



## Elna Ruth Bowen Johnson

June 13, 1919 - July 30, 2016

Elna Ruth Bowen Johnson, 97, devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother passed away at her home in Riverton on July 30, 2016. She was born in View, Idaho on June 13, 1919 to Daniel Bowen and Ida Eliza Tueller Bowen, the 3rd of 10 children. She attended schools in Burley, Idaho and upon graduation from high school became a licensed beautician. Then, as a young lady, she served an LDS mission in the Central States Mission where she met Elder Erik Gosta Johnson. Following their missions, she and Erik courted and were married on December 12, 1941 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

They began their family in the Cottonwood area of Salt Lake City and had 3 children there. In 1949 they moved to Meridian, Idaho where they farmed briefly before Erik returned to building construction. They had 2 more children in Idaho and raised their 5 children there. In 1966 they moved back to the Cottonwood area and had their own construction company primarily building LDS Churches and schools. Elna taught herself accounting and kept all the books and records for the company.

She had a firm testimony of the Gospel and loved to teach its truths. Elna and Erik were always actively engaged in serving in Church service. Upon their retirement they served 4 missions; The first in the Philippines Davao Mission, next in Salt Lake City at the Family History Library, then as president of the Stockhold Sweden Mission, and later as temple workers in the Stockholm

Sweden Temple and the Jordan River Temple.

Elna was known for her beautiful quilts and her excellent cooking. Her missionaries loved to eat at her table as they entered and exited the mission. Her children cherish wedding quilts that she made them, and many grandchildren think of her as they pass on to their children the baby quilts she made for them. She was a student of the Scriptures and enjoyed teaching missionaries as well as Relief Society and Gospel Doctrine classes.

Elna is survived by her 5 children, Richard (Gail), Darrell (Britt-Marie), Calleen (Steve) Passey, Judy (John) Preston, and Allece (Bill) Birnel; her brother, E. Daniel Bowen (Carol); her sister, Ida Mae Thornley; 28 grandchildren; and 68 great- grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, August 6, 2016 at the Golden Meadows LDS Chapel, 2750 West 13400 South, Riverton, UT. Family and friends are invited to a viewing preceding the service from 9:30 to 10:45am. Interment will be at Larkin Sunset Gardens in Sandy, UT.

Services are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home. You are invited to share condolences and memories at [www.serenityfhs.com](http://www.serenityfhs.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Larkin Sunset Gardens

1950 East 10600 South  
Sandy, UT 84092

# Previous Events

## Viewing

AUG 6. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (MT)

Golden Meadows LDS Chapel  
2750 West 13400 South  
Riverton, UT

## Service

AUG 6. 11:00 AM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Serenity Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elna Ruth Bowen Johnson*



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**Serenity Funeral Home** - August 02, 2016 at 10:25 PM



*What a beautiful tribute and what a special family!*

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**Valene Hagen** - August 06, 2016 at 09:39 AM



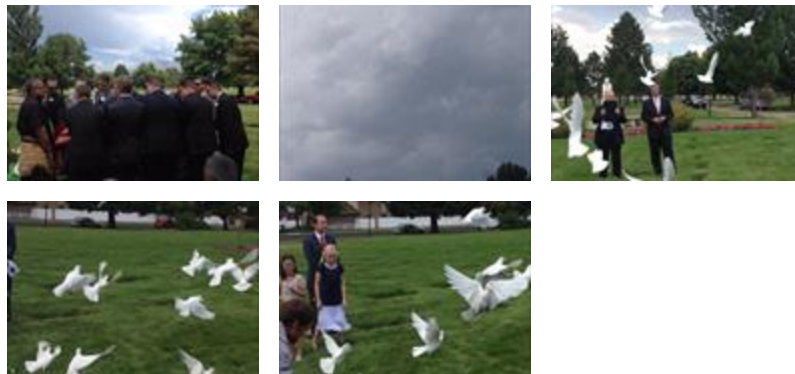
“ *Elna Ruth Bowen Johnson*

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October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *9 files added to the album Elna's Graveside Dove Release*



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**Dick Johnson** - August 19, 2016 at 01:26 PM

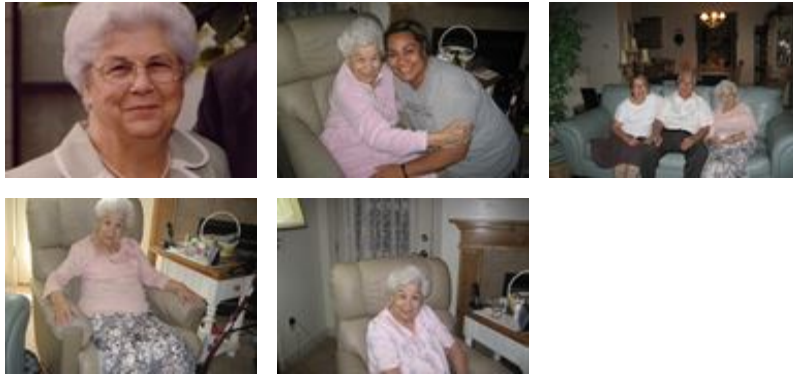
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“ In loving memory of a wonderful aunt. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. Peggy Bowen Barson (Lewis' youngest daughter)

Peggy Barson - August 04, 2016 at 09:52 PM

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“ 105 files added to the album LifeTributes



Serenity Funeral Home - August 02, 2016 at 09:34 PM

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“ When I last saw Sis Johnson, she gave me the biggest smile. Although she was bedfast and couldn't see or hear very well, her smile said, "I am at peace". From Valene Vanderlinden Hagen.

Judy Preston - August 02, 2016 at 05:34 PM

VH

Thank you, Judy for posting what I shared with you. It's so true. Your Mom was a wonderful example of calm and acceptance of what she was going through and instead of us giving comfort and help to her, she was helping us to feel at peace about her situation. I'm so glad I was able to give your Mom and hug and Hello. I'm also very glad that we are able to stay in touch and stay the good friends that we are even in distance. Valene Hagen

Valene Hagen - August 06, 2016 at 09:12 AM

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*Judy, our thoughts are with you and your family at this time.  
Neil and Kaylin Lythall and family (including Elder Steven Lythall)*

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**Kaylin Lythall** - August 06, 2016 at 12:27 PM