



## Eloise 'Possum' Johnson

April 21, 1939 - September 6, 2021

Eloise "Possum" Johnson, age 82, of Colt, died Monday, September 6, 2021, at the St. Bernard's Hospital in Jonesboro. She had been in poor health for the past several years.

Ms. Johnson was born April 21, 1939, in Forrest City, and was the daughter of Tom Johnson and Irene McDaniel Johnson. She lived in St. Francis County all of her life and enjoyed crossword puzzles, her flowers, and especially loved her cat, Baby.

She was a feisty, free spirited woman. In her earlier years she worked as a bouncer at the local nightclubs. She was well known and never met a stranger. She loved cooking and had been known to blow up a few microwaves in her time. She loved her family and especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ms. Johnson is survived by one brother, James Franklin 'Butch' Johnson of Augusta, Arkansas, three grandsons; Micheal Mellow, Brandon Scalf, and wife, Rebecca, and Randall Lipe, and six great-grandchildren; Johnathan Scalf, Reighlynn Varner, Conner Mellow, McKinley Mellow, Bentley Scalf, and Hudson Reyer. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers; Tommy Johnson and Ralph 'Pete' Johnson, and one daughter, Teddy Chapman.

Services will be held Graveside, 11:00 A.M., Friday, at the Lindsey Cemetery in Forrest City. Visitation will be Friday, 10:00 A.M., at Stevens Funeral Home, with Stevens Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. You may log on to [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net) for the online registry.

# Cemetery Details

## Lindsey

Forrest City, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Stevens Funeral Home  
220 North Washington  
Forrest City, AR 72335  
(870) 633-5400  
info@stevensfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.stevensfuneralhome.net/>

## Graveside Service

SEP 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lindsey Cemetery  
Barrow Hill Road  
Forrest City, AR

## Interment

SEP 10 (CT)

Lindsey Cemetery  
Barrow Hill Road  
Forrest City, AR



# Tribute Wall

GF

“ *Possum was a neighbor and would stop by from time to time. She taught me how to swing a baseball bat, throw a baseball, and taught me how to catch balls. These skills helped me play summer ball for 20 years.*

*She did odd jobs around our farm, and I would help her pull watermelons and load them on Mr Tom's truck. Her work ethic was focused and never quit till the job was complete! Never a dull moment passed without a good laugh or two.*

*I thank God for her as a good neighbor. She would honk her horn and wave when she drove by and from time to time she would stop to give me gum and candies.*

*God please bless her soul!*

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**Gene Kathy Ficker** - December 31, 2021 at 02:13 PM

ST

“ *Michael, Brandon. and Randall grand children of Mrs. Johnson, sending my sincere condolences of the passing of your dear grandmother. I taught their late mother Teddy Ruth Mellow Chapman many years ago, Mrs. Johnson was a great room mother for Teddy, and later years Michael, Brandon they all were my second grade students at Caldwell Elementary school some years ago. They were good students and they had my heart. I pray God will give you peace and comfort today and the days ahead.*



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**Shirley Williams Thorn** - September 15, 2021 at 02:01 PM

WO

“ Wanda Oswald lit a candle in memory of  
Eloise 'Possum' Johnson



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**Wanda Oswald** - September 07, 2021 at 06:12 PM

PM

“ So sorry for your loss. So many memories of  
"Possum", from family that knew her and after  
I met her.

She was a force to be reckoned with when it  
come to her family or friends. Mike, she loved  
you dearly, as she did all of her grandchildren. Our love, thoughts,  
and prayers are with all you. Rest easy "Possum" you will be  
missed.



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**Penny Martin** - September 07, 2021 at 01:28 PM

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“ Libby Krablin lit a candle in memory of Eloise  
'Possum' Johnson



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**Libby Krablin** - September 07, 2021 at 12:15 PM