



Esther May (Herbert) Johnston

October 26, 1934 - August 20, 2022

Esther May Johnston, age 87, passed away on Saturday, August 20, 2022 at Abrazo Arrowhead Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona. She was born in St. Louis, Missouri on October 26, 1934 to Pearl and Anthony Herbert.

In 1951 she married Theodore Briener. Together, they have five children, Anthony, Diana, Albert, Barbara, and John Sr.

After Theodore passed, leaving her a widow, she remarried Alva Johnston. He passed in 2012. During their time together, she worked as a production worker putting spines on books. She retired and became a homemaker.

After Alva passed, Esther moved to Phoenix, Arizona with her youngest son, where she enjoyed going to the senior and making crafts.

Esther is survived by her two brothers Albert and Ted along with her children, Diana, Barbara (David), and John Sr. (Veronica). She is also survived by her grandchildren, Linda, Angela, Sherry, Mandy, Amy, Glenn, Danielle, Gary, Christine, David Jr., Daniel, Esther, John Jr., Jazmin, Dora and Michael. She is also survived by her 30 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Esther is preceded in death by her parents Pearl & Anthony Herbert, her

sisters Ruth and Juanita, her brother James Owens, and her sons, Anthony and Albert.

Esther was a bright soul who brought a smile to everyone she met. Her love for butterflies and hummingbirds will never be forgotten, nor will her, “Hi Babe” to everyone she spoke with.

Funeral Services for Esther May (Herbert) Johnston were held Friday, September 02, 2022 in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor Jim Privett officiating. Song selections played were “This World Is Not My Home” and “Gathering Flowers For The Master’s Bouquet”. Serving as Pallbearers were John Briener, David Todahl Sr., Glenn Protte, Michael Briener, Raymond Briener, and David Todahl Jr. Burial was in the New Harmony Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Online condolences may be entered at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

New Harmony Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.
Post Office Box 45
Salem, MO 65560
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Funeral Service

SEP 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Service*



Wilson Mortuary - September 06, 2022 at 10:32 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Esther May (Herbert) Johnston*.



September 01, 2022 at 09:54 AM



“ *Rest in peace great grandma Esther. Love you So much. I will carry on this family and protect them.*



Samantha Nicole Davis (great granddaugh - August 31, 2022 at 11:36 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Esther May (Herbert) Johnston*.



August 31, 2022 at 05:07 PM

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“ *Love, Al, Pam, Donna and families purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Esther May (Herbert) Johnston.*



Love, Al, Pam, Donna and families - August 30, 2022 at 09:04 PM