



## Louise Helen Johnson

June 3, 1921 - September 23, 2018

Louise Helen Johnson, age 97, passed away on September 23, 2018, in Spencer, IN. She was born on June 3, 1921, in Elmore, Ohio, the daughter of William and Florence Wilsdon Johnson.

She was a gifted musician with Bachelor's and Master's degrees in flute and conducting from the Eastman School of Music. For much of her career she conducted children's and adult church choirs, directed handbell choirs and played flute with many ensembles and orchestras.

Returning to her home town to care for her aging parents, some years after college, Louise went back to school to obtain an elementary school teacher's degree. She taught mostly first grade, for almost 40 years, and was dearly loved by her students and their parents, many of whom still kept in touch with her until her death.

Louise was a member of many professional organizations, Order of the Eastern Star, First Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, and was a past president of the Owen County Art Guild. During the years she lived in Spencer, she directed the handbell choir at Spencer United Methodist Church and could always be counted on to help with the Christmas Day dinner well into her 90s. She filled her life with service to others, many artistic expressions, always reaching to learn more and increase her faith. She truly was an amazing, life long learner.

Louise is survived by nieces, Susan (Keith) Johnson, Nancy (Dean) Ambrose, David (Shannon) Johnson, all of Pennsylvania, Mariann (Ken) Lawson of Ohio

, BJ (Fred) Bennett, of Spencer, and close friends and caregivers, Jim and Ginny Coppedge, of Spencer. She was pre-deceased by her parents, and twin brothers, Leland (MaryEllen), and Lewis (Dorothea) Johnson.

A memorial service will be held on Nov. 3 at 10:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, IN. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the church music fund or to the Owen County Community Foundation Education Fund, Spencer, IN.

You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Louise's family at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)