



## Linda Lee Johnson Johnson

May 17, 1938 - September 22, 2018

Linda Lee Johnson Johnson, 80, of Albany, died Saturday, September 22, 2018 at her residence. Memorial services will be held Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 12:00 Noon at Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at 11:00 AM at the Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church's parlor. Rev Robert Greene and Dr. Don Kea will officiate.

Linda graduated from Northside High School in Atlanta where she was selected as homecoming queen. Miss Johnson attended the University of Georgia where she was a member of the Chi Omega Sorority. While a student at the University of Georgia, Linda was a member of the Pandora Homecoming Court. After her marriage to Billups Johnson, Mrs. Johnson was also honored as the first Mrs. Homecoming at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Mrs. Johnson was a member of the Athens Junior Assembly (now the Junior League of Athens). After moving to Albany, she served her community as a member of the Junior League of Albany and the Charity League of Albany. As a 55-year member of Porterfield United Methodist Church, Linda enjoyed her time as a member of the Covenant Bible Study Group. With gardening as a life-long passion, Mrs. Johnson was proud to be a founder of the Albany Serendipity Garden Club.

Linda Johnson's three children expressed the same sentiments, "Our mother throughout our lives surrounded us with grace and elegance in everything that she did. Our home was always a warm and welcoming place for all who entered. Everything about her and everything she touched was beautiful."

Prior to her death, Linda wrote, "I always wanted to be a wife and mother; God granted me both. My family was my life. I was very blessed."

Survivors include her husband, Billups P. Johnson, Jr., a son, Billups P. Johnson III "Bo" and his wife, Pam of Leesburg, GA, 2 daughters, Laura J. Barron and her husband, Tommy, of Roswell, GA and Lin J. Darden and her husband, Dr. Jere Darden of Albany, GA, 1 sister Terry Wallace of Charlotte, NC, 10 grandchildren, Aimee J. Weber and her husband, Trent, Ansley J. Cotton, Billups P. Johnson IV "Phin", Billy Barron, Blair Barron, John Barron, James Darden, Catharine Darden, Millie Foster and Reese Foster, 4 great grandchildren, Lily Weber, Heidi Weber, Ethan Cotton and Charley Cotton and a sister in

law, Betsy J. Hughes and her husband, Harold, of Athens, GA.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Bernard C. and Catharine Howard Johnson and her sister, Rena Tidmore.

Memorials may be made to Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church, 2200 Dawson Rd, Albany, GA 31707 or the Athens Y Camps, P.O. Box 8, Tallulah Falls, GA 30573.

To share your thoughts with the Johnson family, you may visit our website at <http://www.kimbrellstern.com>.

# Events

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**SEP 27**   **Visitation**   11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Porterfield United Methodist Church  
2200 Dawson Rd, Albany, GA, US, 31707

**SEP 27**   **Memorial Service**   12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ So very sorry to hear of Linda's passing. We were neighbors at Spruce Creek for several years. She was such a beautiful woman with a beautiful spirit. Pat Poss

**Patricia M Poss** - October 16, 2018 at 09:28 AM

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“ How sad I was to hear about Linda. We grew up together in Brookwood Hills and I spent many nights with Rena. We were always fascinated by her beautiful big sister Linda. I also remember when cute Terry was born! We lost touch after high school, but in the past few years we had reconnected and it was such a pleasure to see her in the mountains or at the beach when our paths crossed. She was always smiling, always kind and still so beautiful. Bill and I send deepest sympathy all of her family. Early Crew Smith

**Early Crew SMITH** - September 28, 2018 at 05:06 PM

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“ My condolences to Billups and everyone in Linda's family. I always enjoyed talking with her so much at family reunions. She had such a happy, cheerful air about her. We will be thinking of you and remembering Linda during this difficult time.



**Ross Reynolds** - September 28, 2018 at 11:54 AM



“ Oh, these photos mean so very much to me! My whole life my mom talked endlessly about her cousins and all her happy memories. All these names I have heard hundreds of times. The names on the pictures is the best. I will save and cherish them. Always know she loved you all dearly.

**laura barron** - September 30, 2018 at 08:53 AM

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**Lucy Howard Reynolds** - September 27, 2018 at 06:47 PM



“ These pictures are so very special. She talked my whole life about her happy memories with and love for her cousins. Thank you for sharing theses. Always know she loved you all dearly.

**laura barron** - September 30, 2018 at 08:57 AM

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“ Our prayers to all the extended familiy. She was blessed to have you in her life as we were at Spruce Creek in the mountains as neighbors. May peace follow with beautiful memories of love and light. God Bless. Peggy McBride & David Fore

**Peggy McBride** - September 27, 2018 at 07:09 AM

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“ Thinking of you all during this difficult time. Wishing you comfort and peace in the days ahead.

Anne Sweat Baker

**Anne Baker** - September 26, 2018 at 07:36 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Linda Lee Johnson Johnson.



September 26, 2018 at 07:25 PM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Linda Lee Johnson Johnson.



September 26, 2018 at 06:22 PM

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“ Prayers for all the Johnson family. Linda was a beautiful lady, inside and out.

**Kay Ivey** - September 26, 2018 at 01:19 PM

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“ I remember our time in North Myers Dorm at UGA in Athens! We had a great time going to the games, eating at the Grill and going to the Sorority and fraternity houses. Happy times! Joan Hoffman

**joan hoffman** - September 25, 2018 at 10:43 PM

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“ KARY JOHNSON lit a candle in memory of Linda Lee Johnson Johnson



**KARY JOHNSON** - September 25, 2018 at 08:30 PM



“ I love and miss you my sweet cousin; you are now joining some of the best angels Rena, Grandmother, Barr, Daddy Spree, my Muncle Martin, Aunt Bess and Louie, Buddy, Lottie and others, Heaven is even brighter.

