life was marked by the gospel and spent in service to others.

Emma Lou was born on August 9, 1935 to A. C. and Mary Thompson. Her childhood was spent happily in her hometown of Conway with her family and many friends. She married her high school sweetheart Jimmy Johnson, and loved being by his side every day for the next 67 years.

She excelled at being a faithful and loving daughter, sister, cousin, aunt, and grandmother. She was endlessly devoted to her four daughters. Her motto was "there is always room for one more." Around her table, she graciously served many guests and friends. She has so many adopted "5th Johnson daughters" that the family quit counting years ago!

She was a charter member of Trinity United Methodist Church, the Ladies Fellowship Class, and the Bunny Butler Circle. She took her vows seriously to support the church with her prayers, her presence, her gifts and her service. She served all ages: children, youth, and senior adults. She instilled by example a lifelong love for Christ's church in each of her daughters. She had a knack for getting others excited and involved in projects, missions and outreach that demonstrated care for others.

She was the Rod and Harold McCown Woman of the Year in 1981. In 2002, she was presented with the Laverne H Creel Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2006, she was named an honorary Doctor of Public Service by Coastal Carolina University. Yet behind these accomplishments, and many others, she was a woman who valued relationships above accolades.

She helped many of Conway's children get a good start in school at Happy Time Kindergarten, and later at Waccamaw Academy. She actually could teach anyone anything from Girl Scout camping to ballroom dancing at Conway Dance School. She was voted a Lifetime Board Member of the Theatre of the Republic. She had an ability to meet people where they were, to motivate them to grow, and inspire them to achieve.

She had an extensive frog collection, literally innumerable, which was her daily reminder to Forever Rely On God. She didn't serve others to earn acceptance from God, but rather served as a response to His love for her.

She was predeceased by her parents, her brothers Austin and Danner Thompson, and her sister Mary Ann Cannon.

She is survived by her husband, Jimmy Johnson, her daughters Judy Honeycutt (Mike), Jenny Smith (Mac), Joy LeForce (Jeff), Jan Kelly (Mike), her twelve grandchildren, Wade Honeycutt (Lauren), Wesley Honeycutt (Morgan Grace), Mary Katherine Honeycutt Boldt (Ben), Sam Smith, Allie LeForce Adamson (Ben), Austin LeForce (Liz), Abbie LeForce, Andrew LeForce, Kate Kelly Lilly (Sam), Caroline Kelly Hood (Phil), John Kelly, Liam Kelly, and 10 great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends and visitors at the home on Sunday, June 12 from 3 - 5 pm. Following a private family burial at Lakeside Cemetery, a

Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, June 13, 2022 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 198 Long Avenue, Conway, South Carolina, with Rev. Tresco Shannon and Dr. Mike Honeycutt officiating.

Memorials may be sent to the church she loved, Trinity United Methodist Church, 198 Long Avenue, Conway, SC 29526 or to MSA Home Health and Hospice, 4685 Highway 17 S. Bypass, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 who provided tender care.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **12**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

613 Lakeside Dr., Conway, SC 29526

Memorial Service

JUN **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church
198 Long Avenue
Conway, SC 29526

Tribute Wall

LS

“ *Lynn Allsbrook Spires lit a candle in memory of Emma Lou Johnson*



Lynn Allsbrook Spires - June 10, 2022 at 03:26 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Emma Lou Johnson.*



June 10, 2022 at 08:59 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Emma Lou Johnson.*



June 09, 2022 at 04:32 PM

PM

“ *A 'super neat' lady and a privilege to have known her. Our thoughts and prayers for her family. Sharon and Paul Malone*

paul malone - June 09, 2022 at 11:09 AM

EL

“ *Emma Lou was an extremely special person to me I will miss her d'early*

Edward Lowe - June 09, 2022 at 09:17 AM

DM

“ *My sincerest condolences. Sending thoughts and prayers for the entire family!*



Debbie Metten - June 08, 2022 at 10:15 PM

RJ

“ *Joy, I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. I never met her, but I know that she raised her daughters to love the Lord and to love others. I think of you often and the influence you've had upon me, particularly during the time Joel was sick.*

I hope that your family can share many happy memories of your mom, with both laughter and tears. It sounds like she lived a very full, blessed life.

*With love,
Robin Johnson
Greenville, SC*

Robin Johnson - June 08, 2022 at 01:38 PM

SB

“ Susan Baiden lit a candle in memory of Emma Lou Johnson



Susan Baiden - June 08, 2022 at 12:47 PM

ES

“ To Jimmy and the Johnson Family - our sincerest condolences on the passing of your beloved Emma Lou. My God grant her peace and light.

From the Waccamaw Community Foundation family

Ellen Barney Sycks - June 08, 2022 at 12:22 PM

PA

“ Our love, hugs and prayers for the Johnson Family! She sure did leave a legacy of love behind!
The Arey's. Todd, Patti & Cutter

Patti Arey - June 08, 2022 at 10:14 AM

FH

“ Jimmy, I am so sorry to hear about Emma Lou. I know she has had a hard time with this horrible disease but you have been such a wonderful husband and care giver. I will continue to keep you and your daughters in my prayers.

