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MRS. JOHN E. JOHNSON
PRESENTED HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP
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Mr. & Mrs. John E. Johnson came to Bayside Presbyterian Church in January, 1955.

For twelve and a half years, as minister's wife at the Bayside Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach, Mrs. John E. Johnson gave herself wholeheartedly to the mission of the church.

For ten years she directed two choirs in the highest levels of church music, giving her professional services at no cost to the church.

She assisted in the discussion group class for adults in the Church School, moderating at times.

Always active in the circles of the Women of the Church, she frequently led in the regular Bible study, and devoted much time and preparation for special Bible study groups.

In company with individual women of the church, she made hundreds of calls on people in behalf of the church.

When no one else was willing to work with the youth group, Sunday evenings, she gave her time and attention to this activity. She organized the first Pioneer group.

When she was appointed Historian for the Women of the Church, her history and scrapbook became models for the Presbytery, thanks to the valuable assistance of Mrs. Sally Clark.

In response to a letter addressed to Mrs. Johnson from the Virginia Beach Chapter of the American Cancer Society, a work day each month was set aside by a group of the Women of the Church for making cancer dressings. This has been continued through the years.

There were other projects which received special attention; such as, assisting Mrs. Joe Wyatt and others in making choir robes for both choirs, selecting and purchasing the material and assisting Mrs. Wyatt and others in making the organ-pipe-fulted draperies for the choir balcony which have enriched the new sanctuary.

Each Sunday before Church School it was routine for Mrs. Johnson to check the flower arrangement for the worship service. At Christmas and Easter she devoted much time and effort to decorating the chancel for the special services; as well as, preparing the choirs for special programs of music.

All was done to the glory of God.

Martha Brake (Mrs. C. E.)

