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## Lydia Johnson Obituary

Lydia Lea Johnson passed away Thursday afternoon, August 12, 2021 in the presence of her loving family in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. She was 89 years old.

Born June 9, 1932 in Fort Smith, Arkansas, Lydia was the daughter of John and Cora (Creekmore) Barker. She played basketball competitively for the Mountainburg Dragons. Lydia graduated from Mountainburg High School with the Class of 1950. It was there she met the love of her life, Bob Wesley Johnson. The couple were married January 19, 1952 in Crawford County, Arkansas. They shared over 62 wonderful years together.

Bob's career in the airline industry brought the couple to Tulsa in 1966. This was quite convenient since Lydia love to travel, especially to Hawaii. Bob adored Lydia and worked hard to make all her dreams come true. Known to be a working woman, Lydia was employed by Amerada Hess Oil Company as their librarian. She also worked for Cessna Aircraft while living in Wichita.

Lydia spent most of her retirement years spoiling her grandchildren. She also worked hard running the Little Canaan Land Daycare at their church. Bob and Lydia were devout Christians and longtime members of the Jenks Freewill Baptist Church.

Lydia enjoyed photography, decorating wedding cakes, and sewing beautiful clothes for her children. It was so important that everybody matched while on vacation! Lydia will not soon be forgotten by a host of beloved family and friends to cherish her memory.

Survivors include her five children, Beth Banks of Tulsa, Jan Bender of Sand Springs, John Johnson of Jenks, Leann Stephens of Stillwater, and Tammy Parsons of Tulsa; her grandchildren, Whitney Brooks, Victoria Secrest, Lindsay Barron, Cole Stephens, Arin Johnson, Zach Bender, Wyatt Nance, and Ethan Nance; 17 great grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren; and her brother, Monroe Barker of Arkansas.



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Lydia was preceded in death by her husband, Bob; her grandson, Corey; as well as many other family members.

A memorial ceremony honoring Lydia's life will be held 2 PM Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at the Rivercrest Chapel in Bixby. Lydia will be laid to rest with her husband in the Bixby Cemetery.

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**Tara Byrom** posted:

Ms. Lea gave me my first job working with children. It was in that first job I discovered my passion for working with kids and ultimately lead to my career now. Ms. Lea was a kind and faithful leader- a TRUE woman of FAITH. Always setting the best example for how to make a difference in the life of a child-bc she made a difference in mine. I remember being in high school and one day she stopped me at church and pulled me to the side and said "I know you were made by God to make a difference and I want you to know I'm proud of the woman you are growing up to be". I've thought about this many, MANY times throughout my adult life. How lucky I was to have so many women of faith praying for me as I was growing up. The news of her passing brings mixed emotions.I say this bc I know her death means the loss of such a beautiful life here on earth, but Heaven has gained such a beautiful ANGEL. I look forward to having a cup of coffee together when I get there. Love you Ms. Lea. ❤️

August 15 at 7:52 AM



# Media

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