



Pearl Ritter

July 15, 1931 - February 13, 2021

Pearl Lee Ritter was born July 15, 1931, in Red Oak, Texas and passed away February 13, 2021, in Garland, Texas, at the age of 89.

Pearl was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Joe V. Ritter, son Brian Keith Ritter, her parents, Joe & Effie Johnson, brothers Walter Johnson, J.W. (Dub) Johnson and Richard Johnson.

Pearl is survived by son Tommy Ritter of McKinney, Texas, Jimmy Ritter & wife Sherry of Alba, Texas; daughter Joyce Little & husband Brent of Philadelphia, Mississippi; also survived by brother Bill Johnson & Alice of Pueblo, Colorado, sisters Mary Parker of Yantis, Texas, and JoNell Burnett & husband Bill of Pittsburgh, Texas; sister-in-laws Joyce Johnson of Duncanville, Texas and Evelyn Hamilton of Tishomingo, Oklahoma; as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Pearl was known as Granny to her 6 grandchildren: Chad, Casey, Brandy, Stephanie, Jolee, and TJ; 14 great grandchildren, Caitlyne, Cayleigh, Tyler, Colby, Trevor, Luke, Amy, Ashleigh, Jaylon, Eliana, Nathan, Micah, Kale, Keeley; and two great-great grandchildren, Xavier and Kinsler Joe.

Pearl was born the second child of seven and became a hard worker at a young age, learning to cook and care for siblings, while attending school. She became a young bride at the age of 15 and soon traveled with her husband to Arizona to work in the fields. After returning to Texas, Pearl became a young Mother. Through the years, while raising children, she worked several different places to help her husband take care of the family. Pearl worked as a seamstress at Sunny Isles. She later drove a school bus for Dallas Independent School District. When the children got a little older, she drove a dump truck, delivering sand and gravel for her husband's business, even making the newspaper with the story about her being a woman truck driver. She was an Avon Representative and an Amway rep. She later landed a job with GTE/Verizon as a Customer Service Representative and worked there until her retirement in 1993.

Pearl loved planting and growing flowers and keeping up their beautiful lawn. She loved to crochet and made many afghans. She was a very good seamstress. She could repair blue jeans for her boys like nobody's business.

Pearl loved Jehovah God and believed in the ransom sacrifice of Jesus Christ and the

hope of everlasting life; she was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses in 1964. Pearl was a beautiful soul and will be greatly missed by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, wonderful neighbors and many friends.

As many of you know, Pearl's son, Brian Keith Ritter, also passed the week before the 13th of February. There will be a memorial for Brian at a later date.

Cemetery

Grove Hill Cemetery

4118 Samuel Blvd

Dallas, TX, 75228

Events

MAR **Graveside** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ When I bought my house next door to Joe and Pearl in 1994, they welcomed me to the neighborhood with open arms. Joe told me during my first week of new home ownership, "if you ever need to borrow anything, just ask." I have to say, Joe had everything that a home owner should have. If I borrowed something from him twice, then I knew I needed it, so I bought my own; ladder, chain saw, hedge trimmer, etc. I had a lawnmower that quit working and was about to get rid of it and buy a new one. Pearl (outside watering her plants) stopped me from doing that saying Joe could fix it. He returned to it me the next day completely repaired. Joe and I used to chat at the back fix while Pearl tended to watering her plants. I am forever grateful to them both for helping me with home repairs and for being great neighbors. Joe taught me what it is to be a good neighbor! I always looked forward to them waving at me from their back porch as I would get out of my car coming home from work. Knowing Joe and Pearl helped to make my life better. I will remember them always and will miss them dearly. I'm fortunate to have know them both and to have been accepted by their family.

~Robert Reddy, March 3, 2021

Robert Reddy - March 03 at 11:15 PM



“ Love, Russell, Earnesteen and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Pearl Ritter.



Love, Russell, Earnesteen and family - March 02 at 05:03 PM



“ Dear Joyce,
Our hearts are hurting for you and your Family. Your parents were always so hospitable and welcoming! I remember Stephanie and Jolee always talked about their Dear Granny!
We are so sorry for your loss and send our deepest sympathy.
Love Alex & Marie Dinverno



Marie Dinverno - March 01 at 06:44 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Pearl Ritter.



March 01 at 06:23 PM



“ Rachel & Francisco Sanchez purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Pearl Ritter.



Rachel & Francisco Sanchez - March 01 at 05:17 PM