



Gerry Johnston

May 4, 1929 - September 27, 2025

Dateline: Litchfield

Gerry Johnston, 96, passed away at 12:57 p.m. Saturday, September 27, 2025 at Litchfield Health & Rehab. in Litchfield, IL. She was born May 4, 1929 in Litchfield, the daughter of Byron Brooks and Verna Lillian (Besanceney) Bowles. Gerry graduated from Litchfield High School in 1947. She married Carl Eugene Johnston on June 6, 1948 in Litchfield. He preceded her in death on August 27, 1984. Gerry had worked for First National Bank, Madison Park School and First Baptist Church in Litchfield. She was an active member of New Hope Baptist Church in Barnett. She had been a member of Phi Sigma Nu Sorority, St. Francis Hospital Auxiliary, Keenagers, and served on the Litchfield Carnegie Library Board as well as many other committees. She was a longtime leader of GA's and had taught Sunday School for many years at the First Baptist Church. She loved to travel and visited several countries. Gerry loved to entertain and often hosted game nights and supper at her home with her friends. Surviving is a daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Ron Norris of Litchfield, a son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Kim Johnston of Wisconsin, five grandchildren, Trisha Hoagland (John) of Waterloo, IL, Cameron Norris (Jillian) of Austin, TX, Corey, Courtney and Christian Johnston, six great grandchildren, Ava and Easton Hoagland, Jace, Brice, Emma and Rowan Norris as well as several nieces and nephews. Along with her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Scott Johnston, her in-laws, Oscar and Margaret Bockewitz and two brothers and

sisters-in-law, Derald and Bertie Bowles and Lester and Joanne Bowles. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. until time of funeral service at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, October 9, 2025 at Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery in Litchfield. Memorials may be made to New Hope Baptist Church in Litchfield, IL. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

Litchfield, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 9. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

Plummer Funeral Home
Litchfield, IL

Funeral

OCT 9. 3:00 PM.

Plummer Funeral Home
Litchfield, IL

Tribute Wall

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“ My mom, Norma Jean (Saxby) Howe, was one of Gerry's second cousins. (Her mom, Verna, was a first cousin.). They were near the same age and went to school together in Litchfield. My brothers and I got to know Gerry and her family through Gates family reunions. I remember her attending my mom's funeral over 18 years ago. We kept in touch with Gerry on Facebook after that. Then I had the privilege of visiting her, along with my brother Brad and his wife, five years ago this month. They were also able to visit her again a couple years ago. Gerry was a sweet, caring, and special lady who will be long remembered. I know she is enjoying being with her Savior now and being reunited with her many family members as well. Sending condolences to her family members who remain.

Greg Howe - October 07, 2025 at 06:06 PM

DC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Debi "Talbert " Dressel / 1st cousin - September 30, 2025 at 10:22 PM

DC

“ Gerry and I were 1st cousins, i am Debi "Talbert" Dressel I'm so glad to have a picture with Gerry, Karen and my son. Gerry was the oldest and I was the youngest of the 1st cousins and Karen was the oldest 2nd cousin and my son was the youngest of the 2nd cousins. I'm so glad I have that photo. Gerry loved family gatherings, which allowed the 1st cousins to spend quality time together. Gerry was loved and I will miss her alot. She will be missed terribly. BLESS YOU Gerry now rest in peace my dear cousin. I love you and will miss you very much ! ❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️

Debi "Talbert " Dressel / 1st cousin - September 30, 2025 at 10:09 PM

JA

“ Jerome A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerry Johnston.

Jerome A. - September 30, 2025 at 12:35 PM

TC

“ Gerry touched lives in so many ways. She loved the Lord and she inspired us with her desire to see souls saved.



Tom & Jo Ann Currie - September 29, 2025 at 09:21 PM