



Ruth Johnson Mahoney

February 27, 1923 - May 2, 2017

Ruth Winifred Johnson Mahoney passed away at the age of 94 on May 2, 2017 in Manassas, VA after a brief illness. She was born February 27, 1923 in Oakton, Virginia to Lorenzo N. Johnson and Nannie T. Kincheloe Johnson. She was one of 5 siblings – Lucille Johnson Detwiler, Gertrude Johnson Sickle, James W. Johnson and L. Wickliffe Johnson. Another brother, Linden, died shortly after birth. At the age of 3, her family moved to Clifton, VA where she was raised. She graduated from Fairfax High School on June 20, 1941. On November 23, 1951 she married the love of her life, John Edward Mahoney of Fairfax Station, VA and they enjoyed many years together in Clifton. After his death, she moved to Manassas, VA in 1986 where she continued to reside until her death.

Ruth began her secretarial career right after high school, eventually going to work on Capitol Hill for various Congressmen and Senators. She later joined then Senator Lyndon B. Johnson's personal staff and continued on with him to the White House. She retired when he left office in 1968.

Ruth loved collecting antiques and various other items of memorabilia. During her years in Manassas she enjoyed exploring thrift shops, antique shops and Saturday morning yard sales with neighbors and family. She also loved anything to do with nature, especially animals and until the last few years her home always included a beloved pet.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband and siblings. She is survived by two daughters, Martha M. Mount (Mike) of Tucson, AZ and Nancy

M. Willt of Manassas, VA; two grandchildren, Mary Kathleen Johnson (Kyle) of Scottsdale, AZ and Sean M. Willt of Manassas, VA; one great-grand daughter, Jocelyn Willt of Manassas, VA and many nieces, nephews and dear friends. Services will be held Thursday May 25, 2017 at Pierce Funeral Home in Manassas, VA at 11am. Visitation will be held 10-11am prior to the service. Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church (the old church) in Fairfax Station, VA.

Cemetery Details

St Mary of Sorrow Catholic Church Cemetery

5612 Ox Road
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

JM

“ I feel extremely lucky to have had the opportunity to spend many hours visiting with (great) Aunt Ruth at her home in Manassas. At 8 years old I thought it was fabulous that I could take a short cut through Aunt Ruth's backyard and sit on her screened porch and visit anytime. She always made me feel so welcome. I'd help with any chore that I could handle...and she would always have a drink and cookies waiting for me when I was done.

It wasn't until I was much older that I found out about her time in Washington, I must have walked past her memorabilia for years before knowing the significance.

I'll cherish the time we spent together and the wonderful conversations we were able to have. She was blessed to have experienced so much during her life, and will be missed by many!

*With fond memories, always,
June Mahoney (daughter of Pat & Vickie, granddaughter of Bill & Justine)*

June Mahoney - May 24, 2017 at 10:25 PM

MC

“ Memories of the Past Collectors Club purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Ruth Johnson Mahoney.



Memories of the Past Collectors Club - May 24, 2017 at 02:56 PM

FT

“ From Betty, Eddie, and Tony purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ruth Johnson Mahoney.



From Betty, Eddie, and Tony - May 20, 2017 at 10:34 AM

BD

“ Thank you Ruth for so many years of friendship. It was nice seeing Ruth at the "Memories of the Past" club meetings for all the years that she came. I always enjoyed talking with Ruth about her days working with LBJ, and about history in general, especially WWII and the Civil War. She lived a long and interesting life. Thanks again for being a good friend and please, rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

*Bill Dillon, Jefferson MD
President- "Memories of the Past" club*

Bill Dillon - May 17, 2017 at 05:34 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Ruth Johnson Mahoney.



May 17, 2017 at 02:39 PM

TD

“ Aunt Ruth will be dearly missed. She was always so much fun to be around! Tina

Tina Dumek - May 17, 2017 at 01:45 PM