



Elizabeth Johnston

January 31, 1929 - August 14, 2021

Elizabeth (Beth) Reu Johnston, our loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away on August 14, 2021 at the age of 92 after a long journey with dementia. Beth's roots are in Glynn County, Georgia where she grew up. She was the daughter of the late Albrecht Hermann and Lucile Way Reu. She attended St. Olaf College in Minnesota, graduated from Randolph-Macon Women's College in Lynchburg, Virginia, and taught public school music in Brunswick, GA. She married William McPherson Johnston Jr. on November 14, 1953. She was a long-time member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, just like her mother, and participated in many civic activities in the Conyers area for years. She was a member of the choir and played the organ for Epiphany Lutheran Church in Conyers, GA for many, many years. She was a devoted caregiver for her ailing mother and then, her ailing husband. She was a breast cancer survivor. Beth loved playing golf, spending time with her family, and chocolate. Her grandchildren will remember the wonderful trips she took them on including trips to Hawaii, Alaska, England, and several other European countries.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, William McPherson Johnston, and parents, Albrecht Hermann and Lucile Way Reu. She is survived by her sons, William Christopher Johnston (Cindy), Samuel McPherson Johnston (Tonya) and Dr. Michael Reu Johnston (Beth Ellen); brothers, Michael Reu (Nancy) and Norman Reu (Clara); grandchildren,

Jennifer, Laura, Beth, Michael, Whitney Caroline, Rachel and Adam; great-grandchildren, Hunter, Lucy, Ella, Caroline, Henry, and Samuel; and nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Conyers, Ga. Saturday August 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers please send donations to Epiphany Lutheran Church for Organ Fund.

Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA 30012, 770-483-7216.

Cemetery Details

Green Meadow Memorial Gardens

677 American Legion Rd.
Conyers, GA 30012

Previous Events

Service

AUG 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

Epiphany Lutheran Church
2375 Highway 20 SE
Conyers, GA 30013
(770) 483-6222

Tribute Wall



“ I met Beth in 2004 when we went to Epiphany Lutheran in Conyers as an intern. She befriended my wife and I almost immediately and I was grateful to be able to visit with her and hear about Bill during my time at Epiphany. I still have the books she would send me with from time to time. They have been of help in my ministry first in Nebraska and now back home outside Savannah and they are almost all stamped "Library of Bill Johnston."

The treasure of those gifts is exceeded only by the value of spending time getting to know Beth, to hear and listen to the stories of faith and church and through her, learning a bit of your family's story. They were both blessings and touched many lives and ministries for the better.

*Rick and Sally Johnson
Jerusalem and St John's Lutheran Churches
Rincon GA.*

Rick Johnson - August 24, 2021 at 06:43 PM

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“ I first met Beth Johnston in 1956 when my father became Pastor of Shades Valley Lutheran Church, Birmingham, AL. Beth was the church organist, and husband Bill was the choir director. Then in 1988 I became the Pastor of Epiphany Lutheran Church, Conyers, GA... and who should be the organist and the choir director? Beth and Bill Johnston! What a delight it was to know Beth and Bill. They were not only strong Christians, but they were good friends. They both are missed! Rest eternal grant her, O Lord.

*Don & Brenta Poole
Asheville, NC*

Donald Poole - August 18, 2021 at 11:57 AM

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“ Mrs. Ona Lester was my neighbor for years. In fact, I was her medical power of attorney. I met your Mom when Mr. Lester died years ago. She was the sweetest lady and I enjoyed being around her over the years. One thing I remember is that she played the organ. I was blessed to be around that little group of ladies from her church. I have sweet memories. God bless each of you as you go through these sad times. I didn't know Beth was sick until not long before Mrs. Ona passed away.

Pat Singleton

Pat Singleton - August 17, 2021 at 07:35 PM

SG

“ Sherry Jenkins Gatton lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Johnston



Sherry Jenkins Gatton - August 16, 2021 at 05:13 PM