



## Shirley Ann Johnson

August 13, 2018 - October 7, 2018

Shirley Ann Johnson, 91, passed away on October 7, 2018 in Anchorage, Alaska. She was born on August 13, 2018 in Parco, Wyoming and spent her childhood years with her Grandfather and Grandmother Hall whom she loved dearly. It is with her Grandparents that she formed the foundation of her beliefs, giving her the strength and resilience that would later define her character. She moved to Laredo, Texas in her teenage years and eventually met and married her lifelong husband Ray Johnson in 1952.

After moving to Anchorage in 1956, Shirley worked as a GS3 clerk on Elmendorf AFB where she worked up to a GS11 Procurement Contracting Officer. This was a time when women were not considered for higher level jobs.

In 1969 Ray opened La Mexicana in Mountain View, and in 1970 when Shirley retired, she joined him in running the business until 1990 when they both retired.

Growing up on the Texas border Shirley became fluent in the Spanish language. She often sang with Mexican bands and also sang with the USO Band during the war years. A highlight was having been in the Unsinkable Molly Brown Production in 1965 in Anchorage.

Friends have said Shirley made such a positive impact on so many lives and made people want to be the best they could be. Shirley lived life to the fullest with no regrets, never looking back.

Shirley is survived by three daughters Sharon (Fred) Crawl of Bradenton, Florida, Denise (Ron) Maddox of Sterling, Alaska and Trina Johnson of Anchorage, Alaska, five grandchildren, Devin Crawl of Oviedo, Florida, Stacey (Joe) Keene of Parrish, Florida, Alisa Weiss and Michael Maddox of Anchorage, Alaska, Ryan Maddox of Richmond, Virginia, eight great grandchildren and her beloved dog Ciena.

Please join us for a celebration of life on Sunday, October 21, 2018, from 2pm to 5pm at Legacy Heritage Chapel at Angelus, 440 E. Klatt Road.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Shirley's honor to a Veteran's Organization of your choice. Condolences may be given at [www.legacyalaksa.com](http://www.legacyalaksa.com).

# Events

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**OCT** **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM - 05:00PM

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Legacy Heritage Chapel at Angelus

440 E. Klatt Rd., Anchorage, AK, US, 99515

# Comments

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. What a wonderful tribute to a life well lived and someone who was loved so much. My sincere condolences . Pamela Painter Jones

**Pamela Painter Jones** - October 21, 2018 at 10:58 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of growing up near the Johnson family in Wonder Park sub, here in Anchorage. Shirley raised wonderful children and together with husband Ray, built an everlasting bond, and business endeavors. I was lucky to work for them in the early 70s, and have great memories of those days. Condolences to the family, bless you all !  
Chris Martinchick

**chris martinchick** - October 12, 2018 at 09:39 PM