



Maria Johnson

January 29, 1934 - June 4, 2024

Maria Rosa (Rose) Johnson (née Sintes Abril) died on June 4th, after a brief hospitalization following cardiac arrest. She was 90 years old.

Maria Rosa was born in 1934 in Es Mercadal, Menorca, Spain. Her father, a tailor by trade, served as Mayor of their village for several years. One of 5 children, she and her family retain a strong presence in Mercadal and other parts of Menorca. As a fine artist Johnson produced many canvases depicting her childhood surroundings on the Mediterranean island.

Maria Rosa earned teaching credentials in her early twenties, and taught locally, but soon found herself traveling Europe, seeking experience. She worked in London and Belgium before meeting her husband Kenneth "Bud" Johnson, an American serviceman, whilst employed at Torrejon AFB near Madrid in the early sixties. They returned together to the U.S. and were happily married for over 50 years until his death in 2019. They made homes in New Mexico, Colorado, South Dakota, and California before moving to Florida and settling in St. Augustine.

Maria Rosa owned and worked in a number of retail establishments, and was a gifted salesperson. But her passion was painting. She was active in the St. Augustine art community, and a former member and President of the Professional Artists of St. Augustine (P.A.St.A) Gallery. She also enjoyed participating in activities celebrating St. Augustine's historic connection to Menorca with local descendants and the Menorcan Cultural Society.

She is survived by her children, Patricio Johnson of Nashville, TN, and Christine Johnson-Staub (Peter) of Sandwich, MA, and her grandchildren Benjamin, Althea, and Julia.

A graveside service will be held at Evergreen Cemetery on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 10 am.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Feline Canopy of Care. <https://fco.cinc.org/>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL **23**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (est)

Evergreen Cemetery
505 N Rodriguez Street
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Tribute Wall

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“ Love, OCC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Johnson.

Love, OCC - July 21, 2024 at 10:12 PM

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“ Love, OCC purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of Maria Johnson.



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“ Mareline S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Johnson.

Mareline S. - June 07, 2024 at 09:53 PM