



## Paulina (Polly) Frances Johnson

September 5, 1925 - February 3, 2013

Paulina (Polly) Frances Johnson, nee Dassance, passed away peacefully on February 3, 2013 at the age of 87. Born September 5, 1925, she was one of twelve children of Elmer and Mable Dassance who resided near Cadillac, Michigan. She was a 1943 graduate of Mesick High School.

Coming from a very musical family, Polly began playing saxophone at the age of fifteen in an all-girl five-piece band that performed for high school dances. She also played for dances at Yuma as well as her father's own dance hall built on their home property. She continued to play at church and family events throughout her life; her last performance was at her grandson's wedding reception at age 84.

Upon graduation, Polly moved to Lansing where she was employed as a secretary in a factory converted to make blades for B27's and B57's for World War II aircraft. She later went to New Mexico where her sister and brother-in-law were stationed for a year. She returned to Cadillac and, at the end of the war, married World War II Staff Sergeant Veteran Lawrence E. Johnson of Tustin, Michigan.

Polly was employed at Riverside Electric in Marion for a number of years, and at Johnson Clothing store in Cadillac for 14 more years where she truly enjoyed lasting friendships with co-workers and local residents. She also

completed a course in Real Estate through The University of Michigan and was a successful licensed sales agent. Among her pastime passions were travels to Europe, Mexico and parts of the U.S. She was an excellent baker, specializing in Swedish rye bread, pies and cookies. As a devoted mother, she instilled positive values and gave up years of Saturday afternoons and evenings to take her children to piano lessons and sports activities.

She is survived by her son, Joseph Johnson of Cadillac; daughter, Elaine Johnson of Tustin; grandchildren: Matthew Taylor (Jennifer) of Solvang, California, Kristen Myers (Matt Sr.) of Traverse City, MI, Adam Hahn of Okemos, MI and Courtney Hahn of Memphis, TN. She is preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence Johnson, daughter Cheryl Taylor (David), and siblings Florence Lane (Clare), Lillian Harrison (Dave), Donald Dassance (Nina), Thelma Boughton (Clare), Maurice Dassance, Dorris Davis (Dallas), Lloyd Dassance (Lucia), Mildred Forsberg (Robert), Lina Culver (Gerald), Laurence Dassance (Mary), Levi Dassance (Luella), and numerous nieces and nephews.

Paulina (Polly) is now in her heavenly home and will be sorely missed by all whose lives she has touched and left behind.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time. Memorial contributions may be made to The Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Elaine, Joe and Grandchildren... My love and heartfelt prayers... To me always Aunt Polly... she shined with grace and love...and that golden smile... Love Linda*

Linda Mason Strain - February 12, 2013 at 09:40 AM

CP

“ *We send our sympathy. Polly always had a smile . She will be missed.*

Carlton and Shelby Plyler - February 11, 2013 at 08:58 PM

KR

“ *Joe and Elaine, Just wanted to pass on my sympathies for the loss of your mother. May happy memories carry you through these sorrowful times.*

Kitty Ruppert - February 06, 2013 at 07:34 PM

JJ

“ *So sorry for your loss Joe and Elaine.May the God of all peace comfort your hearts.*

Jim and Anne Johnson - February 06, 2013 at 05:56 PM

SS

“ *What a nice picture. I was sorry to hear about Pauline,I really enjoyed the Dassance get togethers where I could see all of my cousins. It won' t be the same now. My prayers are with you.*

Sandra Spencer - February 06, 2013 at 02:05 PM

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“ *What a lovely lady!! I have fond memories of her when I attended Grade School and she would pick me up with a car to take me there. One day I will meet her again with Jesus in Heaven!! May God Comfort all of You during these days, and weeks, and months ahead. Please be ready to meet Jesus when He comes again, or if you should die first. I want to see you all there:))!! Love, Nita*

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**Nita (Keller)Kitson** - February 06, 2013 at 10:48 AM

DP

“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time of grief. Elaine, let's get together some time soon. Didn't know you were in Tustin*

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**Dan and Delores Peterson** - February 05, 2013 at 04:31 PM