

Patsy Ruth Johnson

ALVIN -- Patsy Ruth Johnson was born on March 8, 1924 in Voth and died on March 31, 2007 at Alvin Convalescent Center.

She lived in several locations in her lifetime: Lufkin, Hudson, Houston, Hemphill, and Alvin. She was a member of the "Greatest Generation" that the author Tom Brokaw honored with his writings. During World War II, she was a "Rosie the Riveter" at Ellington Air Force Base. She did not know it at the time, but Ellington Field would play an intricate part in her life. While working there one morning, she was standing on a corner near Buff Stadium waiting for her car pool. A young soldier, who recently returned home from the North Africa area, was also waiting. He began to speak to her and she at first thought he was rather forward. Being a true southern belle, she was taught not to speak to strangers. To her surprise when her car pool came, the young soldier climbed into the car with her. She was later married to the soldier for 50 years before his death in 1994. In 1949, to their great satisfaction, a son was born.

Mrs. Johnson worked many years at Burger's Cleaners, in Houston, as an inspector. She and her husband retired and moved to Toledo Bend Lake in 1981 where they enjoyed fishing, reading and gardening.

They have now been reunited after an absence of over 13 years. She is preceded in death by her husband, Burl S. Johnson; her sister, Juanita Whitlock; her father, Doyle Whitlock; her mother, Betty Rylands and her stepfather, Albert Rylands.

She is survived by her son, Dennis Johnson and his wife Margaret of Alvin, as well as numerous relatives in Angelina County.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to George Ranch Historical Park at P. O. Drawer 1248, Richmond, Texas, 77406. Visitation was held on Thursday, April 5, 2007 preceding graveside services at Carmona Community Cemetery, Highway 287 near Carmona, Texas.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Scott Family in Alvin.