



Ruth Rae Johnson

July 31, 1945 - May 24, 2019

Ruth Rae Johnson, 73, Napoleon, passed away Friday May 24, 2019 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

She was born July 31, 1945, in Lakewood Ohio to Raymond and Martha Hockman. On January 7, 1967 in Folkston Georgia Ruth married Robert L. Johnson III who survives. Ruth was a 1963 graduate of McClure High School. After high school she went to Beauty School and was a hairdresser for a short time. Shortly after, she joined the United States Navy in 1966 and held the position as a Disbursing Clerk 3rd Class. She proudly served our Country until 1968 and received an Honorable Discharge along with the National Defense Medal. In 1977, Ruth decided to go back to school and received her Bachelors in Education graduating from Bowling Green State University in 1980. From there she taught a year in Maryland and then after 30 years of teaching mostly first grade retired from the Patrick Henry School District.

Ruth kept busy after retiring. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma since 1996. She served as Chairman of Historical Records for them. She was also a member of Napoleon Community Band since 1985 which she loved playing the Clarinet. She spent her retirement on many lunch outings with high school classmates, teacher friends and band mates. Ruth also kept busy with

her Grandchildren. She went to many Truck Pulls, Water Polo Tournaments and Swim Meets. She loved spending time with family and friends.

Ruth will be sadly missed by her loving husband of 52 years; daughters, Kathy (Greg) Keeran, McClure and Jennifer Detterer (Rob) Stryker; grandchildren, Zac Detterer, Nicholas Keeran and Katie Keeran. She also leaves behind a sister Nona Calcamuggio of Bowling Green, Ohio. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her oldest sister Edith Conway.

At her request, services will be private. Ruth will be laid to rest at the Hockman Cemetery in McClure, Ohio. Memorial contributions can be made to the Cancer Society or to the donor's choice. Online condolences and messages may be shared with family at rodenbergergrey.com.

Tribute Wall

LH

“ It was a joy to be Ruth’s colleague at Patrick Henry and she was loved by students and staff. Ruth and I shared a love of gardening and swapped stories about our successes and frustrations. She will be missed.

LeAnn Hall - May 30, 2019 at 11:25 AM

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“ My condolences to the family of Ruth. Ruth was a grade ahead of me in McClure. We were both members of the band, the difference was that Ruth was much better on the clarinet than I could ever dreamed of on the saxophone. I joined the Navy in 1964, a few days after HS graduation. Ruth will join the Navy later and was also a proud veteran. I really enjoyed knowing her and the world was a better place because of her presence. May God bless and keep her and may perpetual light shine upon her.

Frank Pittman

Frank Pittman - May 29, 2019 at 06:09 PM

BF

“ Becky Flynn lit a candle in memory of Ruth Rae Johnson



Becky Flynn - May 27, 2019 at 05:33 AM

DP

“ Dear Bob and family - Ruth was such an inspiration to my sister Joan when they were both patients at Cleveland Clinic. Both having had bone marrow transplants, Ruth seemed to be recovering much faster than Joan, but Joan only lived until 1/4/19. We often talked about Ruth and wondered how she was doing. So sorry for your loss. I know she went through so much. Prayers are with you. She was such a neat lady. We enjoyed talking to her. She made you feel like you knew her forever. Donna Pollex-Najarian....Joan Bettinger's sister.

Donna Pollex-Najarian - May 26, 2019 at 08:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth Rae Johnson.



May 26, 2019 at 07:34 PM