



## Verda Lucille (Johnson) Ratliff

June 25, 1923 - August 29, 2020

Verda Lucille (Johnson) Ratliff was born on June 25, 1923 to Everett James and Anna Hester (Mason) Johnson in Oates, Missouri and passed away on August 29, 2020 at the Meadowbrook Residential Care Facility in Pilot Knob, Missouri at the age of ninety-seven years.

Verda was born and raised on the family farm in Oates, Missouri. She was one of eleven who grew up learning the virtues of hard work, honesty, and the importance of family. Verda was united in marriage to the love of her life, Golden Ratliff, on October 22, 1945 in Bunker, Missouri. Together they shared thirty-eight years of memories before his passing on January 17, 1984 and were blessed with one son: Lyndle.

Verda spent her life taking care of her family as a homemaker. She loved her family deeply and invested her life in creating a loving home for her husband, son, and for a short time, her infant nephew, Kenny. Verda loved being at home and could be found in the kitchen baking family meals. As her family grew, she looked forward to having family gatherings and spending time with them; especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Verda liked to sew and outfitted her family and others in the community, she was truly a master seamstress. Verda discovered a passion for quilting and over the years has sewn countless beautiful quilts and pillows for her family

and friends. She enjoyed spending time outdoors and took great pride in her garden and flower beds.

Verda was a woman of faith, she loved studying the Bible and took several Bible courses. In her early years, she attended Little Vine United Baptist Church and later Locust Grove United Baptist Church. Verda truly enjoyed worshipping the Lord and the fellowship. She was a member of the VFW Woman's Auxiliary in Bunker, MO.

Verda is survived by her loving son: Lyndle Ratliff and wife Janet of Oates, MO; two brothers: John Johnson of Bruner, MO and Gary Johnson and wife Linda of Salem, MO; three sisters: Phoebe White of Farmington, MO, Clara Hawkinson and husband Dennis of Marshfield, MO, and Margie Hammons and husband Bill of Salem, MO; one sister-in-law: Charlene Johnson of Springfield, MO; two grandchildren: Lyn Ratliff and Tamara Wilgers of St. Louis, MO and Leah Woods and husband Wayne of Oates, MO; nine great-grandchildren: Lauren Lusk and husband Nelson, Jacob Ratliff, Hannah Maize and husband David, Brandon Woods, Ashlyn Hubbs and husband Brant, Sarah McMillan and husband Caleb, Abbey Woods, Sydney Woods, and Damien Woods; four great-great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death, husband: Golden Ratliff; parents: Everett and Anna Johnson; siblings: Carl, Louise, Dorothy, Elmo, and Willy; grandson-in-law: Derrick May; and nephew: Kenny Johnson.

Verda was blessed to live a long and happy life. Despite some of the challenges along the way, she lived well, loved deeply and always found a way to smile at life's challenges. She left an indelible mark on every member of her family and all her friends. Those who are left to mourn her passing, will forever be grateful for her life and will miss her deeply.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Verda Lucille Ratliff to the Alzheimer's Association and may be left at Wilson Mortuary.

Online condolences maybe made at [www.wilsonmortuary.com](http://www.wilsonmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Greeley Cemetery

Bunker, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem  
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.  
Post Office Box 45  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-5555  
<https://www.wilsonmortuary.com/>

## Service

SEP 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ 76 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Wilson Mortuary** - August 31, 2020 at 07:56 PM

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“ *Deborah Johnson-Province & Michael purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Verda Lucille (Johnson) Ratliff.*



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**Deborah Johnson-Province & Michael** - August 31, 2020 at 04:21 PM

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“ *Verda was such a sweet lady. We loved her at Meadowbrook and was blessed to have cared for her. We will miss her*

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“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Verda Lucille (Johnson) Ratliff.*



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August 30, 2020 at 04:04 PM