



## Ruth (Latimore) Johnson

September 26, 2024

Ruth (Latimore) Johnson passed away on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at the Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, PA. Daughter of the late Edward H. Latimore and late Bonnie (Browneller) Latimore, Ruth was born in Charleroi, PA, in 1949, and raised in Rostraver Township, PA. She graduated from Belle Vernon High School in 1966. She then earned both her bachelor's (1970) and master's (1974) degrees in education from West Virginia University.

At the urging of a childhood friend who was already living there, Ruth moved to Charlotte, NC, in 1974. It was there that Ruth met her husband Anthony (Tony) Johnson. Ruth and Tony were happily married for 39 years. Tony's work in the computer field took Ruth and Tony all over the world. They also enjoyed many good times on their sailboat on Lake Norman, Charlotte.

Ruth lived and worked in Charlotte for over 40 years and in the process, developed a bona fide Southern accent. A nationally certified teacher, Ruth taught second grade at Lansdowne Elementary School, Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District for a large majority of her career, making a difference in hundreds of young lives. She moved to the Masonic Village in 2019 to be near family following Tony's death.

Ruth was a member of the Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC for over 40 years. She grew up in the Rehoboth Presbyterian Church in Belle

Vernon, PA.

Ruth had a wonderful personality and sense of humor and loved to laugh. Family members and her doctor commented that even in her final days, she still had a smile for them when they entered the room. Ruth loved to work in her yard, often staying outside until it was too dark to see, and loved to read, always having a stack of books and magazines at hand.

Ruth is survived by her brother, William Hurst Latimore (Nancy), niece, Sarah Latimore, and nephew, David Latimore (Marissa).

A Memorial Service honoring Ruth will be held at the Sell Chapel, Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., with visitation with the family at 1:00 p.m. Interment will be at a later date at the West Newton Cemetery, West Newton, PA.

The Memorial Service will be live-streamed starting at 2:00 p.m.  
Please visit <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/a24101468360636>

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **26**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Sell Chapel of Masonic Villages  
200 Freemason Drive  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

## Memorial Service

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth (Latimore) Johnson*



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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - October 22, 2024 at 08:21 PM

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*My dear friend, Curtie! We had so much fun going to the Red Rooster in Greensburg, watching Mr.Weirs office in Highschool, and of course Peter,Paul, and Mary concerts !!! RIP my dear friend !*

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**Charlene Staff Stock** - October 22, 2024 at 07:26 PM

BC

“ *Barbara Crutchfield purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ruth (Latimore) Johnson.*



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**Barbara Crutchfield** - October 24, 2024 at 02:21 PM



“ 29 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**The Groff's Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - October 22, 2024 at 03:57 PM

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“ *She was a classy lady that I enjoyed caring for at the Masonic Village!  
Bill and Nancy are to be commended also for their great love and care for her!*

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**Glenda Heisey** - October 13, 2024 at 05:38 PM