



Helen G. Johnson

October 17, 1919 - January 3, 2011

WEST STEWARTSTOWN, NH – Mrs. Helen G. Johnson, 91, passed away on Monday afternoon, January 3, 2011, at the Coös County Nursing Hospital in West Stewartstown, with her loving family by her side.

She was born in Watertown, Mass., on October 17, 1919, a daughter of the late Raymond and Laura (Bugden) Goodale. She was a 1936 graduate of Newton, Mass., High School where she was a 3-letter varsity athlete in lacrosse, field hockey and basketball. She married Leonard F. Johnson in 1941.

While raising her family in Auburndale, Mass., her working career was in municipal government, first as a clerk in the Newton City Hall, and later as an administrative assistant for the Bedford Office of Public Health from which she retired. Helen also lived in Wells, Me., for a period of time, and then moved to Sunapee, NH, in 1978 to live with her daughter. She had been a resident at the Coös County Nursing Hospital since 2004.

Helen's hobbies included painting and woodworking, and she liked to watch horse racing, even enjoying an occasional trip to the track. She enjoyed playing cards and Scrabble; and she cherished her time spent with her sisters.

Family members include her daughter, Karen L. Atwood of Sunapee, NH; two

sons, William Johnson and wife Elaina of Columbia, NH, and Russell Johnson and wife Kathy of Columbia; two brothers, Calvin Goodale of Brockton, Mass., and William Goodale of Sequim, Wash.; a sister-in-law, Doris Ahearn of Falmouth, Mass., nine grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Leonard, in 1958; and by her siblings, Jean Simmons, Margaret Garafalo, Louise Duris and Raymond Goodale, Jr.

There are no calling hours. A funeral service will be held at the Chapel of the Newton Cemetery on Walnut Street in Newton Center, Mass., on Saturday, January 8, 2011, at 1 p.m., with The Rev. Alice Roberts officiating. Burial will immediately follow at the Newton Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mrs. Johnson may be made to Coös County Nursing Hospital, P.O. Box 10, West Stewartstown, NH 03597.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Tribute Wall



“ *Our deepest condolences to the whole family on your loss.##imported-begin##Haven & Peggy Haynes##imported-end##*

January 10, 2011 at 01:37 AM



“ *My Aunt Helen was a strong, determined, and fun person to be admired and loved. I have many fond memories of her and all of them involved the Goodale Clan at one function or another, laughing, always laughing. I am saddened that the last of my four wonderful aunts are gone now, as are my mother and father. I can only hope that they have met once again and are giving God something to laugh about also. I will always love and remember my Goodale aunts and uncles. They were an incredible family. After the second world war, I remember the family times when the cousins would be in the parlor, supposedly sleeping, while they played cards, sipped their drinks, smoked the cigarettes of the times and played cards, periodically hooting and laughing. Sometimes, they would sing along with the radio or jump up and dance to the big bands playing on the radio. I treasure the memories of those times and so many others. Cousins and spouses and kids, we must get together more and share our stories and do our own laughing. The time is short and the time does fly. My most sincere and loving condolences to my Uncles Bill and Cal and all the family members of Aunt Helen. She was special; she was loved; and she rests in peace. God smiles upon her. Maybe He even laughs with her. Hugs and Love, Janet##imported-begin##Janet Goodale Griffin-Smith##imported-end##*

January 09, 2011 at 07:49 PM



“ I am terribly saddened by the loss of Helen. Always loved and respected as a friend, a woman and an individual, her courage, energy, independence and playful antics were an inspiration. May the sisters be together at the card table once again ~ smile.##imported-begin##Heather Johnson##imported-end##

January 07, 2011 at 06:16 PM



“ We will miss you Mom. You are the last of the 3 Muskateers and the last of four sisters. You didn't have an easy life but you made the best of it and spread alot of cheer and fun throughout your life. Thanks for being so good for my children and spreading your love for fun and laughter (and the Red Sox) to them.

Love,

Karen##imported-begin##Karen##imported-end##

January 07, 2011 at 01:26 PM



“ To Bill and Elaina and family and the rest of the Johnson family. I send you my deepest condolences in the loss your mother. May you be comforted with memories and the strength of having family around you during this time of great loss. Our prayers are with you. Sincerely, Lori (formerly of Columbia)##imported-begin##Lori Parkhurst Berry MacDonald##imported-end##

January 05, 2011 at 12:22 PM



“ *Bill & Elaina - thoughts and prayers at this time of your loss.##imported-begin##Ginger Jannenga##imported-end##*

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