



Johnnie Ruth Whitton

October 2, 1938 - May 10, 2020

Johnnie Ruth Whitton, age 81, passed away peacefully at home in Longview, Texas on May 10, 2020. In the days preceding her death, she was continually surrounded by her family and the sound of the hymns she loved so much. Johnnie was born on October 2, 1938 in Center, Texas to Norman and Ola Sigler.

Johnnie graduated from Shelbyville High School in 1956. Immediately after graduation, she and her best friend moved to Houston. There, Johnnie worked as long-distance telephone operator before marrying her long-time sweetheart, EJ Whitton, on October 29, 1956. The couple moved and lived in various locations in Texas as well as Kansas, following EJ's Air Force enlistment. As a military wife, she lived the life of a single mother while her husband was stationed overseas. Johnnie was an incredible mother to her three children and was able to accomplish any task she set her mind to; including changing the muffler on their 1962 Volkswagen Beetle while EJ was stationed in Thailand. Upon completion of EJ's active duty, the family lived in Center and Hallsville then finally settled in Longview, TX in 1969.

Her love for music and the Lord, she passed on through generations and was clearly evident in her life until she joined her Savior in Heaven. You would find her tapping her toes to most any song and she found great joy in singing and playing the old hymns on her autoharp. Her life was a living example of Psalm 100:1-2 "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!"

Johnnie Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, 5 brothers and 1 sister; grandson, Jacob Nathaniel Hunt and great-granddaughter Ella Grace Williams. She is survived by her husband, EJ Whitton; children, Steven Whitton and wife, LeeAnne; Julie Hunt and husband, Billy; Wesley Whitton and wife, Melanie; grandchildren Jonathan Hunt, Christopher Whitton, and Jenny Williams; and great-grandchildren Cooper Hunt, Patrick Williams, and Beckett Hunt; as well as sisters Edna Kennon, Wanda Rychlik, Frances Nettles, JoAnn Andrews and her brothers James, Billy and Jeff Sigler.

Visitation will be held at Rader Funeral Home in Longview on Monday, May 11, 2020 from 6 pm to 8 pm. The funeral services will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 2 pm at Longview Missionary Baptist Church.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to Cheyenne, Nichol, Dana, and Sam, as well as the staff of Traditions Hospice, who provided Johnnie with sincere, loving care over the last 8 months of her life. We are thankful for you and the tenderness you showed our entire family.

Cemetery

Rosewood Park

1884 FM 1844

Longview, TX, 75605

Events

MAY **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Rader Funeral Home

1617 Judson Rd, Longview, TX, US, 75601

MAY **Church Service** 02:00PM

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Longview Missionary Baptist Church

800 E. Loop 281, Longview, TX, US

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Rader Funeral Home - May 11 at 04:43 PM



“ Steve and Julie, I'm sorry to hear about your Mother. My condolences to you and your families.
Mark Adams

Mark Adams - May 17 at 04:40 PM



“ My prayers to the family. I loved Johnnie so much. She was such a wonderful caring person. Love you all.
Dee Crosby

Dee Crosby - May 11 at 10:30 AM