



Ruth Johnson

January 28, 1932 - February 10, 2020

Ruth Caroline Butcherite Johnson

On Monday, February 10, 2020 our beloved mother, grandmother (Nana), and great grandmother (Gigi) was called home after a lifetime of service to Utah school children. She taught at Provo High School, Dixon Middle School, Timpview High School and Olympus Junior High School. Courses included English, Honors English, U. S. History, Speech, Careers and Great Literature. Over the course of her career she was greatly honored to receive several Golden Apple teaching awards. She was beloved by generations of students, and couldn't leave the house without someone recognizing her and wanting to introduce their families to her.

Ruth was known for her gracious, gentle nature. She had a reputation as a strict teacher, with high expectations and firm homework deadlines. Students who struggled knew a different teacher, one who offered after school tutoring and multiple chances to fix homework. As long as a student was willing to put in the effort, there was a way to make it right.

Ruth raised 6 daughters on her own after her husband, Clyde died unexpectedly from cancer in 1981. Her daughters take after their mother and enjoy reading, serving their communities and spending time with family. Ruth is survived by five of her daughters: Lorie Johnson, Leslie (David) Weber, Kathy (Rod) Stewart, Carrie (David) Bench, and Wendy (Michael) Asay, thirteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Additionally, she is survived by her brother Charles (Patricia) Butcherite. She was preceded in death by her husband Clyde Lawrence Johnson, daughter Christy Johnson, her parents Charles Otto Butcherite and Martha Elizabeth Grissel Butcherite, as well as her sister Joy Ann Butcherite.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 22nd, at 11:00 am, at the Pleasant View 1st Ward located at 650 East Stadium Avenue, Provo, Utah, where a Viewing will be

held prior to services from 9:00 to 10:30 am. Interment in Spanish Fork City Cemetery, 420 South 400 East, Spanish Fork, Utah.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Spanish Fork City Cemetery

420 South 400 East

Spanish Fork, UT,

Events

FEB **Viewing** 09:00AM - 10:30AM

22

Pleasant View 1st Ward

650 East Stadium Ave, Provo, UT, US, 84604

FEB **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

22

Pleasant View 1st Ward

650 East Stadium Ave, Provo, UT, US, 84604

Comments



“ I send my love and Sympathy in the loss of your dear, sweet, gentle and soft spoken Mother. I enjoyed being her hair stylist and friend over the many years. I have missed her already, and have many good memories. Love, Brenda Burgener

Lila Nielson - February 21 at 11:41 PM



“ I am sorry about the passing of Sister Johnson and send my love to the Johnson family. I lived across the street from the Johnson's my entire childhood and young adulthood. Christy Johnson, Ruth's youngest daughter, was my first friend, and I spent countless hours at the Johnson's home. Sister Johnson was kind and gentle and wise. Thank you to the Johnson family for your friendship for all these years.

Leilani Garfield - February 21 at 11:16 AM



“ Mrs. Johnson was my Freshman English teacher at Provo High and I absolutely loved her class! Her eyes would light up as she walked through the classroom aisles reading to us, telling stories, giving assignments, and sharing her love for learning and teaching. She had a beautiful way of making her students feel loved.

Vicki Gillespie Hoban - February 20 at 12:59 AM



“ I took Mrs. Johnson's English class while at PHS. She helped me expand my love for reading. Encouraging me to try new books. I've never forgotten her or graceful way of teaching. I remember when she would get excited about a story or subject and her face would light up and she would laugh. Always brought a smile to my face. It's been 20 years since then but she has always been in my heart.

shandail reynolds - February 19 at 11:35 AM



“ When I was registering my first quarter, my freshman year in the old library on the "U" circle, Dean Austin was there, and when she saw my name, Nancy Butchereit, she said "Are you related to Ruth Butcherite?" I said "She is my cousin." Ruth had just graduated earlier in the spring. Then she said, "Are you as smart as she was?" I have never forgotten that. Dean Austin was my friend my entire four years.

Nancy B. Anderson

