



Barbara Louise Johnson

August 12, 1929 - October 19, 2023

Barbara Louise Groneman Johnson joined her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in heaven on October 19, 2023 at the age of 94. She was born on August 12, 1929 in Rockford Illinois, to Louise and Robert Groneman. She was raised through the depression by her mother who was an expert seamstress. Barb won "Beautiful Baby" contests wearing dresses home-made by her mother. Barbara attended North Park College and Augustana College where she was an editor for the school newspaper, and met her future husband, Burdette (Bud) Johnson. They were married July 26, 1952 at Rockford Evangelical Covenant Church. They moved to Pleasantville, New Jersey where he served in the Navy and she worked as a speech therapist. In 1954 they moved to California where Barb taught Drama at Santa Ana High School. They had a daughter, Lani and a son, Scott. In the 1960's Barbara became director of the pre-school at Bethel Covenant Church in Orange, where she and Bud were charter members. She later taught speech and drama at C.E. Utt and Hewes Jr. High School in Tustin, and retired in 1990. Bud and Barb purchased their retirement home in Mission Lakes Country Club, Desert Hot Springs where they were able to golf daily, and they quickly became active in Grace Church. Both were active in the Desert Theatre League and Barb served as president of the Desert Hot Springs chapter of Republican Women Federated. She was also a lifetime member of the Desert Hot Springs Women's Club. Barb enjoyed singing, loved to read and was very faithful in financially supporting Christian ministries and charitable organizations. Barbara is survived by

daughter Lani, son Scott (LaShauna), granddaughters Brittany (Jorge) and Khari (Stanley), and great-grandson Luca. Services will be held at Grace Church, 17400 Bubbling Wells Road, Desert Hot Springs on Wednesday, November 1. Viewing will be at 10:00 am and the service will be at 10:30 am. She will be interred with Bud at Riverside National Cemetery.

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 1. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

Grace Church
17400 Bubbling Wells Road
Desert Hot Springs, CA 92241

Funeral

NOV 1. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

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Direct Burial

NOV 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Riverside National Cemetery
22495 Van Buren Blvd
Riverside, CA 92518