



## Ava Ruth Sawyer Johnson

August 15, 1927 - August 8, 2015

Ava Ruth Sawyer Johnson, age 87, entered into rest with her Lord on August 8, 2015 after a brief illness. She was born in Lamont, FL and longtime resident of Tallahassee. Ava Ruth a 1945 graduate of Jefferson County High School. Employed with the State of Florida, Department of Corrections and Department of Transportation. Also been employed with FSU Registrar Office. She attended Florida State College for Women. Anyone who knew Ava Ruth knew that she was an avid FSU fan, "Go Noles" and she expressed her patriotism by wearing Red, White and Blue. Ava Ruth was a member of First Baptist Church for over 64 years and a member of the Anita Robert's Sunday School Class; and she and her husband were actively involved with the International Students; serving refreshments to the Adult Choir members. She was preceded in death by her parents, W.D. "Douglas" and Ava Elverda Cook Sawyer; her beloved husband of 32 years, Bill C. Johnson. Ava Ruth is survived by her son, George "Smitty" Johnson (Dottie) of Leesburg, GA, two daughters, Ava Elverda Johnson Dunaway and Sallie Ruth Johnson, who lived with her mom and was her travel buddy, both of Tallahassee; grandchildren, Lee Johnson (Millie), Samuel Johnson (Candace), Ava Dunaway and Sara Dunaway; seven great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at First Baptist Church, the family will receive friends following the service. Ava Ruth was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, a friend and someone whom never met a stranger. If there was ever a Christian Seminole fan with a sweet

loving heart, she was the one whom experienced and expressed it every day. She has now reached the end of her journey of life, to be with her Lord and Savior; and her husband, Bill, and all those whom went before her. She will greatly be missed by those who loved and knew her. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church or the charity of your choice. Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. ([www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com) 850-385-2193)

# Tribute Wall

PB

“ *Sallie, I am so sorry for your loss. I just saw it on Facebook. I loved your Mother, her smiles, laughs and how she loved my Uncle Millard and Anita Roberts. You were a daughter extraordinaire. You were there for her in wonderful ways. Our Seminole family has lost a true, loyal fan. You, your family and friends are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Phil*

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**Phil Barco** - August 30, 2015 at 12:29 AM

KC

“ *My first state job was in 1971 with the Department of Transportation, in the Right of Way Department. I was 25 and inexperienced in working in state government. Ava Ruth was my mentor. She taught me so much in the way of what was expected of me and the importance of doing it correctly. I worked 35 years in various state agencies and retired as an Executive Assistant. I give Ava Ruth much credit for her patience and work ethic in teaching me in those early years. My knowledge of Ava Ruth was strictly on an office/professional level, but I knew she was a Christian and I am happy she has met our Savior. We will see her again. Karen McKinnie Curry*

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**Karen Curry** - August 14, 2015 at 07:34 PM

MS

“ *The last time we at Undivided Ministries sang in Tallahassee, it was cold, wet and raining.....Mrs. Johnson arrived in her wheel chair, being pushed by her daughter Sallie and told me she was here to hear some great Christian Music and couldn't wait to get to the event, which was held at the American Legion hall. She enjoyed every song and was one of the very last to leave, cheering us on in the worship of our Jesus. Sick, in a wheel chair and not feeling well, this amazing lady lifted ALL of our spirits by her smile, her presence and her determination to be involved! What a lady, what an Overcomer -- this song is our tribute to her, we hope you watch, listen and think of Mrs. Ava Ruth*

*Our tribute to this wonderful lady -- a true Overcomer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t32gFMW3qpM>*

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**Michael Scott** - August 10, 2015 at 10:15 PM

SA

“ *Ava Ruth will be so missed by our family. She was always encouraging each of us to bring our families to the little church built by our ancestors to the Adams-Dekle reunion in Coolidge Ga. Even after she turned over the responsibility she was there every year. Thank you Ava Ruth for showing us loyalty to family. ❤️*

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**Sandra Aschoff** - August 10, 2015 at 06:17 PM