Faye Hickson - June 08, 2022 at 09:10 AM

KM

“ Karen And Fred Mueller lit a candle in memory of Emma Lou Johnson



Karen and Fred Mueller - June 08, 2022 at 12:28 AM

VC

“ To the Johnson Family, I send you my sincerest sympathy in the loss of Emma Lou. I have known her since 1964, and she was the busiest lady that I could ever imagine. Anything she started in her many endeavors, she always had energy and was ready to take on the task. May she REST IN PEACE. She had a LIFE WELL LIVED, and she touched the lives of so many of us doing it. I will never forget her.

Thank you, Emma Lou, for the memories.

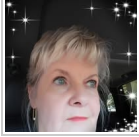
Vickie J. Cooper - June 07, 2022 at 08:16 PM

LL

“ To Jimmy and all the Johnson Family,
We were saddened to hear that Emma Lou had passed away. It is our prayer that God will give each of you the strength and comfort that only He can give during this difficult time. Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

In Christ Love,
Lamar and Kathryn Lewis

Lamar Lewis - June 07, 2022 at 07:00 PM



“ *Button Boyd lit a candle in memory of Emma Lou Johnson*



Button Boyd - June 07, 2022 at 04:03 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Emma Lou Johnson.*



June 07, 2022 at 01:54 PM



“ *Don & Brenda Murphy lit a candle in memory of Emma Lou Johnson*



Don & Brenda Murphy - June 07, 2022 at 01:27 PM



“ *Please know that I am praying for the family. We were neighbors for a while.
I'm so sorry for your loss .
Carole Beverly Bailey
The Beverly family
Lived on Sweet street right behind you guys.*

Carole Bailey - June 07, 2022 at 12:22 PM

GO

“ Jimmy My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family
Emma Lou was a beautiful and sweet lady.
George Oliver

George Oliver - June 07, 2022 at 09:40 AM

RB

“ Rhonda Butler lit a candle in memory of
Emma Lou Johnson



Rhonda Butler - June 07, 2022 at 03:54 AM

SR

“ To the Johnson Family

So sorry to hear of Emma Lou's passing. I
have fond memories of her over the years
even back to Kindergarten days and dance
lessons for my daughter Jane. She had lots of talent and
contributed much to our Community. May God grant you His Peace.



Sylvia Richardson

Sylvia Richardson - June 07, 2022 at 12:50 AM

KM

Dear Jimmy and many Family members,
We are saddened to hear of Emma Lou's passing. Thinking of you with
fondness in your time of sorrow and grief. Karen and Fred Mueller
Mac and Hazels family. May they enjoy whooping it up in Heaven !

Karen Mueller - June 07, 2022 at 03:41 PM

BJ

“ So sorry. Prayers



Benjamin Jordan - June 06, 2022 at 08:44 PM

TW

“ So sad to here of Mrs. Johnson’s passing. The entire Johnson family took me in and made me feel that I mattered. Mrs. Johnson insisted that I spend the night at their house the night before my wedding. My parents were both deceased and she filled in as the mother of the bride role with her guidance and love to make it a very special time. My love and appreciation goes out to the entire Johnson family. Mrs. Johnson was a very special soul! Thoughts and prayers to each of you during this difficult time.

Techla wellons - June 06, 2022 at 08:24 PM

CH

“ We have so many wonderful memories with Emma Lou and the Johnson family. We had great times with all the kids growing up and have been life long friends. My prayers are with you all at this difficult time. We love you and will always treasure our time together.
Love, Carol Parker Hieronymus.

carol hieronymus - June 06, 2022 at 04:49 PM

IP

“ Thoughts are with your family!



Irene Patrick - June 06, 2022 at 03:38 PM

SS

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are sent your way.

Sandra Strickland

sandra strickland - June 06, 2022 at 03:15 PM

PV

“ Pollyanna Vereen lit a candle in memory of
Emma Lou Johnson



Pollyanna Vereen - June 06, 2022 at 02:55 PM

OI

“ Olivers Restaurant Inc lit a candle in memory
of Emma Lou Johnson



Olivers Restaurant Inc - June 06, 2022 at 12:24 PM

DW

Prayers lifting up for Jimmy and all the family

Duc and Jill Watts - June 07, 2022 at 08:04 AM

JJ

Jimmy, I just found out about Emma Lou's passing. So sorry for your loss. I know there will be many good memories for you in the future. What a nice Southern Lady.

Jimmy Jordan

Jimmy Jordan - June 08, 2022 at 09:53 AM

JA

Jimmy, my prayers go out to you and your family. I remember my late brother, Brandon (Sparky) Sanders, Jr. thought the world of y'all. God bless you during your time of grieving. 🌸🌸

Jane Sanders Adams

Jane Sanders Adams - June 10, 2022 at 08:02 AM