



Jocy LaVerne Powell Johnson

August 13, 1934 - August 5, 2025

At 7:55, Tuesday morning, August 5, 2025, just 8 days before her 91st birthday, Jocy LaVerne Powell Johnson woke up from her slumber, here on this earth, to a new home in Heaven.

She was born on August 13th, 1934, in Navarro County, Texas to Amanda Ella Garrison Powell and James Clarence Powell. She was the baby of 13 children; 9 boys and 4 girls.

As is true of many large families from that era, two of Jocy's sisters and three brothers had either not survived childhood or had died in their early 20's before Jocy knew them, and some had already moved out and had families of their own. But she didn't lack for playmates...running barefoot around the yard, playing cowboys and Indians or cops and robbers ...trying to ride the family calf on a dare, chasing the "bad guys" (her brothers) on the family's older horse or popping out from under the kitchen table, announcing her presence with a warning..."Better watch out! Here comes ole' Joce!"

Jocy definitely held her own with her brothers, but she also had a tender side....caring for her baby doll and decorating her play house.... a business side buying packs of gum and reselling the sticks at a markup and a spiritual side...delivering sermons to the pets from the porch or earnestly praying for her love ones in her special prayer corner. Jocy never lost the qualities that defined her at such a young age, but grew into them becoming a wife, a mother, a business woman, an artist, a missionary and an ordained minister.

Jocy married Carlos Edward Johnson on December 3, 1951, who preceded her in death in 1994.

She is survived by her four children; daughter, Cheryl LaVerne Johnson Bell (Marcus), son, Carlos Edward Johnson Jr. (JoAnna), son, Michael Wayne Johnson (Elicia) and daughter, Pamela Lynn Johnson Gipson (Alan), 9 grand children, 16 great grand children, and a multitude of nieces and nephews.

Jocy was a strong woman who lived life fully with spirit and determination. She loved strongly, cared deeply and positively impacted the lives of everyone she touched. She was our Mama, and we will miss her deeply until we stand with her again in praise of our Jesus... Good bye for a little while, Mama. We love you.

Memorial Services will be held on August 13, in the year of our Lord, 2025 at 11 a.m. at the First Assembly of God 2205 FM-3046, Copperas Cove, TX 76522.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 8. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Tool Cemetery
1016 Church Rd.
Tool, TX 75143

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Sharon B. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jocy LaVerne Powell Johnson.



Sharon B. - August 09, 2025 at 10:11 AM

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“ Sharon B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jocy LaVerne Powell Johnson.

Sharon B. - August 09, 2025 at 10:11 AM

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“ Larry &. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jocy LaVerne Powell Johnson.



Larry &. - August 08, 2025 at 11:20 AM

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“ Larry &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jocy LaVerne Powell Johnson.

Larry &. - August 08, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Jocy LaVerne Powell Johnson.*



August 08, 2025 at 11:06 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jocy LaVerne Powell Johnson.

August 08, 2025 at 11:06 AM

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“ Among my favorite childhood memories is a day I spent with grandma Jocy in 2007. We ate breakfast, played with blocks, we had a tea party on her back patio and made finger sandwiches out of peanut butter and jelly on toasted white bread. We spent the afternoon playing with Spot in the backyard. We filled a kiddie pool in the backyard with a garden hose, dipped our feet in it, tossed raw corn on the cob to the trees in her backyard so we could find them a day or so later emptied by the squirrels. She took an afternoon nap, and then toward the evening we made a pallet on the floor and watched a Charlie Brown movie. I vividly remember her laugh and her smile. The only thing she loved more than laughter was me.

On a day like this, that sunny afternoon feels closer to me than it ever has. Love is a powerful thing for many reasons, one being that it bends and changes with distance, time, and loss, but does not weaken. It stretches and changes shape but never spreads thin. The love we have all carried for her throughout her life is still here, the love she carried for us all of her life is still here as well.

I will love and cherish her every day of my life just as I loved and cherished her every day of hers.

*“I’ll be seeing you
In every lovely summer’s day
In everything that’s light and gay
I’ll always think of you that way*

*I’ll find you in the morning sun
And when the night is new
I’ll be looking at the moon
But I’ll be seeing you”*

-Billie Holiday

Aidan - August 08, 2025 at 09:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jocy LaVerne Powell Johnson.*



August 07, 2025 at 05:13 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jocy LaVerne Powell Johnson.*



August 07, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ *Sastre Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jocy LaVerne Powell Johnson.*



Sastre Family - August 06, 2025 at 08:07 PM