

Judith Davis Johnson Obituary



Judith "Judy" Davis Johnson passed away peacefully on June 11, 2024, from complications of dementia. Judy was born in Washington, DC, in 1942 to Howard and Ruth Davis and grew up in Arlington, Va. She graduated from William & Mary in 1964, where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, before marrying fellow alum Edward Q. Johnson in 1966 and embarking on a 30-year career with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Rising from secretary to contracting officer and ultimately to division chief, she oversaw contracts for civilian foreign aid and development assistance in the Asia-Near East bureau. Highlights of her career and post-retirement consultancy included trips to Pakistan and Afghanistan following the end

of the Soviet-Afghan War in 1989, as well as assignments in Kenya, Ghana, Egypt, Iraq, and beyond.

Judy retired to Charleston, SC, where she lived for 20 years and remained active in music, arts, history, and conservation. She is survived by her children Capt. Edward Davis Johnson, USN (Stephanie), and Katherine Johnson Gordon (Quin); three grandchildren; her former husband, Edward Johnson; and her sister, Katherine Richardson (William). A memorial service will be held at Grace Church Cathedral in Charleston on Sept. 14 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to South Carolina's Coastal Conservation League. To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](#).

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