



Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown

January 8, 1933 - September 24, 2017

Elinor Johnson Brown, 84, gained her Angel wings and departed for a better place on September 24, 2017. She died peacefully at her home as she had always requested, with her family at her side. She was born on Coffee Road in Walhalla, SC on January 8, 1933 to the late Martha Irona Hall Johnson and Eugene Garwood Johnson.

Elinor is survived by two daughters, Martha Eugenia Brown, MD (Rick Wagner) of Gainesville, FL and Melinda Lou Brown Reece (Keith Williams); grandchildren Schyler Wagner, Mariah Williams, and Joshua Reece; sisters-in-law Julia Ballenger, Melinda Maksymowicz, and Caroline Williams; nephew Gerald Johnson, Jr., MD; niece Joy Ann Chiles; and her wonderful boyfriend of 10 years who she loved to "cut town" with, Alan Dean Boggs. Besides Alan Boggs, she had a special love for Ashley Rogers, her friend and caregiver for many years, as well as Ashley's family.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband of 51 years, Paul Micagah Brown; brother, Eugene Gerald Johnson, and sister, Margaret Ann Johnson Carter.

She lived her life caring for and about others. She had many great friends and cherished all of them. She was a loving and kind person who gave selflessly to everyone around her. Additionally, she was a great cook just like her

mother. Elinor was a 1950 graduate of Walhalla High School (WHS). She attended Shorter College in Rome, GA for one year, transferring to Furman University where she graduated in 1954 magna cum laude with degrees in Elementary Education and Psychology. She later went on to do some graduate work there. She was an Oconee County School Teacher (teaching both special education and elementary education) for 14 years.

For over 50 years, Elinor was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society (International Society for Women Educators), the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She was Secretary-Treasurer of the WHS Class of '50 Alumni Group and was a permanent member of the WHS '50 reunion planning committee, which met often with reunions every 5 years. She was a longtime member of the Paul Hayne Circle for over 35 years. Elinor was a member of the Walhalla First Baptist Church and the Fellowship Sunday School Class (where she served as the secretary of the Tuesday Morning Round Table.) However, above all, she was a fighter and a cancer survivor for almost 50 years. She was grateful to the GHS Cancer Institute in Seneca and their staff, particularly Dr. Jeffrey Giguere.

A celebration of her life will be held at Walhalla First Baptist Church on Saturday, September 30, 2017, at 11:00 AM with burial to follow at West View Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 PM, Friday, September 29, 2017, at Davenport Funeral Home.

Memorials can be made to Tamassee DAR School, PO Box 8, Tamassee, SC 29686 or Walhalla First Baptist Church, 403 East Main St., Walhalla, SC 29691.

Cemetery Details

West View Cemetery

301-399 W South Broad Street
Walhalla, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home
311 S Highway 11
West Union, SC 29696
(864) 638-3611
davenportfhome@gmail.com
<https://www.davenportfuneralhome.com>

Celebration of Life

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Walhalla First Baptist Church
403 East Main Street
Walhalla, SC 29691

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Elinor was such a dear person, always smiling and friendly with everyone. I'm sure the family has many good memories to hold in their hearts.*

MaryLou Hamilton

MaryLou Hamilton - October 05, 2017 at 07:44 PM



“ *Susan Pickett Crane lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown*

Susan Pickett Crane - September 29, 2017 at 04:16 PM



“ *Lucille Pickett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown*

Lucille Pickett - September 29, 2017 at 04:15 PM



CR

“ Chuck & Donna Rowland purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown.



Chuck & Donna Rowland - September 29, 2017 at 03:44 PM



“ Patricia Hall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown



Patricia Hall - September 29, 2017 at 11:48 AM

HM

“ Harry McCall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown



Harry McCall - September 29, 2017 at 09:02 AM

HM

I worked at Otasco with Paul for about ten years as I went to high school, latter to college and used to see Elinor stop by the store. I remember the last thing Elinor said to me after I had stopped by to see her about 6 years going and was getting ready to leave when she walked out to her driveway with me and said: “You be careful on that motorcycle.” Thanks Elinor . . . I have been.

Harry McCall - September 29, 2017 at 09:16 AM

DN

“ *Doug And Linda Reese Nix lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown*



Doug and Linda Reese Nix - September 27, 2017 at 06:12 PM

RB

“ *Reba & Bill Butts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown*



Reba & Bill Butts - September 27, 2017 at 01:31 PM

JM

“ *Condolences to the family. I have known Elinor for many years in Delta Kappa Gamma.*
Jo Ann McNatt

Jo Ann McNatt - September 27, 2017 at 12:28 PM

LT

“ *Elinor was an inspiring gracious educator who taught me many things about being a better, more productive teacher when we taught together at South Pine Street Elementary School under the caring and careful eye of the late Mr. Bob Owens. She was one who truly enjoyed teaching her students; her love was evident every day. Certainly a positive role model for us all.*
Louise L Towe

Louise L Towe - September 26, 2017 at 11:07 PM

TL

“ *Thad And Wanda Long lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown*



Thad and Wanda Long - September 26, 2017 at 10:24 PM

BD

“ *Bobbie Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown*



Bobbie Duncan - September 26, 2017 at 09:18 PM

KM

“ *I have wonderful memories of spending lots of time in Mrs. Brown's home as a child and teen. She embodied the idea of a hospitable southern lady in every sense of the word - kind and attentive; and she was smart and an outstanding cook, too! Thankful to have known her - Charles and I send prayers to Martha and Melinda and their families. Kay Moxley*

Kay Moxley - September 26, 2017 at 07:46 PM

MG

“ *Mrs. Brown was a wonderful person. My first grade teacher. Serveral years ago I had the oppurtunity to thank Mrs Brown for teaching me the Teacup song.*



Mary Anne Rothell Grabarczyk - September 26, 2017 at 07:37 PM

JJ

“ So sorry to learn of Elinor's passing. She was always a gracious lady and a customer and friend. Prayers and thoughts for her family.



Juanita Johns - September 26, 2017 at 07:15 PM

JF

“ JIM FARMER lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown



JIM FARMER - September 26, 2017 at 03:51 PM

JF

Rest In Peace Elinor.

JIM FARMER - September 26, 2017 at 03:52 PM

SS

“ Susan Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown



Susan Smith - September 26, 2017 at 03:40 PM

SA

“ *Sherry Abbott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown*



Sherry Abbott - September 26, 2017 at 03:21 PM

CB

“ *Clarence And Carolyn Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown*



Clarence and Carolyn Blankenship - September 26, 2017 at 02:53 PM

JW

“ *Jeanette Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown*



Jeanette Wilson - September 26, 2017 at 01:12 PM

JM

“ *Johnny Mize lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown*



Johnny Mize - September 26, 2017 at 12:01 PM

JM

Martha, I am so sorry to hear about your mother. My condolences to you & your family.

Johnny Mize - September 26, 2017 at 12:03 PM

CW

“*Sorry to learn of Mrs Brown's passing. She has been and will always be one of my favorite people. I'll miss her friendship and funny stories. Resa and I are thinking of the family with many prayers. Chevis and Resa wald*

Chevis and Resa wald - September 26, 2017 at 11:49 AM

GV

“*GAYNELL And VIRGINIA lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown*



GAYNELL and VIRGINIA - September 26, 2017 at 11:42 AM

CB

“*Elinor was a true southern lady and friend. She fought a valiant battle with cancer for many years.I think she had her angel wings many years ago.*

God's Peace .

Carolyn Brandt

Carolyn Brandt - September 26, 2017 at 10:49 AM

DF

“ *Designers Touch Florist lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown*



Designers Touch Florist - September 26, 2017 at 09:20 AM

RB

“ *Elinor and Paul were among the first friends I knew when I married Lamar and came to live in Walhalla. She was a true lady, in every sense of the word. I know she is where she wanted to be, in Heaven forever.*



Rosemary Bailes - September 26, 2017 at 08:50 AM

JS

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Brown. She was my first grade teacher and I have fond memories of her as my favorite teacher. My prayers are with the family.*



Jana Chastain Siverling - September 26, 2017 at 08:14 AM

MS

“ *Mary Stoudemire Sprouse lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown*



Mary Stoudemire Sprouse - September 26, 2017 at 06:39 AM

ML

“ Martha Ledford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown



Martha Ledford - September 26, 2017 at 12:21 AM

WB

“ Wayne Barton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown



Wayne Barton - September 25, 2017 at 10:47 PM

VW

“ Virginia (Hall) Weeks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown



virginia (Hall) weeks - September 25, 2017 at 10:25 PM

OL

“ Owen and Sue Ledford lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Brown.



Owen and Sue Ledford - September 25, 2017 at 09:15 PM

CP

“ *Cornelia Aimar Pepper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown*



Cornelia Aimar Pepper - September 25, 2017 at 09:04 PM

AO

“ *Anne Opperman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown*



Anne Opperman - September 25, 2017 at 08:31 PM

BL

“ *Bobbie Ledford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown*



Bobbie Ledford - September 25, 2017 at 07:17 PM

DA

“ *Don & Darlene Albertson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown*



Don & Darlene Albertson - September 25, 2017 at 06:39 PM

BM

“ *Been a great joy to be in Fellowship Sunday school class with Elinor. She always added so much to First Baptist. No doubt in my mind that Elinor is in her Fathers Presence, enjoying the rewards of her life choice to believe in Jesus Christ!*

Bob and Mary Zoe Moss

Bobby Moss - September 25, 2017 at 06:32 PM



“ *Becky Manley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown*



Becky Manley - September 25, 2017 at 05:29 PM

LS

“ *L Carol Shealy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown*



L Carol Shealy - September 25, 2017 at 05:24 PM

BJ

“ *Becky Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown*



Becky Johnson - September 25, 2017 at 05:23 PM

SD

“ Sonya Dobson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown



Sonya Dobson - September 25, 2017 at 04:49 PM

JS

“ Jake And Faye Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown



Jake and Faye Smith - September 25, 2017 at 04:38 PM

NJ

“ Nina James lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown



Nina James - September 25, 2017 at 04:34 PM

JW

“ Julian & Deweena Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown



julian & deweena williams - September 25, 2017 at 04:17 PM

KJ

“ *Kenny Johns lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown*



Kenny Johns - September 25, 2017 at 04:06 PM

KS

“ *Kay Lusk Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elinor Johnson Brown*



Kay Lusk Sanders - September 25, 2017 at 04:05 PM