



Judith Diane Howell Johnson

October 6, 1932 - November 24, 2017

Judith Diane Howell Johnson, called Diane by friends and family, was born October 6, 1932 to Swebston and Marquerite Howell In Birmingham, Alabama. She left her earthly home and breathed her first breath in heaven on November 24, 2017.

Diane met the love of her life, Avery Ellington Johnson, at age 13 and they were wed 4 years later on June 24, 1950. They were married for 46 years until death separated them with the passing of Avery in 1996. She traveled and lived abroad as the wife of a United States Air Force enlisted man. Diane made her home in Enid, OK, San Angelo, TX, Rhein Mein AFB, Germany and San Antonio, TX. Diane finally settled in San Antonio, her home of 57 years, in 1961 to raise her family, the joy of her life. In eight short years, Momo, as she was lovingly called by her children and grandchildren, gave birth to 6 children: Donna Lynn, Debra Diane, Ronald Wayne, Beverly Kay, Stanley Avery and Steven Brent.

Diane worked much of her life as a part time waitress at upscale establishments that included the former Old Heidelberg, The Golden Derrick and the Old San Francisco Steakhouse. Upon retirement from the restaurant industry, she worked for the Northeast Independent School District as a Bus Aide for Special Needs children.

Diane loved traveling, especially cruising. She was blessed to have taken 5 cruises, including her 75th Birthday Cruise with 20 plus of her family members. Her hobby for a number of years was square dancing with her

husband and a close knit group of friends. Diane enjoyed gardening and making craft items such as beaded scarves, jewelry and stuffed toys for her grandchildren.

Above all, Diane loved her God. She came to faith as a young girl and walked with Him through many difficult days. She shared her faith with many and raised her children to know and seek him. Her favorite scripture passage was Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Diane is survived by her 6 children, 19 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren and her brother, S. Sims Howell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Avery E. Johnson, her parents, Swebston and Marquerite Howell, her sister, Helen Louise Howell, her brother Joseph Howell and her great grandson, Noah Thompson.

SERVICES

A Celebration of Her Life will be at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive. She will join her beloved Avery at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery at a private family ceremony.

Previous Events

Celebration of Her Life

DEC 7. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ To all of Diane's 'kids': Some of my best memories are of our family visits with your family! I remember those years when we alternated summers - one year y'all would travel to AL and the next we'd make the trek to Texas. We'd never had such fun!! The Johnson family has been so very blessed, and, in turn, such a blessing to many! Diane was loved much, as was Avery. We are praying peace and comfort for you all, with the knowledge that we shall see them again.

Sondra Weaver - December 14, 2017 at 09:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Judith Diane Howell Johnson.



December 07, 2017 at 07:32 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Judith Diane Howell Johnson.



December 06, 2017 at 04:59 PM

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“ *With Love from the San Antonio Operators purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Judith Diane Howell Johnson.*



With Love from the San Antonio Operators - December 06, 2017 at 02:54 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Judith Diane Howell Johnson.*



December 05, 2017 at 05:13 PM

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“ *I am deeply saddened by the news of Diane Johnson's passing. Knowing her as I grew up with her sons and daughters created many fond memories and I'm proud to have had her influence in my youth. Although words never seem to be enough in these difficult times, I would like to express my deepest and most sincere condolences to the Johnson family. I will hold you in my thoughts and prayers.*

Michael Tomaselli

Michael Tomaselli - December 05, 2017 at 04:14 PM



Michael, thank you very much! It was so good to see your mom, David, and Robert. You and your family were a treasure too my family growing up. God bless you and your family. I pray that all is well. - Brent

Brent Johnson - December 14, 2017 at 08:33 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Judith Diane Howell Johnson.*



December 04, 2017 at 10:29 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Judith Diane Howell Johnson.*



December 04, 2017 at 05:29 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Judith Diane Howell Johnson.*



November 30, 2017 at 03:51 PM