



Betty Sue Johnson

November 24, 1927 - December 19, 2008

Mrs. Betty Joe Jones Johnson, age 81 of Mentone, Alabama, passed away December 19, 2008 after a brief illness. Funeral services will be 2:00 PM Monday from the Mentone Community Church. Burial will be in the Bankhead Cemetery, Mentone, Al. Visitation will be Sunday from the Wilson Funeral Home from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Betty Joe is survived her devoted of 62 years, James H. Johnson; daughter, Betty Sue Rickman and son in law, Dr. Claude M. Rickman of Clemson, SC. Son, Fames Frederick Johnson, and daughter in law, Susan Johnson, of Rainsville, Al. Grandchildren, Paige Johnson, Peyton, Phillip Johnson, Stephanie Rickman Salsman and husband, Dr. John Salsman of Evanston, Il. And great-grandchildren, Will Salsman and Elise Salsman. She was preceded in death by her sister, Frances Crowe; brother in law, Clyde Crowe; and brother, Robert Jones. Born in Mentone on November 24, 1927, she was the daughter of Horace M. Jones and Grace Shigley Jones. She attended the local Moon Lake and Valley Head School and Southern Wesleyan University in Central, S.C. Betty Joe married her childhood sweetheart in 1946 upon his return from the Army. She was a devoted wife, dedicated homemaker, culinary queen, loving mother and proud Grandmommy and great grandmother. She was an active member of the Mentone Rhododendron Club, and a leader in the Auxiliary Organization of the Board of Trustees of Southern Wesleyan University. She was a dedicated Red Cross Volunteer at Dekalb Regional Hospital for the past 28 years. She was a devout Christian and life-long member of the Mentone Community Church, where she served in many leadership roles, including director of the Ladies' Ministries, Children's programs, special events and programs. As a young girl, she began using her musical abilities to serve the community and church as a soloist, member of singing groups, a favored pianist for singing schools, and then continued to faithfully serve as church pianist for over 50 years. Memorials may be made to Southern Wesleyan University Chapel and Fine Arts Center, where a music practice room is be named in her honor.

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Sue Johnson*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM

MN

“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm sure my Mother and your Mother have already met in heaven and having the time of their lives. Sure wish I could have met your Mother.*

Martha Nalley - January 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HR

“ *Sue and Fred our prayers and love are with you at this time. Betty Jo was a true and loving person and we are grateful to be counted among her friends. Heaven is richer because of her presence there.*

Hal and Lillian Robbins - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Bob and I extend our sympathies to you and your family at this time. Unfortunately, we know what you are going through but God is always there to comfort us. My father passed away the day before our daughter's wedding. I felt like Scarlett O'Hara-I'll think about that tomorrow-today I'll do what I have to do. God bless you and your family!*

Barbara and Bob Lovelady - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *Please accept our sincere sympathy in the loss of your precious wife, mom, mother-in-law, and grandmother. You will be in our thoughts and prayers in the days to come. May God give you peace and rest. Sincerely, Jeff and Theresa Cooper Junior and Faye Herd*

Theresa Cooper - December 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Betty Jo will be missed. She was a joy to know and one of the few women in the Rhododendron Garden Club that remembered my parents. She always had a smile for me and it brightened many a dreary day. I am sorry that I could not attend in person, but I had prior commitments and a doctor's appointment Monday.*

Jill W Whitten - December 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Well, Sue, your mother is now rejoicing around the throne with the Lord and Savior she has loved and served all these years. We join with you in your earthly sorrow and will be praying for you and the entire family. Our special love at this time of weeping.

Bob and Julia Smith - December 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ I was with Betty Joe in the Garden Club for many years and always enjoyed being with her. Her last two years in the club was as the Historian and she put together a wonderful scrapbook for those years. Also, she would tell me about the times spent with my parents, Carmon & Elizabeth Lowe at the Lookout Restaurant. She was a treasure and will be missed.

Dianne Kuehl - December 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Dear Sue and Family, I've been praying for you all and continue to ask the Lord to give you the added strength, grace, and peace that you need. May you sense His comforting presence. Love, Darlene

Darlene Teague - December 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Faith and I share in your deep sorrow and loss of Mother, Betty Johnson. We fondly remember her visits to then, Central Wesleyan College during our days there. She was always so warm and loving.

Carroll Hutcheson - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ Sue and Mickey, Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Just remember, your Mom will be celebrating Jesus' birthday with Him this year! What a great time she will have enjoying Heaven with God, Aunt Sharon, Grandfather Rickman and Memaw. Much love to you all.

Wendi Wallace Beam - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Dear Sue and family, My the Lord strengthen and sustain you in this difficult time. Because of her faith and hope we know that "... (we) sorrow not as those who have no hope." Your mother's journey is over, and she has entered into eternal rest. May her memory become blessings for you all in the days to come. God Bless you. Chet & Kathy Rowan

Rev. Chet Rowan - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Sue and Freddie-- It was about 13 years ago when we lost our Mom on Christmas Eve and were so thankful we were able to be there singing for her. I know how the loss hurts, but, remember that she served an awesome and victorious Saviour Who will send the Spirit to be your comfort and strength as you need it. May His love and care surround you in the coming days and weeks. Love to all Ron Wallace

Ron Wallace - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Phil and Martha Baily

Phil and Martha Baily - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ We send our sympathy to the members of the family especially to Sue Rickman, our district secretary. May God help you during this moment. He understands your cry and He will console you. Sinceres condolences Patrick and Mirianne and Pamela Gue

Patrick Mirianne and Pamela Gue - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I worked at the hospital for many years and remember Mrs. Johnson very well. She was a very kind person and will be missed. My prayers are with the family.

Marcia Burt - December 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ We share your sorrow in Betty's passing, and your joy in her promotion to the church triumphant, free from physical illness and the infirmities of age, as you look forward to being reunited with her in eternity. Ken

Ken Shigley - December 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM