



Sarah LaVoun Hoffman

February 25, 1921 - September 6, 2015

Sarah LaVoun Hoffman was born Feb. 25, 1921, in McPherson, Kansas to Olen and Elsie John. When she was six, the family moved to southeast Missouri where she attended rural one-room schools and a very small high school.

After two years of college in McPherson she started her teaching career with four years in Fisk, Missouri. In May of 1943, she married Virgil M. Hoffman and, in July, they came to Washington to accept a job in the elementary school in Sumas. She continued her education at Western Washington University, earning her B.A. and 2 more years of credits. She continued teaching in the Nooksack Valley School District for 39 years, retiring in 1983. She taught from third grade to eighth grade but mostly 5th grade.

On their 50th anniversary, she and Virgil moved into a new home on Markworth Road. Both were very active in Church. They started attending Sunrise Baptist in Custer in 1969. LaVoun had many interests; she enjoyed reading, music, needlework, gardening, and homemaking.

Her husband, Virgil, died in 2007. She is also preceded in death by her brothers; Gilbert John and George John. She is survived by her brother, James of Blaine; sisters-in-law, Daphne John of Florence, Oregon, and Jan John of Las Vegas, Nevada; 13 nieces and nephews, 17 grand-nieces and

nephews, 15 great-grand nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

A graveside service will take place at Greenacres Memorial Park on Friday, September 18th at 1:00pm with a memorial service and reception to take place at Sunrise Baptist on Sunday, September 20th at 5:30pm.

Memorials may be made to Sunrise Baptist Church or a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am the daughter of Mable (Webber) Eaton, Elsie’s sister. I had the opportunity to meet LaVoun at a cousin’s gathering in Texas several years ago and have very much enjoyed the letters she shared with those of us on the Round Robin chain. My condolences to the family.

Floydette Seal - September 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ LaVoun was a presence in our household every Christmas when her year-end letter brought us all the news of her busy and fruitful life. It also brought reminiscences by my husband, Bill John, her cousin, of childhood visits and adventures. But she become a real person to me when our son Matt went to college in Washington state and LaVoun extended her family embrace to him and made him at home with herself and Virgil. And finally we met, when Bill, Matt and I were together in Sumas with Lavonne, Virgil, and Aunt Elsie. What energy and enthusiasm! What warmth and love! She called me with a ‘report’ when Matt and Colleen visited in 2013, giving me the first happy glimpse of the new woman in our life. My heart goes out to you all at losing this vibrant woman from your life. But she will live on in your memories, as she will in mine.
Paula

Paula G. John - September 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ My sincere condolences to the family. She was in important part of our family. Love her dearly. We had such a good time at the reunion in Kemah.
Will remember her with love and laughter.fddT

Joyce Langston - September 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM