



Norma Jean Johansen

October 1, 1924 - May 3, 2017

Norma Jean Johansen of Bartlesville, OK, a devoted and compassionate wife, mother, sister and grandmother, passed away the morning of May 3, 2017. Jean left an incandescent legacy of committed faith to the Lord, unconditional love to her family, and public service to her community. She was born Norma Jean Smith on the first of October, 1924 in Dibble, OK as the third of seven children to William Thomas Smith and Laura Rachel Hail Smith. She graduated Valedictorian of her high school in Middleberg, OK and studied business at Oklahoma A&M in Stillwater, where she met her late husband Robert T. "Bob" Johansen, 2nd lieutenant U.S. Army Air Corps, on a Halloween hayride. They were married on September 9, 1945 on base in Dyersberg, Tennessee, and after the War moved to North Dakota while her husband attended Jamestown College. The couple returned to Oklahoma where Jean worked while Robert finished graduate school, and finally settled in Bartlesville and lived for the remainder of their lives.

Jean served her community and all those she met in a variety of capacities, but she is perhaps best known for her involvement at First Baptist Church, the Girl Scouts of America, and various garden clubs. Jean joined First Baptist Church in 1952 where she would teach for over 50 years in the Sunday School nursery. She also raised three children of her own, and filled the role of scout leader for their Girl Scout Troop. Her work in the Girl Scouts extended to administration and fundraising at the state level, and she was granted several awards for outstanding service to the Girl Scouts.

Jean was also renowned for her passion for gardening. Her home on Price Road displayed an explosion of color every spring when the bulbs made their appearance, and her loving attention to landscaping earned her home a spot on several tours. She was active in the Good Earth Garden Club and as a national flower show judge, and taught gardening skills to youth in Osage County. Jean was also instrumental in the inception of the Garden Center Corner on Highway 75 and Frank Philips and served on the Bartlesville Park Board.

Her commitment to serving others went far beyond these organizations, however. Jean received numerous civic awards for her dedication to the community. She remained active in her support of Veterans, American Indian tribes and schools, missionary and political organizations, and education throughout her life.

Jean will be dearly missed by her three children, Paula Johansen Myers of Bartlesville, Linda Holt and husband Jeff of Plano, TX, Roberta T. Johansen of Bartlesville, a sister Barbara J. Thomas of Ninnekah, two brothers, Dr. Willard M. "Bud" Smith of Davenport, IA, Dr. Clodus R. "Chief" Smith of Oklahoma City, her two granddaughters, Julie Myers Hinton and husband Stephen of Lawrence, KS, and Laura Gorman and husband Jared of Lawrence, KS, a sister-in-law, D. Eileen Smith of Edmond, and a brother-in-law Donald A. Johansen and wife Jean of Medina, MN.

Jean is preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, an infant son, her mother and father, and three brothers, William Doyle Smith, John Thomas Smith, and Dale W. Smith.

The family wishes to thank everyone who provided love, support, and prayers throughout the years.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

4200 Nowata Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel
1600 SE Washington Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-4300
<http://www.Stumpff.org>

Memorial Service

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Bartlesville
405 S Cherokee Ave
Bartlesville, OK 74003
(918) 336-6172
info@bfbc.net
<http://www.mybfbc.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Norma Jean Johansen*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Norma Jean Johansen*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *i'm sorry for your loss, Laura for your grandma. I'm thinking of you and Jared. Take care. Hope you will be OK on May 8 2017 for her tribute and service.*

Nice to meet you Jean.

To the family of Norma Jean Johansen

Hope your doing OK Laura and Jared

Jason Gorman

Jason Gorman - May 07, 2017 at 02:18 PM



“ *Much love, Donna & Sonny Olmstead purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Norma Jean Johansen.*



Much love, Donna & Sonny Olmstead - May 06, 2017 at 10:13 PM

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“ I lived next door to the Johansens. Played in the dirt while their house was being built. I was kind of the neighborhood wild child. Bob and Jean treated me like one of their own. The flowers gardens and bushes were always beautifully landscaped and the scent of a just watered garden still remains with me. Jean was always trying to educate me about the flowers, when to plant, sun or shade, colors, how long they would last.

My family moved to town in 1961. I missed the country especially living next door to the flower land next door. I enjoyed the few visits with Jean over the years, talking about her kids, grandchildren, my family, and whatever else would come up in conversation. I wish there could have been more. Thank you Jean.

Mike Axsom

Mike Axsom - May 06, 2017 at 11:09 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Johansen.



May 05, 2017 at 10:20 PM