



## Mrs Elizabeth Bishop

January 31, 2017

### ELIZABETH ANNETTE BISHOP

Elizabeth (Beth) Annette Johnson was born in Portage, Wisconsin on December 3, 1945. She was the oldest child of Margaret McAllister Johnson and William Earl Johnson. Earl was a Presbyterian minister and served small rural churches in Wisconsin and Iowa. At the age of 12 and by this time the eldest of four children, the family packed up and moved to Alabama to be closer to Earl's mother who was ill. Beth attended Greystone School in Mobile and when the family moved to Fairhope, she attended Fairhope High School and graduated in 1963. During her adolescent years, she took piano lessons and developed a love of music. She played for her father's worship services at North River Park Church and South River Park Church. She also accompanied the Fairhope High School Choir.

Beth became acquainted with Robert (Sonny) Bishop at school and at the North River Park Youth Meetings. In June of 1964, they married and established a home in Silverhill. It was their desire to own a farm so they bought 80 acres and set out on their farm life adventure. During their forty-four years of marriage, they not only produced many sacks of potatoes, corn, and soybeans, but also a large family. Diana Theresa Bishop was born in December 1965; Juanita Kathleen Bishop in January, 1967; Robin Laurie Bishop in July 1970; Samantha Lynette Bishop in July 1974; and finally the

boy arrived in September 1975, Robert Christopher Matthew Bishop.

Through the years, Beth taught her children to work hard. She led them by example through many days in the hot sun of a south Alabama potato field or in the cold rainy nights searching for a newborn calf.

The Bishops also owned a Produce Market in Foley where they provided fresh fruits and vegetables to local people and to many tourists who often stopped on their way to the beach.

After the children were grown, she finally found time to play the piano for several churches in the area. She really enjoyed playing her favorite hymns.

Beth became a grandmother in June of 1994. In fact, she had a total of 11 grandchildren, three granddaughters and eight grandsons. It caused her great grief when one grandson died during infancy and another grandson at the age of five. Her grandchildren brought her much pride.

As her health began to deteriorate, she entered the Foley Nursing Home where she remained until death. Even though she was immobile toward the end of her life, she still enjoyed reading and researching family history on the computer.

Beth was a Christian and was ready to see her family and friends who had preceded her in death. On January 31, 2017 at 3:58 pm she got her wish.

Elizabeth (Beth) Annette Bishop, 71, of Silverhill, died Tuesday, January 31, 2017 in Foley.

Survivors include four daughters, Diana Henley of Atmore, Kathy Peters of Ranburn, Robin Wainwright of Silverhill, and Samantha Gabel of Fairhope;

one son, Chris Bishop of Silverhill; two sisters, Eunice Johnson of Fayetteville, PA and Rebecca Britain of Troy, MO; one brother, David Johnson, of Fairhope, and nine grandchildren. Elizabeth was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Margaret Johnson, her husband, Robert Bishop and two grandsons.

Visitation will be held Friday, February 3 at South River Park Church from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Funeral service will also be held at the South River Park Church on Saturday, February 4 at 10:00 am with visitation beginning at 9:00 am.

Arrangements by Cason Funeral Service, Foley.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

South River Park Church of God  
10993 County Road 32  
Fairhope, AL 36532

## Funeral Service

FEB 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

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10993 County Road 32  
Fairhope, AL 36532

# Tribute Wall

ME

“ To the children, grandchildren and siblings of Beth: I have many fond memories of Sonny and Beth. I remember well her ability to play the piano like her dear mother. I know she worked long, hard hours in the hot field and provided for her family. I remember helping them to pick peas once down by Uncle Robert's house as there was an abundant crop that year. We must have picked 25 bushels by lunch time. She is now walking the streets of gold with her loved ones gone on before her. May God comfort you through this difficult time. Sincerely, Marsha (Bishop) Edhegard Ozark, AL

Marsha Edhegard - February 05, 2017 at 06:08 PM

CM

“ God's comfort & unfailing love to Beth's family. I enjoyed the times when I'd see her & I remember her piano playing so beautiful. Beautiful music from the ivory keys. Each finger dancing along with such ease. Talking to every heart with love & feeling. Home with Christ in everlasting & complete healing. CAM  
2-4-2017  
God's love, Charlotte A. Moore

Charlotte A. Moore - February 04, 2017 at 01:17 PM

LB

“ Sending condolences to the family of Beth at this time of loss!  
Linda McMahon Bishop.



Linda Bishop - February 03, 2017 at 06:46 PM

HE

“ *Heather lit a candle in memory of Mrs Elizabeth Bishop*



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**Heather** - February 03, 2017 at 01:21 AM

AH

“ *One of my best memories as a teenager was of Beth and her husband Sonny when they were youth leaders at North River Park Church. We had some great times and I remember one particular time when we went back in the woods on their farm and had a great youth meeting around a roaring camp fire. We roasted hot dogs and marsh mellows and a great time. She was also my Sunday School teacher and we had our class on the back porch of the parsonage. Oh so many years ago.*



*My thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

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**Andy Henderson** - February 02, 2017 at 07:01 PM



“ I remember when I got her to take silly pictures with me



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**Kayla Wainwright** - February 02, 2017 at 10:29 AM