



## Mary Juliann "Julia" Johnson

November 15, 1929 - April 21, 2023

Mary Juliann (Julia) Johnson, age 93, of Bowling Green, passed away peacefully at her home on April 21, 2023. Funeral services will be Saturday, April 29 at 11:00 am at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green, with Greg Wyble officiating. Visitation will precede the funeral from 9:00 – 11:00 am. Burial will be in the Edgewood Cemetery.

Julia was born November 15, 1929 in Cyrene, the daughter of William Henry and Mary Roselpia Dietzman Woodward, the youngest of 12. On March 25th, 1949, she married her high school sweetheart, Billy (Bill) Gene Johnson. They were married 67 years before his death in 2016.

Julia is survived by her daughter, Debbie Tophinke (Chuck); grandchildren: Jennifer Ogden, Nicole Tophinke, Kim Curtis (Terry) and Kelli Rushin (Jeff); great grandchildren: Blake Curtis, Cody Curtis, and Karli Rushin; two great great grandchildren, six sisters-in-law, and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bill; daughter, Donna Johnson Holton; siblings Charles Woodward, Clarence Woodward, William Woodward, Bessie Woodward Guinn, Thomas Woodward, Homer Woodward, George Woodward, John Woodward, Hattie Woodward Bass, Henry Woodward, and twin brother Marion Woodward.

Julia was raised in the Cyrene/Edgewood area and attended Rockford School and Eolia High School, where she played basketball during her high school years. She moved to Eolia after she and Bill were married, then moved to Bowling Green in 1995. She helped Bill on the farm for over 40 years and accompanied him most of time when he hauled livestock. Julia also worked at Stark Bros. Nursery.

Julia loved her family. Her favorite times were spent with family and friends and she always looked forward to family gatherings. She was a wonderful cook, and enjoyed hunting, gardening, camping, playing cards, mushroom hunting, and any outdoor activity. Julia was also an avid Mizzou basketball fan. She had a love for horses and enjoyed helping Bill with the livestock. She will be sincerely missed by her family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Chuck Tophinke, Bennie Reid, Junior Johnson, Ralph Penrod, Gene Arens and Gaylord White.

Memorials may be made to Pike County Home Health and Hospice or Edgewood Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Edgewood Cemetery

Edgewood, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 29. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC - Bowling Green  
606 West Main Street  
Bowling Green, MO 63334  
(573) 324-2211  
office@bibbveach.com  
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## Funeral Service

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## Burial

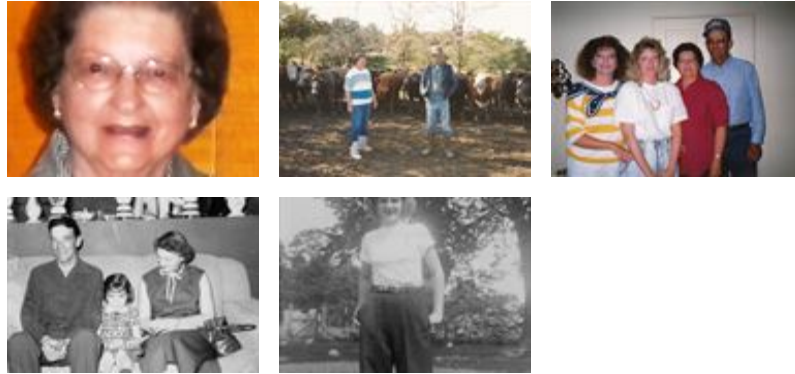
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Edgewood Cemetery  
Edgewood, MO

# Tribute Wall



“ 93 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's, LLC.** - April 27, 2023 at 02:58 PM

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“ *li was privileged to work with Julia at Stark Bros. I enjoyed knowing her and Hattie. Wonderful memories.*

**Zella (Hickey) Eliason** - April 26, 2023 at 12:15 PM

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“ *Debbie Jean, So sorry to hear about your mom. She was a nice lady. I remember all the times that I stayed at your house. I so much fun there. Prayers for you and your family.*  
*Debby Colbert Pieper*

**Debby Colbert Pieper** - April 26, 2023 at 12:40 AM

DT

*Thank you.*

**Debbie Tophinke** - April 30, 2023 at 04:55 PM

PP

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. May you Rest in Peace, Julia.*



Peggy Perkins - April 25, 2023 at 05:23 PM

DT

*Thank you*

Debbie Tophinke - April 30, 2023 at 04:58 PM



“ *Larry-Nancy Nation lit a candle in memory of Mary Juliann "Julia" Johnson*



Larry-Nancy Nation - April 25, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Juliann "Julia" Johnson.*



April 25, 2023 at 12:31 PM