



## Audra Jean Johnson

November 21, 1938 - March 23, 2022

Audra Jean Johnson, daughter of the late Hue Thornsberry and Phyllis Geneva (Long) Thornsberry, was born November 21, 1938 in Crocker, Missouri.

At an early age, Audra made an important decision in her life and accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior. She became a member of First Baptist Church of Richland where she was a faithful member.

Audra grew up in rural Richland and graduated from Richland High School. She continued her education by attending Drury College in Springfield, Missouri.

Audra married the love of her life, Carl Loran Johnson, on June 7, 1954. They enjoyed over 66 years of marriage together before he preceded her in death on December 12, 2020. One of the highlights of their lives was the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary at the First Baptist Church in Richland, hosted by their family and friends.

Audra always demonstrated a strong work ethic. She began her professional career at the tender age of 15 working at H. E. Warren and Sons. Her greatest community contribution was when she and Gordon Warren joined forces to bring health care to Richland and surrounding communities, which came to be

known as Central Ozarks Medical Center. Audra's top priority was patient access and quality of care. Audra served as executive director and executive fiscal officer during her 34 years of service, before retiring in 2015.

On Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at the age of 83, Audra went home to be with her Lord and be reunited with Carl. She will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her.

She leaves to cherish her memory, two sisters: Cheri Warner of Richland, MO and Marsha (Chuck) Smith of Waynesville, MO; her brother: Dr. Jerry Thornsberry (Linda) of Kansas City, MO; two sister's-in-law: Norma Jean Johnson of Richland, MO and Bronda Thornsberry of Columbia, MO; a former sister-in-law: Carol Thornsberry of Springfield, MO; seven nephews: Jerry Lynn (Laura) Downing of Richland, MO; Brad (Jamie) Thornsberry of Columbia, MO; Doug Thornsberry of Springfield, MO; Jay Thornsberry of Kansas City, MO; Brad Smith of Richland, MO; Kevin (Lisa) Miller of Clinton, MO; Gerald Robert Johnson of Richland, MO; four nieces: Kim (Mark) Stepp of Advance, MO; Karen Meeks of Springfield, MO; Heather (Michael) Woodring of Ozark, MO; Tammy Miller of Appleton City, MO; other relatives and a host of many friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Audra was preceded in death by two brothers: Terry Lynn Thornsberry and Larry Wayne Thornsberry; one sister: Shirley Miller; three brother's-in-law: Bob Warner, Roy Miller, and Robert Johnson; three nephews: Bob Meeks, Jeffrey Miller and Randy Miller.

Even though Audra is gone from our sight, her faithful and hospitable spirit will live on in our hearts forever.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 29, 2022, in First Baptist Church of Richland. Burial will follow in Oaklawn Cemetery in

Richland, under the care and direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until service time at 11 a.m. in the Church.

Contributions in memory of Audra Johnson can be made to the First Baptist Church Scholarship Fund, and can be made and left at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## **Oaklawn Cemetery**

Richland, MO 65556

# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Audra Jean Johnson*



---

**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - April 06, 2022 at 12:33 PM



“ *Audra Jean Johnson*

---

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Audra was a friend to my grandparents, Nan and Charlie Goforth. I knew her most of my life . She watched my kids grow up. She was always kind to me and when grandpa passed , she gave me the biggest hug and gave me the advice I needed to be strong. She was an amazing woman. I will miss her . Rest easy , Miss Audra*❤️

---

**Lorna Spackman** - March 28, 2022 at 04:25 PM



“ 59 files added to the album Life Tributes



---

**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - March 28, 2022 at 04:20 PM

JA

“ What a beautiful lady she was there for us  
.When Amanda had Health problems.Which  
meant the world to us.



---

**Janice Alexander** - March 27, 2022 at 11:37 AM

MW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Mrs. Audra's family and  
friends in your loss. She  
was always so kind and supportive of us and the mission activities  
of our church. She was a people person, and enjoyed talking and  
helping to support the causes near and dear to her heart. I know  
she is enjoying walking the streets of Heaven with Mr. Carl as her  
tour guide. She will truly be missed.

---

**Martin & Georgia White** - March 26, 2022 at 04:49 PM

KA

“ *Kathy lit a candle in memory of Audra Jean Johnson*



---

**Kathy** - March 26, 2022 at 01:29 AM

SH

“ *We are so sorry for your loss! You are in our thoughts and prayers.... 🙏*



---

**Steve and Marilyn Harrison** - March 25, 2022 at 08:32 PM

CJ

“ *So very sorry to hear this. My condolences to the family. She was a sweet lady*



---

**carlene jackson** - March 25, 2022 at 12:26 PM

MB

“ *Audra was such a hospitable person. When we'd go to see her, she would act as if she had nothing else to do but visit. Every time I make an angel food cake, I'll think of Audra. When I'd take her one, the first thing she'd do would be to swipe her finger through the frosting and say, "I could eat a bowl full of this!" She will be missed. Keeping all her family in our thoughts and prayers.  
Jim and Mary Lou Bentch*

---

**Mary Lou Bentch** - March 25, 2022 at 11:37 AM

VK

*Prayers for the Family*

---

**Velma Knapp** - March 25, 2022 at 03:28 PM

NS

*Thinking of your family at this time of sadness. Kathy Bennett and family*

---

**Nathan and Mileen Stephens** - March 27, 2022 at 02:28 PM

MB

*Audra was one of the first persons I met when I came to Richland to work in the office at Warren's store. She was a checker in the grocery store below the department store where the office was located. She was a people person and talked to all of us. She will be missed!*

---

**Millie Howlett Brotherton** - March 29, 2022 at 11:47 AM