



Ruth Eleanor Johnson

December 15, 1943 - January 2, 2020

Ruth Eleanor Fridley Johnson, 76, of New Castle, Virginia went to be with her husband, Ernie, and her Lord on Thursday, January 2, 2020. She passed away peacefully surrounded by those who loved her most. The 14th chapter of John was read, a hymn was sung, and a prayer was offered by her brother, Allen.

Ruth was born in Alleghany County, Virginia, on December 15, 1943. She was a graduate of Dunlap High School and Kentucky Christian College. She retired from Carter Bank & Trust.

Ruth was a very selfless woman with a generous heart. She was a devoted Christian woman who will be missed by her church and community. Ruth devoted thirteen years to the youth at the New Castle Christian Church by coaching Bible Bowl teams. During her time as coach, her teams won eleven championships. That does not include the many tournaments in which her teams participated, contributing a total of sixty-three trophies to the church. She will be forever remembered as a cherished coach to all who were lucky enough to be on her teams. She touched so many lives by her example.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband of fifty-five years, Ernie; father, John Fridley; mother, Eleanor Wickline Fridley; brother, Paul Fridley; brothers-in-law, Tom Kelley, Terry Simpson, and Jay Johnson. Those left to cherish her memory are her sons, Wade (Sheila) Johnson and John "Bucky" (Melinda) Johnson; daughter Amanda (Duane) Wentz; grandchildren, Jasmin, Rachel, Virginia, Morgan, Will, and Isaiah; great-granddaughters, Zaylin and Abigail;

brothers, Ledford, Allen (Billie), Calvin (Phyllis), Delbert (Susan), and Michael (Emily) Fridley; sisters Rebekah "Becky" Kelley and Elizabeth "Libby" Simpson; along with several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Ruth's life will be held at the New Castle Christian Church Saturday, January 11, 2020. Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the service conducted by her beloved nephew, John Kelley, following at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to donate generously to the Chestnut Grove Church College Scholarship fund at P.O. Box 272, New Castle, Virginia, 24127.

"Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all. Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate." Proverbs 31:28-31.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Castle Christian Church
New Castle, VA

Celebration of Life

JAN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Castle Christian Church
282 Salem Ave
New Castle, VA 24127
(540) 864-5212

Tribute Wall

DH

“ I just want to send my condolences to Bucky, Wade, Amanda and all the family. I was saddened to find this out. In Christian love, your friend, Don Howard

Don Howard - January 18, 2020 at 04:55 PM

SW

“ I am so sad that I wasn't able to get together with Ruth before she passed. We worked together for 23 yrs and would share stories of our kids and grandkids on a daily basis. She loved her family very much. I was always envious of her yearly get-together with her sisters. They lived in different towns and would meet at a central location and spent time catching up on each other's lives. I never kept up with my sisters but loved hearing her share about those meetings. What a special lady she was. She will be missed.
- Sharon Wright

Sharon Wright - January 09, 2020 at 05:38 PM

CD

“ Ruth devoted many hours to the New Castle Christian Church's youth's where her husband Ernie served as minister for over 20 years or more. She was the leader and coach for the Bible Bowl Team that won a showcase full of trophies. She touched many lives and influenced may young men and women. To me she was a saintly lady, she now is where we hope be someday with no sickness or sorrow in a mansion prepared for her.

Calvin Duncan - January 08, 2020 at 09:22 PM

MD

“ *What an impressive lady...it hurts so much "until" you acknowledge the celebration of what just happened. The joy only comes when one realizes eternal life is the victory for Ruth and family!*
Madge and Dub Duncan

Madge/Dub Duncan - January 07, 2020 at 08:42 PM

SB

“ *Such a beautiful written visitation notice.PRAYERS as you praise God for a beautiful soul*💙💛💙

Shirley Bratton - January 07, 2020 at 03:06 PM