**KARY JOHNSON** - September 25, 2018 at 08:36 PM

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“ Great-grands!



**Ansley Cotton** - September 25, 2018 at 07:21 PM

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“ Martha Mercer lit a candle in memory of Linda Lee Johnson Johnson



**martha mercer** - September 25, 2018 at 07:13 PM



“ We have such special memories of the times we spent with Linda and Billups at Laura and Bob Fowlers' home. She was such a beautiful lady. Our hearts go out to her family.  
Martha and Bubba Mercer

**martha mercer** - September 25, 2018 at 07:16 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Lee Johnson Johnson.



September 25, 2018 at 05:17 PM

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“ Ace & Joan Darden purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Linda Lee Johnson Johnson.



Ace & Joan Darden - September 25, 2018 at 02:31 PM

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Laura Johnson Barron - September 25, 2018 at 02:08 PM

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Laura Johnson Barron - September 25, 2018 at 02:07 PM

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**Lin Darden** - September 25, 2018 at 02:37 AM



“ Love to the Johnson Family > Through a complimentary letter, from her early friend Katrina Ripley (an Agnes Scott friend?), to my father, Walter (now 92), I was recommended to find Linda's daughter, Lin, when she was working for and on Sea Island on the coast . . . Lin became my first friend when I moved to SSI from NYC to be the first consultant to the Saint Simons Land Trust. Soon after I met smiling mom Linda who also took me under her wing! Thanks for so many fun memories and great dinners on the beach, and my lifelong friend Lin. Blessings, Huntley Allen

**Huntley Allen** - September 28, 2018 at 11:25 AM

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**Lin Darden** - September 25, 2018 at 02:23 AM

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**Laura Johnson Barron** - September 24, 2018 at 07:39 PM

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**Laura Johnson Barron** - September 24, 2018 at 07:31 PM



“ Billups,

I am so sorry to hear about Linda. My thoughts and prayers are with you, bo, And the family during this sad period of time. John and Eva Simpson

**John and Eva Simpson** - September 24, 2018 at 07:43 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers to all of her family. She was always a warm and beautiful person!!! Mary Hood

**MaryHood** - September 24, 2018 at 03:23 PM

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“ Linda was a lovely lady, always ready with kind words and good conversation. Many prayers for the family in their bereavement.

Charlie and Holly Spalding

**Charlie Spalding** - September 24, 2018 at 01:23 PM

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“ Mom's 80th Birthday Video! How blessed we were to have her for so long!



**Lin Darden** - September 24, 2018 at 01:18 PM

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“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Linda Lee Johnson Johnson.



September 24, 2018 at 01:16 PM

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“ Linda and Billups had an amazing love story! They were married for 61 years.



**Lin Darden** - September 24, 2018 at 01:05 PM

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“ Maryn Cohen lit a candle in memory of Linda Lee Johnson Johnson



**Maryn Cohen** - September 24, 2018 at 10:43 AM



“ My heart goes out to Laura and the entire family. I know this is beyond difficult right now, but Linda fought a great fight and is now resting comfortably and peacefully. My deepest condolences are with you all.

**Maryn Cohen** - September 24, 2018 at 10:45 AM

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“ When I think of Mrs. Johnson- I could never call her Linda- three things always come to mind: she was always prepared, she always treated us 'children' with respect, and she was my mother's best friend. I visited her home hundreds of times, and it, and she, were always 'together.' I never saw her panic over anything. She always had a handle on things. She never talked down to us kids. She extended dignity to us, in her tone and in her expectations, even when she knew we didn't deserve it. I always stood a little taller when I was around Mrs. Johnson. She wasn't a substitute mom. She was a second mom. And the last memory I'll share was that of her impact on my mother. I remember fondly the many times I heard the two of them try to 'get off the phone.' They, I think, could give teenage girls a run for their money for the time they spent chatting on the phone. What was always communicated to my mother from Linda (there, I said it) was dignity in friendship. Linda elevated those close to her. She made us laugh; she fed our souls; and, yes, she made us cry. She was worth our love and praise. She deserved it, and she deserves all the peace and comfort she now knows, in the Lord's hands.

**Darrell Fowler** - September 24, 2018 at 10:06 AM

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“ My heart breaks for the Johnson family. My dear friend has gone to heaven after a valiant fight. She leaves so many who loved her and and and a huge hole in my life and heart. Rest in peace my dear Linda.

**Stevie Welch** - September 23, 2018 at 04:42 PM

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“ Joan Darden lit a candle in memory of Linda Lee Johnson Johnson



**Joan Darden** - September 23, 2018 at 01:05 PM



“ We enjoyed knowing Linda. She was a dear sweet lady and we will miss seeing her at Jere & Lin's family gatherings.

Sincere sympathy.

Ace & Joan Darden

**Joan Darden** - September 23, 2018 at 01:12 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Linda. Words don't seem adequate to express our feelings for the family. Love for Linda was sincere and she was loved and had a special place in my heart. Our prayer for you is a sense of comfort and peace in this time. Love and Blessings to you all. Love, Sandra and Carl Hancock .

**Sandra (Mrs. Carl) Hancock** - September 23, 2018 at 08:47 AM