



Teresa S. Johnston

February 2, 1927 - April 30, 2016

Mary Teresa Smith Johnston stepped into the presence of her Lord and Savior on Saturday, April 30, 2016. Next to Jesus, the love of her life was her husband of 69 years, James R. Johnston. "The minute I laid eyes on him, I told my roommate that I was going to marry that man," and that she did! They enjoyed life together serving their Lord by singing in the choir, sharing their faith in Christ, and serving their community. Teresa enjoyed God's creation through flower gardening, watching the hummingbirds and traveling the world with J. R. They were the epitome of true love from the moment they met at Mississippi College.

Teresa was born on February 2, 1927 to Alfred Leon Smith, Sr. and Zelma McKenzie Smith on the family farm in Oma, (Lawrence County) Mississippi. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her three younger siblings, Ella Virginia Smith Goble, Alfred Leon Smith, Jr, and Clovis Benson Smith.

Teresa is survived by her husband, James R. (J.R.) Johnston of Huntsville, TX, sister-in-laws Jo Ann Smith of Littleton, NC, and Loraine Padelford of Pearl, MS, niece Jo Smith Read of Bracey, VA, nephews Keith Wayne Barfield of Katy, TX, Marc Padelford of Pearl, MS, and Walton Padelford of Jackson, TN, and numerous friends.

The service to celebrate Teresa's life is Friday, May 6 at Sam Houston

Memorial Funeral Home with Pastor Ken Bugh officiating. Visitation is 2:00pm and the funeral is at 3:00pm. Interment will follow at Brooke Cemetery in Huntsville, TX. Pallbearers are Bill Hyman, Clyde Loll, Thomas Leeper, Eric Thomas, David Ward, and Wayne Barrett. Honorary pallbearers are Norman Ward, Carol Williams, Dr. Jack Staggs, Bobby Cooper, Grady Easley and Jack Heintschel.

Teresa loved church missions so in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Baptist Church, 1229 Avenue J, Huntsville TX 77340 or Pastor Ken Bugh, 1071 Elkins Lake, Huntsville, TX 77340 memo: Carriage Inn Missions-Teresa Johnston, or a mission of your choice.

Thank you to Ken and Liz Bugh, Bill and Carol Hyman, Clyde and Stacey Loll, and Wayne and Sherri Barrett; as well as Dr. Tremor, Huntsville Memorial Hospital, A-Med Hospice, and Carriage Inn.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Brooke Cemetery

672 FM 980
Huntsville, TX 77320

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfm.com

Service

MAY 6. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Teresa S. Johnston*



Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - May 03, 2016 at 12:07 PM



“ *Teresa S. Johnston*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear JR,*

I am so very sorry for your loss! I could see how you and Teresa loved each other every day in all of both of your words and actions. You will be in my prayers. I miss you much!

Love, Alice Dabney Butler

Alice Butler - May 12, 2016 at 04:45 PM

KR

“ Dear J R

Teresa was such a lovely person. Always smiling and glad to see you. She will be missed by many. Our Sunday School Class was much brighter when she shared her smile and positive attitude. I'm so glad we were in church and choir together.

God bless you.

Love and prayers

Kaye Reynolds

Kaye Reynolds - May 06, 2016 at 08:37 AM



“ *Teresa was a lady in every way. I met Teresa when she volunteered at the Sam Houston Statue Visitor Center and enjoyed her personality so much. The love she and J. R. shared is not often found. This beautiful lady will be missed.*

Jeannine Jacoby - May 05, 2016 at 05:00 PM

AR

“ *What a sweet and beautiful woman. She will be missed.*

Allan Rushing - May 03, 2016 at 09:52 AM

JM

“ *Knew Teresa and J.R. at First Baptist Church and their faithful attendance in the choir. Joyce and I also enjoyed visiting with them in our travels together with AARP. They were a delightful couple and enjoyed one of the longest marriages of anyone I know. Jimmy Merchant*

Jimmy Merchant - May 02, 2016 at 04:02 PM

CB

Loving thoughts to Uncle JR. Keith and Carolyn Barfield, Lauren, Sara and Kai

Carolyn Barfield - May 03, 2016 at 09:53 PM

CC

“ *Kindness and gentleness personified in this sweet lady. Rest in peace.*

Cynthia Cross - May 02, 2016 at 12:36 AM

NG

“ *I came to know and love Miss Theresa while visiting my mom (Donna) at Carriage Inn. She was always the perfect example of a Christian woman and a southern lady. I loved her laugh, especially the day she played the piano. She was quick to find the best in every situation and tried to help others see that too. My family will be praying for Mr. JR as he misses her and waits for the wonderful reunion they will have someday.*

Nancy Gatk

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Nancy Gatlin - May 01, 2016 at 08:20 PM