



Eva Jonette Johnson

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Eva Jonette Johnson passed peacefully in her sleep on March 5, 2015, in Longview, TX. She was 85 years old.

Jonette was born on March 18, 1929, to her parents Taylor and Lucy Oldham. Jonette graduated with honors from the University of North Texas where she would eventually earn a master's degree in education. After graduation, she took a job teaching at Marshall ISD where she met and later married a young coach named Hardy Johnson.

Jonette and Hardy eventually moved to Longview where Jonette, who was known by her students as Mrs. E.J., taught seventh grade English at Judson Middle School for more than thirty years. She retired in 1995 and devoted her time to her family, especially her three grandchildren.

Jonette was a patient and supportive teacher with a kind heart and a passion for reading and language arts. She spent her life in service to others and for all who knew her she gave the extraordinary gift of unconditional love. A proud member of the First United Methodist Church of Longview, Jonette had a gentle and selfless character that was epitomized by her faith in the Lord and love for helping those around her.

Jonette is survived by her husband, Hardy O'Neal Johnson; her daughters Janie Johnson and Lea Cooper and her husband Nathan; her grandchildren, Hardy Elkins, Will Elkins and Carrie Foster; and her great-granddaughter Kinlee Clark. Jonette was preceded in death by her sister Katy Metcalfe.

A Celebration of Life Service for Jonette is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Monday March 9, 2015, at Rader Funeral Home in Longview with Pastor Roy James officiating.



Tribute Wall

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Carrie F. lit a candle in honor of Eva.

March 18 at 8:12 AM



Brenda Saladino lit a candle in honor of Eva.

Mrs. Johnson, you will be truly missed may you rest in peace Brenda Saladino

March 14 at 5:04 PM



Joan Beishir lit a candle in honor of Eva.

Mr. Johnson, Janie, and Family: We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Mrs. Johnson was my son, Robert's, favorite teacher at Judson Middle School. Although I got to know her through school, she became a friend as Janie and I worked together for several years. It was always such a pleasure to run into her in Longview while we were out running errands. She always had time to stop and visit and always asked about Robert and what he was doing. She was such a sweet lady and I know she will be missed by her entire family. Our prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. Joan Beishir Alleyton, TX

March 9 at 9:28 AM



Debra Collier-Kerstetter posted:

Mrs. Johnson was my 7th grade English teacher at Judson Jr. High. Among other things, we learned how to diagram sentences in her class. I used the skills I learned in her class to diagram sentences all the way through college and beyond in English, Spanish, and German. It is amazing what you can do with a firm foundation, and a Terrific Teacher, like Mrs. Johnson. Mrs. Johnson was a lovely lady and a very talented teacher. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends. May God bless you, comfort each of you. Debra Collier-Kerstetter Renton, WA

March 9 at 7:49 AM



Faith Weaver posted:

Rest in peace, Mrs. E.J. Thank you for being one of the first teachers to foster my love of English and Reading. You were such a memorable teacher to me who made me feel gifted. You will not be forgotten by any of the students and lives you touched. Prayers to your family. Faith Weaver

March 8 at 7:10 PM



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LA

Leanne Atwood posted:

Mrs. E.J. was one of my very favorite teachers. She was a dedicated and you would tell she loved teaching language arts. I invited Mrs. E.J. to a favorite teacher's tea and will always be glad she accepted and came. I have many good memories of her and am thankful for her patience, knowledge, and caring heart. My deepest condolences to the family for their great loss.

March 8 at 4:33 PM

LA

Leanne Atwood March 8 at 4:35 PM

*She was dedicated, and you could tell she loved teaching language arts.

LM

Laurie Boyland MCGovern sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Johnson family.



March 8 at 12:45 PM

KS

Karoletha Stone lit a candle in honor of Eva.



March 8 at 12:17 PM

PM

Peggy Mallory posted:

Thinking of you, the loving family, my family shared fun times with as neighbors. The years on Glenhaven will always be precious to me. Lonely days/nights were not in our plans when we were young, but now that they have found us, we must rely on our good memories. So sweet..always.Peggy Mallory Mary, Martha, Melanie

March 8 at 12:13 PM

JT

Judy Tidmore posted:

Good bye my wonderful and sweet English teacher at Judson. She was such a caring teacher who never forgot the kids she taught. Whenever I would see her over the past 40 plus years, she would stop and talk and we would remember those days. So sorry for your loss. Judy Wood Tidmore

March 8 at 4:35 AM



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PB

Paula Bradley posted:

DeDaddy, Janie, Hardy, Will, Y'all are in my thoughts & prayers. MeMommy was simply the sweetest, kindest lady to her family, friends, & anyone she met. DeDaddy, you were always there for her & she adored you. We are all blessed to have had her touch our lives. Loving you all, Paula Bradley

March 7 at 10:26 PM

KH

Kim Heldt lit a candle in honor of Eva.



March 7 at 12:10 PM



Anonymous sent a Blooming Garden Basket to the Johnson family.



March 7 at 11:11 AM

DW

David And Lori West sent a Love's Journey to the Johnson family.



March 7 at 4:59 AM

TH

Tianna Harris posted:

Mr Hardy, I'm truly sorry for your loss. You will be blessed for your kindNess and devotion to her in her time of need. Tianna Harris StayKare Solutions

March 7 at 3:30 AM



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BH

Betty Arnold Henderson posted:

To Coach Johnson and family, Please accept my deepest condolences in the loss of your wonderful loved one. I knew her as Miss Jonette Oldham. She was the teacher in my eighth-grade English course at Marshall Jr. High in Marshall. Throughout the years, she has remained one of my two favorite teachers of English, and it is without a doubt that she is partly responsible for my loving the English language as I do. I treasure many precious memories that had their roots in her classes. I knew her to be an excellent teacher, a good friend, and a shining example of what a young woman should aspire to be. I know she never changed. If she did, it could only have been to be even better than the perfection she was in my eyes. Although the world is much the poorer for her passing, it is much the richer that Jonette Oldham Johnson graced it with her outstanding presence for 85 outstanding years. Betty Arnold Henderson Bradenton, Florida

March 7 at 2:10 AM

JP

Jean Phelps posted:

Mr. Hardy, I know your precious memories will sustain you. As the caregiver for my husband, Greg Phelps, at Fountainview Estates, I have witnessed your steadfast devotion to the love of your life. You have certainly earned many stars in your crown. Jean Phelps

March 7 at 1:59 AM

MJ

Mike Johnson lit a candle in honor of Eva.

Blessings of peace and comfort be with you all. She was a special person that will truly be missed by all who knew and loved her. RIP Aunt Jonette. Mike Johnson and Family

March 6 at 3:30 PM



SO

Stephanie Osteen lit a candle in honor of Eva.

March 5 at 3:46 PM





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Stephanie Osteen posted:

Dearest Johnson Family. I want to humbly thank you for the precious time, I have spent with Jonette. It has been my pleasure and honor to care for her and to look into those twinkling blue eyes. She was and will remain a treasure to me and the entire Songbird staff. God bless you all with the peace and comfort that will carry you forward. Love and prayers to you all. In Jesus Name , Stephanie Osteen, Songbird Assisted Living

March 5 at 3:45 PM



Charles Huffman March 9 at 8:19 AM

Hardy--My condolences to you and your family at this sad time. I trust that our great memories and your treasure of friends will be of comfort to you in the days ahead. Charles Huffman/Longview



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Eva by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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