



## Norma Ione Johnson

September 15, 1920 - September 1, 2012

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Norma Ione Johnson went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2012 at home, just two weeks before her 92nd birthday.

She was born Sept. 15, 1920 in Cle Elum, WA, moved as a child to Bellingham where she remained until they moved to Olympia six years ago to be with family.

Norma was part of Bellingham High Schools first graduating class. She married George

W. Johnson on Dec. 3, 1938, and this year they would have been married 74 years. Together they were second-generation owners and operators of the Fountain Meat Market, where she was the clerk and bookkeeper until their retirement.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Norman and Bertha Grass, and sister Ella Hills (Jack) and Erma Brand (Gordon).

She is survived by her husband George who will be 97 on Sept. 23rd, daughter Carol Ann Weber (John) of Olympia, WA and granddaughter Laurie

Norris (Bob) of

West Chicago, IL, and several nieces and nephews.

Norma demonstrated her strong Christian faith by her lifestyle and service as Sunday school teacher, church treasurer, and member of the Gideons Auxiliary.

Norma was a much-loved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, and is greatly missed, but our loss is her gain to be free of Alzheimers Disease and have back her complete personality and fellowship with our Lord.

#### Farewell Tribute Information

There will be a Memorial Service Friday, Sept. 14th, at 2:00 p.m. at Grace Baptist Church, 3920 James St. Rd., Bellingham, WA. A private family graveside will be at Greenacres Memorial Park. Donations Information

Memorials may be made in her honor to Grace Baptist Church (PO Box 31596, Bellingham, WA 98228), The Gideons International for Memorial Bibles (PO Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214-0800), or the ministry of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

“ George and family:

*Lillian and I would like to extend our great sorrow to you George and your family on Norma's passing.*

*I should explain who we are in the case of time and memory seems to be erased as time goes by.*

*We had moved out to Bellingham in 1954 when Mobil Oil Refinery was built. We came from Olean, N.Y. Of course we had to find stores to get our food and one of the best meat markets was George and Normas and it was always our favorite market and we shopped there until they retired.*

*I want to say it was not only the best meat market in town , but a store we could go to and feel as we were with friends. There was not a dull moment when we entered the store that either George or Norma didn't bring up a subject that about family or a subject to tease us about and we always had a good visit. If one of them didn't start to pick on us the other did and we gave it right back to them.*

*The one time I remembered was I walked in and Lillian wasn't with me and George was alone behind the counter. I have always had back problems and George notice it the way I was bent over. He came around the counter and ask me if I would like him to help my back condition and I said yes. He got in back of me and had me in his arms and stretching my shoulders. About this a lady walked in the front door, looked at us and turned and walked back out. I don't remember what George said but he went back behind the counter and waited on me and I left.*

*We are sorry to hear Norma had Alzheimer's, and I know it is a terrible thing in the family to contend with. I say this as my wife Lillian has hallucination's and thinks that her three old maid aunts who passed away 50 or more years ago are living with us. I am 91 plus years old and so far have cared for her and her medications etc. My memory is deteriorating and I forget names( but not old memories and the good times)*

*George our dear Friend, if you are able to answer this letter or ,perhaps a loved one of yours, please let us know how you are doing. Please pardon the mistakes in my letter. I still mow the lawns and try and help Lillian in the house.*

*I noticed Norma was born in Cle Elum. We have a granddaughter that was married on August 25 who lives there now. They were married in Leavenworth at the Wedding Chapel and Lillian and myself both attend the wedding  
With our great sorrow,  
Earl and Lillian Rowe*

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**Earl and Lillian Rowe** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I have wonderful memories of Mrs. Johnson as my Sunday School teacher.*

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**Kim Erickson Caetano** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM