

Celebrating THE LIFE OF

Cleo “Beth” Smoot Johnson passed peacefully in Springville on Friday, July 14, surrounded by family. She was born August 23, 1928 in Provo, Utah to Douglas Parley and Jenny Hallam Smoot. She was the oldest of 3 children, followed by Norma and Douglas.

Beth grew up in Provo until her sophomore year when her family moved to Springville. She graduated from Springville High School as Valedictorian of her class in 1946. She studied shorthand and typing. Her first job after high school was at Hill Air Force Base, she also worked later at Geneva Steel.

She married Edwin Junior Johnson on November 6, 1946 in the Salt Lake City Temple. They made their home in Springville with their four children: Michael, Valerie, Jennie and Shelli.

Together Ed and Beth purchased Johnson Tire in 1964 from Ed’s parents, who started the business in 1924. They worked side by side for the next 4 decades building their family and their business. Beth was a sharp businesswoman and dedicated mother, balancing home and work life effortlessly. She valued her friendships and was a member of both a ladies lunch and couple’s dinner club for over 60 years. Because of their service to the community, Ed and Beth were honored as Springville Citizens of the Year in 2009.

Beth loved her family dearly, her motto was, “Family first, faith second and whatever the Lord blesses you with next.” She was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, serving in many callings, but her favorite was being a visiting teacher. She enjoyed spending time with family which included many weekends in Pine Hollow at their cabin. She loved Sunday afternoons on her patio enjoying Otter Pops with family. She loved her family and was always supporting her grandkid’s activities. She never missed a Jazz or University of Utah football game.

Beth was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin, her son Michael, son-in-law Charles Gay, her parents, siblings, in-laws, and a great-grandson, Britton Ivie. She is survived by her 3 daughters, Valerie (Robert) Jackson of Springville, Jennie Gay of Spanish Fork, Shelli (Nels) Jensen of Bothwell, daughter-in-law Christine Johnson of Springville, sister-in-law Helen Johnson Moon. 16 grandchildren; Scott, Keli, Riley, Rebecca, Kyle, Stacy, Todd, Jeff, Adrienne, April, Rachelle, Melanie, Amelia, Lindsey, Jillian and Dallin. 43 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren.

We would like to give a special thank you to Hollie Tanner, a sweet neighbor who cared for her, Symbii Hospice, especially Bellinda, Monique and Corey for their kind and loving care and Heritage Gardens of Springville who cared for her the last few months of her life.



Cleo “Beth” Smoot Johnson

August 23, 1928 – July 14, 2023



Pallbearers



Todd Jackson
Dallin Jensen
Riley Johnson

Jeffrey Jackson
Scott Johnson
Kyle Johnson

Honorary Pallbearers



Nels Jensen
Brad Johnson
Simonè Conti
Max Morgan
Axel Clifford

Robert Jackson
Cameron Potter
Shane Lane
Buddy Ivie
Jeff Park

Jim Hudson

Interment



Evergreen Cemetery
Springville, Utah

Dedication of the Grave.....Jeffrey Jackson (Grandson)

Funeral Services



Saturday, July 29, 2023 • 11:00 a.m.
Springville Stake Center
245 South 600 East, Springville, UT

Presiding..... President Clint Mortensen
Conducting..... Bishop Riley Johnson (Grandson)
Family Prayer..... Scott Johnson (Grandson)
Prelude Music.....Judy James
Chorister.....Liana Jackson (Granddaughter-in-law)



Opening Hymn Hymn #2
“The Spirit of God”
InvocationJeff Park (Grandson-in-law)
Life SketchTodd Jackson (Grandson)
Speaker Jillian Lane (Granddaughter)
Speaker Riley Johnson (Grandson)
Musical Number.....Richard James & Joe Stoddard
“Because I Have Been Given Much”
accompanied by Judy James
Speakers Valerie Jackson, Jennie Gay,
& Shelli Jensen (Daughters)
Closing Remarks President Clint Mortensen
Closing Hymn.....Hymn #166
“Abide With Me!”
Benediction.....Dallin Jensen (Grandson)