



Mrs. Helen Rae Wilks Johnson

January 19, 1937 - April 21, 2026

It is with deep sorrow that the Johnson family announces the death of Mrs. Helen Rae Wilks Johnson, 89.

Mrs. Johnson entered into rest on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A funeral service to honor her life will be held at 1 o'clock on Thursday, April 23, 2026, in Prospect Methodist Church. The Rev. Lee Herndon will officiate with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12:00 pm until 1:00 pm on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at Prospect Methodist Church.

Mrs. Johnson was born on Tuesday, January 19, 1937, in Chesterfield County, SC. She is the daughter of the late Jesse Alexander Wilks and the late Betty Pauline Stroud.

Mrs. Johnson was a true servant of Christ who devoted her life to God always. She loved her church family. She had a passion for gardening and serving her community. She raised her children in a way that was honoring to God.

She is survived by her son, John G. "Johnny" Johnson Jr.; daughters, Becky

(Rick) Phipps, Denise Gilbert; sister, Nancy Melton; 7 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild; a special chosen family friend, Ronnie Isgett, who was more like a son than a friend. Anytime she needed anything, Mr. Isgett was always there, regardless. Whether dinner at Shiloh Fish House or helping around the house.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband; John G. "Jake" Johnson Sr.; daughter, Sherrie Cassidy; brothers, Ernest Wilks, Bobby Wilks, Frank Wilks, Alvie Wilks, Jimmy Wilks; sister, Mary Wilks.

The family is extremely grateful for the love and care provided by the staff at The Legacy of Hartsville. Each person truly showed her how much they loved and cared for her. They loved to brighten her day. They truly opened their hearts to her. A special thank you to Crescent Hospice staff for the love and care provided.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Methodist Church Cemetery

740 Prospect Church Road
Hartsville, SC 29550

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Prospect Methodist Church
700 Prospect Church Rd
Hartsville, SC

Funeral Service

APR **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Prospect Methodist Church
700 Prospect Church Rd
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall

PJ

“ Paul Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Rae Wilks Johnson



Paul Johnson - May 08 at 09:18 AM

LC

“ Larry Cassidy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Rae Wilks Johnson



Larry Cassidy - April 29 at 06:03 PM

LC

“ Luther E Curry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Rae Wilks Johnson



Luther E Curry - April 24 at 09:51 PM

PC

“ Patricia Brown Collins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Rae Wilks Johnson



Patricia Brown Collins - April 24 at 10:49 AM

MJ

“ Sorry for your loss.

Michael Johnson Family



Michael Johnson - April 24 at 07:54 AM

WW

“ Wanda & Steve Weatherford lit a candle in
memory of Mrs. Helen Rae Wilks Johnson



Wanda & Steve Weatherford - April 23 at 09:23 PM

TF

“ Sorry for your lost



Tony Frinklin - April 23 at 07:55 PM

PJ

“ PJ lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Rae
Wilks Johnson



PJ - April 23 at 07:20 PM

CI

“ Ms. Denise, I'm terribly sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of your mom. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Chibuike Ijem



Chibuike Ijem - April 23 at 04:37 PM

DP

“ May God provide peace and strength to you.

Derek and Crystal Parker - April 23 at 09:02 AM

MH

“ Denise, I am so sorry for your loss, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Michelle Hoffman - April 23 at 09:01 AM

WY

“ May God whisper words of comfort and peace as only He can during your time of grief and the days ahead. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.



Wilma Gainey Yarborough - April 23 at 01:17 AM

KW

“ Keith And Barbie Wilks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Rae Wilks Johnson



Keith and Barbie Wilks - April 22 at 09:51 PM

LW

“ Lou Ann Wilkes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Rae Wilks Johnson



Lou Ann Wilkes - April 22 at 08:57 PM

LW

She was a sweet Lady she will be missed

Lou Ann Wilkes - April 22 at 08:59 PM

LC

sorry for your loss

Larry Cassidy - April 29 at 06:03 PM

HW

“ As s child Helen was our next door neighbor. Although she was 10 years older than I she was great to play with me as a child. I will always remember her. Prayers for the family. Howard Wilkes, PhD

Howard Wilkes - April 22 at 08:24 PM

GM

“ Mrs Helen was a joy to be around. Love and prayers

Gloria Melton - April 22 at 08:17 PM

MT

“ *Mrs Helen was a very sweet lady. We worked with her for many years at James Fabrics (Highland Ind now). Have many memories of her and her sister Nancy.*



Mitchell and Judy Turner - April 22 at 08:06 PM

MW

“ *Mandy And Gerald Winburn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Rae Wilks Johnson*



Mandy and Gerald Winburn - April 22 at 07:53 PM

CH

“ *Christine Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Rae Wilks Johnson*



Christine Huggins - April 22 at 07:50 PM

AD

“Helen was such a beautiful person and was always my favorite firecracker❤️ I loved hearing stories she'd tell , painting her nails and doing puzzles and crafts with her! To know Helen was to love her, may she rest in peace 🙏 I can still hear her laugh



Adrianna Diaz - April 22 at 03:51 PM

RJ

Sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.

Regina Jones - April 22 at 06:30 PM

SC

“Susan Braddock Clemmons lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Rae Wilks Johnson



Susan Braddock Clemmons - April 22 at 02:58 PM

BH

“ *Beverly Hooks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Rae Wilks Johnson*



beverly hooks - April 22 at 02:43 PM

MG

“ *Marlene G Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Rae Wilks Johnson*



Marlene G Griggs - April 22 at 02:17 PM

MG

Love and Prayers for all

Marlene G Griggs - April 22 at 02:17 PM

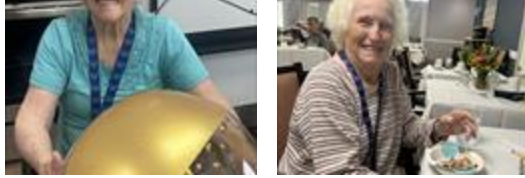
BG

“ *Mrs Helen was a nice person.
Denise and family sorry for your loss.
Prayers
Bill Gaskins*

Bill Gaskins - April 22 at 02:10 PM

KL

“ Mrs. Helen had the BEST laugh and her smile lit up the room! She always said, “I just love you”! Even when you don’t see people every day, you still always and forever love them! I sure loved you sweet lady!



Karen Lukridge - April 22 at 01:42 PM

SG

“ Sending our love and prayers.
I always enjoyed talking with Ms. Johnson.
Sylvester & Margaret Griggs



Sylvester & Margaret Griggs - April 22 at 01:12 PM