



## Frances A. Johnson

July 28, 1927 - January 12, 2019

Frances Phillips Johnson, a long-time resident of Mount Vernon, passed away on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at the age of 91. Fran was born in Bellingham, WA on July 28, 1927, the daughter of Franklin and Nellie (Duiff) Phillips. She was raised in the Lynden and Custer area and attended schools in Ferndale. She married Rudy Johnson as a young woman and was blessed with four children. She attended and was active at Emmanuel Baptist church in Mt. Vernon for many years. She later reconnected with a high school classmate, Lawrence Nordby, and married. They resided in Ferndale where she was a member of the United Church of Ferndale.

Fran loved music and her family; she was active in many singing groups and later she and Lawrence entertained together at different senior centers. She also enjoyed walking, her friends, and attending bible study.

Fran is survived by her children Karen Mellich, Larry (Shelly) Johnson, Rudy Johnson Jr. and Karol (John) Evans; six grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren; two brothers, Franklin Jr. and Leslie Phillips; and special friends Russ and Diane Esser. She was preceded in death by her husband Lawrence, her parents, and two brothers, Harvey and Delbert Phillips.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019 at 1:30PM at Enterprise Cemetery. A reception will follow at Moles Farewell

Tributes Greenacres (5700 NW Dr. Ferndale).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Rest in Peace Aunt Fran. You lived a great 91 years. Your love for family, faith and friends is revered. We should all try to aspire to the greatness that you accomplished and exuded. You will be greatly missed. Much Love to Karol and John, Karen, Rudy and Larry and Shelly. ~~~ Cheryl

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**Cheryl Phillips** - January 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ My sincere condolences to the family of Fran. I did her hair when she was living in Ferndale and had the pleasure of watching her reconnect with Lawrence and the joy that brought to both of them. She was very kind and thoughtful. As I recall a time when I was a single parent and my kids and I were painting my beauty shop on a weekend, (which was a lot for us to prep, paint and put back together in 3 days, so I could get back to work) I got a call from Fran, she wanted to bring us a pizza for lunch. That thoughtful act has remained with me all these years. God bless her memory, I know she is with Jesus for eternity.

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**Terri Rudy** - January 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Stan and I wish to extend our condolences to Frances's family. It is hard to lose one's mother, grandmother, sister, but we know she is looking down from heaven, smiling at her wonderful family below. We hope you take comfort in your memories and stories. Love, Stan and Mari

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**Stan and Mari Nelson** - January 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM