



## Olive Marie Johnson

January 20, 1929 - March 6, 2016

Olive Marie Green Johnson

Our mother, grandmother, sister and friend, Marie Johnson died at home in Salt Lake City, Utah; surrounded by her loving family on March 6, 2016. Marie was in generally good health until shortly before a tumor was discovered in her brain on January 24, 2016. She was 87 years old. Marie was born January 20, 1929, in Northport, Nebraska to Merle Agnes Six Green and Garrett Hobart Green. On January 24, 1954, she married Bill L Johnson at the Methodist Church in Caldwell Idaho.

Marie was born at the beginning of the Great Depression. Traveling as they looked for work, her parents eventually landed in Northern Idaho, where they homesteaded – living off the land and harvesting timber. This is where Marie spent her early years. They moved to Middleton, Idaho where Marie graduated from high school in 1946. After high school, Marie worked in various office settings. During this time, Marie's brother, Loyal introduced her to Bill, an army buddy of his. Marie and Bill were hard workers, and accomplished much in their lives.

Marie had an eclectic career – working in clerical and accounting jobs, sales, and fitness, eventually owned her own gym. From there, she went on to real estate, becoming a broker with her own office.

Marie was very involved in civic affairs, volunteering her time in a charitable sorority, Phi Alpha Capa – raising funds for Multiple Sclerosis. She held many offices, including National President. As a realtor, she was involved in planning and zoning and served on the Caldwell, Idaho Zoning Commission. She also served on the Caldwell Board of Realtors eventually serving as president.

Marie and Bill moved to Salt Lake City, Utah in 1987 to be close to their children and grandchildren. Though in their 60s, both Marie and Bill continued to work, managing a large apartment building for for the next 14 years. Now well into their 70s, they “retired” and bought a home in West Valley City, Utah. They both continued to work - Marie's last

job was at Kohl's selling jewelry until she was 85.

After Bill's death, Marie sold her home in West Valley and moved into a condominium, where she made many close and cherished friends. Here, she continued to be involved in the community as Treasurer of the Home Owner's Association until her final illness. Her life of work and service is an example to all who knew her. Perhaps her brother, Delbert described her best: "She lit up the room just by coming in."

Marie is survived by her siblings, Colleen Green Hammons and Delbert (Gwen) Green; children, Kristi Johnson, Mark Johnson and Karla Johnson Norton (Daryl) and her granddaughters, Erika (Erik) Norton Mikklesen, Mackenzie (Daniel) Norton Clayton, Natasha Norton, Alexa Norton and many nieces, nephews, two aunts and many friends.

Marie was preceded in death by Bill Lamar Johnson, her husband of 59 years, her parents, Pharel, Harold and Loyal Green.

We would like to thank the members of the Winder 8th Ward, and many dear friends for their love and support during mom's final illness. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. at the Winder 8th Ward located at 1361 E 4000 S, Salt Lake City, UT.

Please share memories and condolences at <http://www.serenityfhs.com>

# Events

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**MAR** **Graveside Service** 01:00PM - 01:30PM

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Utah Veterans Memorial Park - Camp Williams  
17111 S. Camp Williams Road, Bluffdale, UT, US, 84065

**MAR** **Memorial** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Winder 8th Ward  
1361 East 4000 South, SLC, UT, US, 84124

# Comments

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“ We enjoyed getting to know your mother at the Highland Cove Condo. She was always willing to help wherever she could. She is a wonderful woman and we will cherish the memory of her.

Boyd and Sandra Penz

**Boyd and Sandra Penz** - March 21, 2016 at 07:47 AM



“ Thank you for sharing this memory! Yes, she was a great example to us of helping out where she could

**Karla Johnson Norton** - March 29, 2016 at 09:18 PM

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“ I'm sorry I was not able to be with you at your mom and grandma's funeral. She was a great person as evidenced by her great children and grandchildren. Many of my memories of Marie are second hand through her daughter, Kristi but always fun and happy memories. I hope those memories and your love for each other sustain you through the years ahead until you are with her again. Cindie Walker

**Cindie Walker** - March 14, 2016 at 12:13 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers to Mark-Karla-Kristy. Your Mom was a special person, we spent time at JCPenny Karcher Mall. God Bless! JoAnn Appleton Harwood



**JoAnn Harwood** - March 12, 2016 at 05:00 PM

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Dear Marie,

Thank you for always treating me so kindly. There was much laughter and many good times with you in a room. You raised an amazingly fun family. Each one a cherished character to say the least. You made me feel like I was your extra daughter and I loved that. You are a classy lady and a shining example of a hard worker. I will always admire that about you.

Thanks, Marie, for having and raising my best buddy Mark. He is a bright spot in so many lives, especially mine.

Karla and Kristi, I would like to especially thank you for your unwavering love in the care you gave to your sweet mom in the final months of her life.

It is a great blessing to have crossed paths with you in this life, Marie. Looking forward to seeing you again in Heaven.

Love Always,

Laura

**Laura** - March 11, 2016 at 02:02 PM

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Marie was a sweet, kind lady who will be missed. She raised wonderful children including one of my best friends, Mark. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Deepest sympathy,

Mitra Rogers & Family

**Mitra** - March 10, 2016 at 10:28 PM

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“ Kristi, Mark, Karla and Family, I have so many good memories of my time with Marie. Our talks the last month of her life were wonderful. Mark I want to thank you for the call to let know Marie was sick. Our time together i will cherish what a gift your family gave to me, I was able to spend the last four weeks with her it was wonderful. Me and your Mom would shop and always find something we wanted not needed just want. Her love for clothes, jewelry and lets not forget her love for sweets. What fun the two of us had shopping and working at Khols. We spend more than we made, and encourage each other that yes we should buy it. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Cherish the memories they will bring you peace.

Love Shirley & Jim Berg



**Shirley M. Berg** - March 09, 2016 at 08:20 PM