

Lion Cartha Johnson 3-09-1947 – 8-23-2021

Lion Cartha Johnson died on August 23, 2021 after a long series of debilitating health issues at the age of 74.

Lion Cartha first joined the Lions as a charter member of the Jefferson Lions Club in 1999 but left the club in 2001 for personal reasons. In 2003 she and her husband (Lion Bob Johnson) were asked to re-join the club by then District Governor Rodney Welch. She remained with the club until it turned in its charter in 2009 and during that time served as both club secretary and club president. Following the demise of the Jefferson Club she was a member of the Middletown Lions Club for a year and then transferred to the Thurmont Lions Club where she remained until her death.

She was very active at the district level, especially in the area of club extension and membership. In 2004 she was appointed by DG Mark Green to be the first district Women's Membership Chair and remained active as a member of the GMT (originally MERL Team) for many years until her health started to fail. During her tenure with the GMT she was instrumental in the chartering of five Lions Clubs and served as a Guiding Lion for three clubs. In addition, she also served as both a Zone Chair and a Region Chair

She served District Governor Brian Cox (2016 – 2017) as the District Awards Coordinator; District Administrative Assistant; and as a member of DG Brian's Social Committee.

During her tenure as a Lion she received numerous awards to include the International President's Leadership Metal; two International President's Certificates of Appreciation; and the District Governor's Commendation Metal. In addition, she was both a Melvin Jones Fellow and an Arnall Patz Fellow.

A private service will be held for Lion Cartha but no public memorial is planned. Any club or individual who would like to recognize Lion Cartha's contributions to Lionism is asked to make a memorial donation to the District 22-W Mobile Screening Unit (MSU) fund.