

MYRTLE "LAVATA" JOHNSON

1922-2014

BRIDGEPORT: Myrtle "Lavata" Johnson, age 91, died on January 9, 2014.

Myrtle "Lavata" Johnson was born in Shelbyville, Tennessee on November 3, 1922 to Olie and Myrtle Watson, she was tenth of ten children (all whom preceded her in death). Lavata's husband of 52 years, Keith Kenneth Johnson, preceded her in death in 1993.

A life-long homemaker, Lavata enjoyed her pets (the kids), outdoor birds, particularly humming birds, all types of wildlife, and traveling. During her life, Lavata lived in Tennessee, Ohio, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, and Washington. Having traveled outside the U.S. borders to Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and Spain, Lavata particularly enjoyed her travels in the United States visiting historical locations along with the Rocky Mountains and the beautiful Smokey Mountains of Tennessee. She looked forward to annual visits each year in early October to view the autumn foliage of the hills of Tennessee.

Formerly a resident of Eules, Texas for 30 years, Lavata was an original volunteer for the Arbor Days celebration as well as the Eules Christmas Parade of Lights. She also volunteered for many years at the Fort Worth Assessment center, an in-take facility for abused and neglected children.

Survivors include her son, Kenneth K. Johnson and his wife, Meg, of Garland, Texas; daughter, Nancy J. Ronk of Bridgeport; granddaughter, Deborah S. Faris of Bridgeport; and great-granddaughter and namesake, India Lavata Knowles, of Austin. Lavata leaves behind many special nieces, nephews and extended family members.

No service is scheduled at this time. There will be a private burial in East Bridgeport cemetery.

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