



Helen I. Johnson

June 5, 1918 - April 4, 2010

A resident of Wells County since 1923, Helen I. Johnson, passed away Easter morning, Sunday, April 4, 2010, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Helen is now with her beloved husband Gene and her son Stan.

Helen was a wonderful lady, so loving and caring. She never met a stranger and passed out so much love in her lifetime. The family will miss her but realize she is now with her loved ones baking cookies and making vegetable soup.

She was born in Adams County on June 5, 1918, to Lawrence and Goldie (Graham) Diehl. She married Eugene L. Johnson in Newport, Ky. on Feb. 20, 1937; he preceded her in death in 1995.

A 1936 graduate of Lancaster High School, Mrs. Johnson was a homemaker and farmer's wife. She retired from Keebler's in 1980 after 11 years of service. She was a member of Murray Missionary Church and Women's Missionary International.

Surviving relatives include five sons, Dennis Johnson of Fresno, Calif., Tim Johnson of Indianapolis, Thomas Johnson of Bluffton, David Johnson of Coarsegold, Calif. and Steven Johnson of Elkart; two daughters, Janice Wagoner of Brevard, N.C. and Debra Gabbard of Rocky Mountain, N.C.; one brother, Russell Diehl of Bluffton; one sister, Doris Zinn of Bluffton; 22 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Johnson was also preceded in death by one son, Stanley Johnson, four brothers and one sister.

Calling hours will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St., Bluffton, and from 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Murray Missionary Church. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, at the Murray Missionary Church with Pastor Mike Gilbert officiating. Burial is at Ray Cemetery, in Monroe. Preferred memorials are to the church or Christian Care Retirement Center. Online condolences may be made at www.thomarich.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Service

APR 9. 10:30 AM (ET)

Hoverstock Cemetery
11698 N 300 W
Zanesville, IN

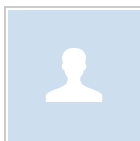
Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen I. Johnson*

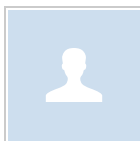


Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Helen I. Johnson*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Johnson family,
I'm sorry to hear about your loss. Helen was a very special lady. As you know my memories of her and Gene go back a long, long way. I haven't been in the area the last couple years so I haven't seen her, but Mom has kept me informed. I know you have many, many fond memories to keep her life alive in your hearts. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Steve Kunkel##imported-end##*

April 09, 2010 at 04:39 PM



“ *Dennis, Tim, Thomas, David, Steven, Janice & Debra. Thinking of all of you at this time. Our Sincere Sympathy,##imported-begin##Cliff & Dee Dee Gerber##imported-end##*

April 08, 2010 at 03:53 PM



“ Our step-mother, Mary Elizabeth, was Helen's roommate for several months. We enjoyed visiting some with Helen when we came to see Mary Elizabeth. She was always a warm and friendly person to speak with.##imported-begin##George and Jan Babcock##imported-end##

April 07, 2010 at 09:09 PM



“ Johnson Family,
Your mother was such a lovely person. I have good memories of her helping with Bible School and many other activities in Murray. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Linda Decker Isch##imported-end##

April 07, 2010 at 08:41 PM



“ Dear Johnson Family~
I wish I could be there to help celebrate the life of Helen. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to know her and her wonderful example of unselfish love. She will always hold a special place in my heart. It is a comfort knowing she is reunited with Gene in heaven. I think of you all, often.
With love and fondest memories.

Julie Johnson
Anchorage, Alaska##imported-begin##Julie Johnson##imported-end##

April 07, 2010 at 01:58 PM



“ I fondly remember my visits to Aunt Helen and Uncle Eugene's place throughout my childhood. Aunt Helen was such a warm and kind-hearted person. Even as a child, I was in awe of her positive spirit. My thoughts are with you in this time of mourning.

Michelle Martin

Toledo, OH##imported-begin##Michelle Martin##imported-end##

April 07, 2010 at 01:37 PM



“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. I lived in Murray form the age of about 12 to about 23. When we started going to church in Murray I had the joy of meeting Helen and Gene. She was so sweet, and yes her cookies was great. Your family will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Tammy (Reidt) Saalfrank##imported-end##

April 06, 2010 at 08:02 PM



“ My mother, Maxine Booker, and Helen were best of friends for practically their whole lives. It was an honor to know Helen and listen to the stories my mom would tell about their youth.

Debbie and I were classmates at Lancaster and Norwell. Though we live many miles apart, my heart is with you! Yvonne##imported-begin##Yvonne Booker LaRowe##imported-end##

April 06, 2010 at 08:01 PM



“ So sorry to hear about your mother. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

I enjoyed knowing her. She was so loving and oh my, could she bake chocolate chip cookies!

Bella Vista, Arkansas##imported-begin##Carolyn Hunnicutt##imported-end##

April 05, 2010 at 09:34 PM



“ We will miss Aunt Helen and we are sorry we will not be able to attend the services.

Our prayer are with the family.

The Affolder from Virginia.##imported-begin##Michael and Darlene Affolder##imported-end##

April 05, 2010 at 07:51 PM