



Zelma Ione Minyard Johnson

January 22, 1941 - March 29, 2026

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Zelma Ione Minyard Johnson of Bigelow, Arkansas, age 85, on March 29, 2026.

Born on Jan 22, 1941 in Higginson, Arkansas. She was the daughter of the late Lander Arlington and Ruby Vernon Britton Minyard. Ione Johnson was a dedicated teacher and counselor for over 30 years in the East End and Perryville School districts. In retirement, she was an avid quilter.

She is survived by her children: Jeannie Flynn, Jim Johnson, Christy Young and Molly Boyd and siblings Roger Minyard, Sharon Dixon, Rudy Minyard, and Charlotte Hudlow and her four much beloved grandchildren: Joseph Boyd, Tristan Boyd, Gabe Young, and Owen Young.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jimmie R Johnson, her parents, and siblings Kenneth Minyard and Arene Smith

She will be greatly missed.

Graveside services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at Volman Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Volman Cemetery

120 Connie St.
Bigelow, AR 72016

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CB

“ I was one of her students at Bigelow High School. I still use what she taught me every day.

With deepest sympathy.

Cathy Barnes - April 01 at 11:24 AM

JJ

“ I had the privilege to work with lone as a teacher and her administrator.

She was always an advocate for her fellow teachers and her students. She cared for her students. Jo Ann has many memories from her classroom.

She became the first counselor at Bigelow. A job she really enjoyed. Me and Jo Ann and our whole family extend our sympathy and love to her children, Jimmy, Jeannie, Molly and Christy.

john V jordan - April 01 at 09:57 AM



“ I remember when she gave me a chance at learning how to cook. In Home Economics Class she taught at Bigelow High School, she had me making salads for the first two years. Before she finally let me make strawberry jelly in a microwave. She even had my little sister Anita help me. It was always a good experience in her class and she treated each student with understanding and respect. I will always remember the words she wrote in a cook book she gave me for graduation. "Good luck in all your future endeavors." I hope to endeavor to be as understanding as she was.

Marie Duran - April 01 at 02:48 AM

TH

“ Thomas H. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zelma lone Minyard Johnson.

Thomas H. - March 31 at 05:05 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Zelma lone Minyard Johnson.



March 31 at 02:07 PM

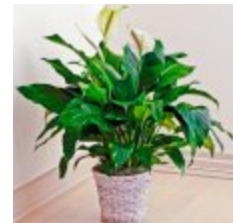
BB

“ Blair, Stephanie, and Carson Barnes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zelma lone Minyard Johnson.

Blair, Stephanie, and Carson Barnes - March 31 at 10:20 AM

BB

“ Blair, Stephanie, and Carson Barnes purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Zelma lone Minyard Johnson.



Blair, Stephanie, and Carson Barnes - March 31 at 10:20 AM

TT

“ *Tyronda Tillman lit a candle in memory of Zelma lone Johnson*



Tyronda Tillman - March 31 at 08:31 AM

MW

“ *mrs johnson was my home ec teacher and she was a very good teacher..but only after i got married and moved to ga 20 yrs did i start talking to her as adults and she was the sweetest warmest lady and a lady knew when it was time to leave she will be missed and to jim jeannie christy and molly im so heart broken for you ...mary [stags] wiley she will be missed*

Mary Wiley - March 31 at 03:01 AM

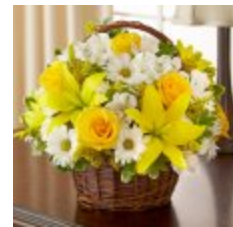


“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Zelma lone Minyard Johnson.*

March 30 at 10:07 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Zelma lone Minyard Johnson.*



March 30 at 10:07 PM

BM

“ *My condolences go out to her extended family, I know she will be missed.*

Brian Minyard - March 30 at 08:54 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Zelma Ione Minyard Johnson.*

March 30 at 08:09 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Zelma Ione Minyard Johnson.*



March 30 at 08:09 PM

MA

“ *Aunt Ione will be greatly missed. From her loving tenderness to her laughter and big smile.*

Matt Archer - March 30 at 07:32 PM



“ *A most precious and wonderful person. Bigelow will be saddened at such a great loss. Mrs. Johnson was my 9th grade Home Economics teacher. Much love and prayers for each of her family.*



Giva Nash - March 30 at 07:15 PM

BH

“ Mrs. Johnson was an excellent teacher and friend. She will be greatly missed. I am so sorry for your loss.

Bonnie (Dixon) Holloway - March 30 at 06:28 PM



“ Mrs Johnson was core in so much of our lives at Bigelow High School! I am so sad to hear of her passing. Prayers for comfort for the family!

Lara Van Est - March 30 at 06:21 PM

CL

“ Mrs. Johnson was a wonderful educator for probably most of bigelow and surrounding areas that attended BHS. I met her and her family as they attended our Pentecost church at Bigelow. She highly respected in the community and has put mega stitches in quilts that finished family guilt tops moms and grandmother's passed down to generations and hold dear to their hearts. She was gracious, blind, big hearted and truly lived a Christian life as examples to others as she touched my heart and many others. As the verse says, to be absent from the body is to be present with Christ, I'm sure her homecoming was a Huge event when she arrived.
God bless her children and grandchildren as they go thru their loss grievance process.

Connie Stane Lester - March 30 at 03:43 PM

CS

“ Mrs. Ione was my Sunday School teacher growing up. She was one of my inspirations to become a teacher!

Christy Stepp - March 30 at 03:35 PM

SS

Mrs. lone was a wonderful teacher in everything she done, give Craig a great big hug up in heaven sweet lady. Prayers for your family.

Shirley Spears - March 30 at 04:26 PM

BC

I am in shock.Had her on my mind and kept thinking I will call her tonight .This is what happens when we put it off.I loved her dearly since she was a little Girl and we all went to same Church.She will be happy now with Jimmie.

Betty Camp - March 30 at 09:40 PM

JB

Very sweet lady and yes she has been missed by lots of people who played music with her. Great lady that was talented in many ways. I will be praying for all who is touched by her passing.

Johnie brewster - March 31 at 08:09 AM

TZ

“ *Teresa Zulpo lit a candle in memory of Zelma lone Johnson*



Teresa Zulpo - March 30 at 02:59 PM



Teresa nix Upton Burk miss Johnson was a sweet lady she tought me in school and give my mom and Virgil a big hug in heaven

Teresa Burk - March 30 at 05:24 PM



Miss Johnson

Teresa Burk - March 30 at 05:25 PM

RE

“ *lone was a friend and fellow a quilter of my Mother. She always had a smile and a kind word for those around her. My thoughts and prayers for her family, especially my dear friend Charlotte Minyard Hudlow. Charlotte loved her sister so much.*

Ronda Herrick Elliott - March 30 at 02:48 PM