



Dorothy (Dada) Naomi Musgrave Johnson

August 6, 1919 - October 24, 2017

Dorothy (Dada) Naomi Musgrave Johnson, (Mrs. Clyde John Bennett Johnson, Jr.) passed away on Tuesday, October 24, 2017. Dorothy was born on August 6, 1919 to Naomi Gregory Musgrave and Joseph Walker Musgrave in San Antonio, Texas.

Dorothy graduated from Brackenridge High School in 1937 and then graduated with a BBA degree from the University of Texas in Austin in 1940. She was a member of the Chi Omega Sorority and was selected Business School Sweetheart.

She met Clyde John Bennett Johnson, Jr. at the University and they married on October 16, 1942 in San Antonio. Together they raised three sons, Clyde John Bennett Johnson, III, and twins, Mark Musgrave Johnson and Michael Gregory Johnson. She was a devoted wife and mother who, by example instilled a strong work ethic in her children and grandchildren. She and Clyde were married for 63 years.

Dorothy is remembered by many for establishing and operating The Little Country School, the first Kindergarten School in San Antonio, for 20 yrs. In The Little Country School many children from this area were taught by her among other things to color, tap dance, and their alphabet. In the summers she taught kids to swim.

Dorothy was also an avid ranch woman who loved working outdoors with her Hereford cattle at the family ranch in Bulverde. Originally in 1945, the Johnsons purchased a home and acreage on San Pedro Ave. just north of

what is now Loop 410. When their three sons, Clyde, III, Mark, and Mike came of age, they became involved in 4H activities and for a number of years raised and showed Hereford steers at the San Antonio, Houston, and other stock shows and therefore, developed a strong interest in ranching. In 1963, the Johnsons purchased the Bulverde ranch on US Hwy.281 North and FM 1863 where the family lived for many years. The raising and showing of steers continued on with her grandchildren and today some of her great grandchildren still show. Dorothy always was in attendance when any of them showed. The family ranched for 70 years and under the direction and supervision of Dorothy, held 32 cattle auctions at the ranch in Bulverde. Breeding cattle were also shown and won ribbons and awards in major and regional stock shows. She had memberships in the American and Texas Hereford Associations, and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Associations.

Other memberships to civic clubs include The Forum, The Battle of Flowers Association, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Chi Omega Sorority Alumni, Le Club, Los Alegradores, and the Military- Civilian Association. Past memberships included The Argyle and the San Antonio Country Club.

For 17 years the Y.M.C.A. held their "Wild West Gala" at the Bulverde Ranch. For this the Y.M.C.A. dedicated the climbing wall at the D.R Semmes YMCA in Dorothy and Clyde's honor. Also held at the ranch in two different years was the Cattle Baron's Gala for The American Cancer Society. Dorothy was honored to receive the Motherhood Achievement Award at the 2006 San Antonio CAN High School Luncheon.

Dorothy in her latter years of marriage nursed her husband who was stricken with Alzheimer's disease. Because she saw a need, she founded the Alzheimer's Gala which took place at the family ranch for 7 years in the spring.

She was blessed to have many wonderful friends with whom she had great fun. She was a tennis player, puzzle worker, and card player. Dorothy loved

taking her friends to the family condo at Port Aransas. Dorothy and Clyde enjoyed traveling as they made several trips to Europe, visited Russia, Japan, and China and also took many cruises including two around the world on the Cunard ship, the Queen Elizabeth II (QE2).

Dada was a wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother who unconditionally loved her family and considered them her greatest passion in life. She led all with compassion and sound advice.

Dada was preceded in death by her husband , Clyde John Bennett Johnson, Jr. her parents, Naomi and Joe Musgrave, her sister, Olive Musgrave Spear Cox, and her brother, Joseph Musgrave, Jr.

She is survived by her sons, Clyde John Bennett Johnson, III and his wife, Paula, Mark Musgrave Johnson and his wife, Carolyn, and Michael Gregory Johnson, and his wife, Patricia; her grandchildren, Mark Johnson, Jr and his wife, Jennifer, Parker Johnson and his wife, Victoria, Michael Johnson, Jr., Sherman Johnson, Jennifer Johnson, Clyde Johnson IV and his wife, Kimberly and Rainey Johnson Janke and her husband, Kirby. She also leaves behind her great grandchildren, Kinslee Johnson, Kendall Johnson, Mark Johnson, III, Liston Johnson, Parks Case Johnson, Ashley Johnson, William Johnson, Jr. Kelly Johnson, Logan Pacheco, Presley Pacheco, Clyde Johnson V, Shelton Johnson, Elle Johnson, Vaughn Janke, and Oakley Janke. Also she is survived by her niece, Cathy Bellion and her husband, Clem, and her great nephew, Johnny Altum and his wife, Toni. Her step grandchildren are Cole Cloud and his wife, Courtney, Adrienne Jordan and her husband, Whitney and Christine Sawtelle and her husband, Matthew. Also her step-great grandchildren are Wyatt Jordan, Boone Jordan, and Jackson Jordan, Catie Cloud and Carrie Eva Cloud, and Scarlett Sawtelle and Sage Sawtelle. Pallbearers are her grandsons: Clyde John Bennett Johnson, IV, Mark Musgrave Johnson, Jr, Parker Case Johnson, Michael Gregory Johnson, Jr., William Sherman Johnson, as well as Johnny Altum, and included also are her two granddaughters, Rainey Janke and Jennifer Johnson.

The Johnson Family would especially like to thank Irma Ortiz and her staff for the wonderful care for Dorothy.

SERVICES

A Memorial Service to celebrate her great and happy long life will be held at First Presbyterian Church at 404 N. Alamo on Friday, October 27, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. the Rev. Dr. Robert F. Fuller, Jr. and the Rev. Dr. Louis Zbinden officiating. A Reception will follow at the Church. Private Interment will be at the family mausoleum at Mission Burial Park South.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church at 404 N. Alamo, 78205, The Battle of Flowers Association at 257 Geneseo Rd., 78209, or the Alzheimer's Association at 10223 McAllister Fwy. Ste. 100, 78216 or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
404 N. Alamo
San Antonio, TX 78205

Tribute Wall

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“ *The greatness of your mother, Clyde, is in the greatness of her children. Quality is never accidental.*
Don Freiling

Don Freiling - October 27, 2017 at 10:38 AM

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“ *My condolences to the Johnson Family... Your mother was a strong lady that will be greatly missed. Thank you for allowing us to take care of her... One thing that I will always remember when she told me don't send the lady you sent yesterday to help me because she and I almost didn't fit in the restroom. We both laughed and I told her I won't send her...*

Irma Ortiz - October 26, 2017 at 10:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dorothy (Dada) Naomi Musgrave Johnson.*



October 26, 2017 at 03:37 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy (Dada) Naomi Musgrave Johnson.*



October 25, 2017 at 04:58 PM

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“ Dorothy was one of the warmest and loving persons I have encountered in San Antonio.

I know she will be missed by her family as well as everyone else who knew her. I did not know her well, but she was someone who made you feel as if you were an old friend the first time you met her.

Jane Crews - October 25, 2017 at 11:11 AM