



## Ann Gardner Johnson

October 4, 1945 - August 6, 2021

Ann Gardner Johnson, 75 of Frankfort, KY, formerly of Paris, KY went to be with her Lord on Friday, August 6, 2021 at Central Baptist Hospital following a short illness.

She was the daughter of the late Nancy Miller Poe and Robert Brown Gardner. She is survived by her daughters, Michele Noel (Mike), Lori Durham (Patrick) Grandchildren: Emily Bryant (Shawn), Katelyn Smith (Hayden), Brandon Smith (Cassie), Laura Durham (Alisha), Megan Fallis (Doug). Great-Grandchildren: Jacqueline Sue Smith, Kolton Layne Bryant. Niece, Patricia Davis, Nephew, Billy Davis, and many dear friends, including the extended family from across the yard.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Brown Gardner, mother, Nancy Miller Poe, sister Nancy Brown Davis (Randy), brother Robert Bradford Gardner (Estrella) and son, James Howard Johnson.

She retired from Ky State Government after 37 years of service and went on to graduate college to be a surgical technician and medical billing and coding specialist.

Ann was a member of Bridgeport Christian Church and choir, Sweet Adeline's choir, and had a love of theatre spanning over forty years. She won an Oscar

for Best Actress in the rendition of “The Tide Shall Cover the Earth”.

Her love of cemetery preservation started while working at the Kentucky Historical Society. She created her own business called Sacred Ground and would give presentations upon request of the importance of laws and how to properly maintain a family cemetery. She created the Frankfort Cemetery Ghost Walk that ran for two years while she was employed by the Frankfort Cemetery. She wrote the script, gathered the actors, organized the truck and wagon for the public to ride through the cemetery and hear different "ghosts" tell their tale about their life and how they passed away.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Shelby County Community Theatre.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 21st at 1 p.m at Bridgeport Christian Church, 175 Evergreen Road, Frankfort, Ky 40601. Visitation will be 11 AM till 1:00 PM. LeCompte Johnson Taylor Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **21**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bridgeport Christian  
175 Evergreen Road  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
<http://www.bridgeportchristian.org>

## Celebration of Life

AUG **21**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JR

“ Good Ole Ann. She was a sweetheart. She always had a smile on her face and a joke to share. She will be missed.

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**Jeff Rogers** - August 17, 2021 at 05:14 PM

BB

“ I met Ann when I started volunteering with Pegasus Players in Frankfort. Our shared interests were theatre, cemeteries and ghosts. I will miss her energy and sense of humor.

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**Brenda Bush** - August 13, 2021 at 08:50 AM

AH

“ Ann and I worked in Medicaid services. Her, Bonnie and I got to become friends and went on our morning breaks together. She was a very nice and fun lady. Prayers for her family

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**Ann Hulker** - August 11, 2021 at 06:07 PM

BW

“ Well, Ann, as we used to sing on the way to many a rehearsal: "Just a few more days for to tote de weary load"! You are Missed and Loved and Thanked for so many things, more than you know! "Death is not extinguishing the Light, it's putting out the Lamp because the dawn has come"! Loving Blessings and Prayers to your family! Block 15 (from "Quilters")

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**Bobbie Lee Wilson** - August 10, 2021 at 09:58 PM

MR

“ I worked with Ann in Medicaid Services for many years. Ann worked with the Family Planning program. If you asked Ann a specific question regarding birth control or any question, she would always say it's in the book on page ?!!! She was a joy to work with and loved watching her in plays.

Mary Rhodes - August 10, 2021 at 09:53 PM

RB

“ Oh Ann. You were such a sweetheart.

Reva Beagle - August 10, 2021 at 06:19 PM

PA

“ Patsymcchesney@gmail.com lit a candle in memory of Ann Gardner Johnson



patsymcchesney@gmail.com - August 10, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ Ann use to visit her grandparents , the Poes, who lived across from our family on Higgins Ave. in Paris. That's where we met her. She was one of my younger sister Becky's playmate, at the time, as they were closer in age. Her older sister Nancy was my sister Nancy's best friend. Her brother Bobby was a close friend to my brothers Joe and Jakie. Of course we all grew up and went out own ways. I have joined the group "I grew up in Paris" and became a facebook friend with Ann. It was fun remembering things from the past with her. I was so very sorry to hear of her passing. Please except my condolences. Marilyn Elvove Crouch.

Marilyn Crouch - August 10, 2021 at 02:37 PM

VL

“ Virginia Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Ann Gardner Johnson



Virginia Lloyd - August 10, 2021 at 02:25 PM

VL

*I met Ann at Paris High School our Junior year. She was very friendly and welcoming to a new student. We kept in touch through high school reunions and several times meeting for lunch with other classmates. The last time I saw Ann was 3 or 4 years ago at the Woodford County Theatre at one of the plays she had come to see. She sent me sweet messages on Facebook last year when I was going through treatment for cancer. I appreciated her prayers and support. Ann was a beautiful person with a big heart and a great laugh and smile. Much love and sympathy to her family..*

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Virginia Lloyd - August 10, 2021 at 02:34 PM

JM

“ I am sorry to hear this; Ann was a lovely person.

*Jim McWilliams*

Jim McWilliams - August 10, 2021 at 01:37 PM