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I'M A FAN

of



Virginia
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A wonderful blend of character and charm, Virginia Johnson represents the ideal candidate for Arkansas' highest office. A native of Conway (Faulkner County), Virginia is made of "good clay." Her illustrious forebears, with such names as Edwards, Mills, Burns, Hancock and Carmack, have distinguished themselves in service to the community, state, and nation.

Born January 21, 1928 to J. L. Morris, Sr. and Francis Morgan Morris, both members of the Church of Christ, Virginia was nurtured in the Christian faith from which she has never departed. As a child, she loved the excitement of playing near the Conway fire station where her father served as Assistant Fire Chief. But the laughter of childhood was to turn abruptly to tears with the tragic death of her mother in 1942, while living in El Paso (White County) where they had moved when Virginia was six. She then moved to Bee Branch (Van Buren County) to live with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas French, while her father served in the Marine Corps during World War II.

A serviceman's daughter has little hope of financing a college education. However, this bright young lady, upon graduation from Southside High School, where she was a straight-"A" student, received a scholarship to Draughon's School of Business. Little did she realize that she was already preparing for her future when she served as secretary for the law firm of Carter, Pickthorne, and Jones. As Underwriters Insurance secretary to the late William E. Terry of Little Rock, she gained further valuable training. Destiny had a hand in molding this lovely lady to fill the position of Governor. Virginia's warm compassion for people has enabled her, in her travels across the state, to share their hopes and sorrows.

**The CHOICE is clear . . . the CHANGE is guaranteed
and the CHALLENGE is one which stirs the heart
of every person who truly loves our state—
A chance to STAND UP FOR ARKANSAS!**

She was plunged into the world of politics soon after her 1947 marriage to a bright young attorney from Crossett named James D. (Jim) Johnson. During the first years of their marriage, Virginia attended two law refresher courses and became of great assistance to Jim in his legal practice. During her husband's two terms as Arkansas State Senator, Virginia worked on the Senate Staff. Then, in 1954 the first of the Johnsons' three sons, Mark Douglas, was born. While residing in Crossett, she served two years as President of the Business and Professional Women's Club and became a charter member of both Amaranth and Rebekah Lodges, and later served as Noble Grand of Rebekah Lodge and Royal Matron of the Amaranth.

After Jim's election to the State Supreme Court in 1958, the Johnsons settled in Jacksonville where they were blessed with twin boys, John David and Joseph Daniel born in 1959.

Their present home, built in 1963 on Beaverfork Lake in Conway, is a flurry of activity. Virginia was elected President of the Ellen Smith P.T.A. and takes an active part in Palmetto Chapter No. 47, Order of the Eastern Star, where her station is Ada.

Her keen intelligence and graciousness are known to fellow-Arkansans at every country store and dusty cross-roads. She has won grudging admiration, even from her opponents, because of her ability to debate the issues with some of the most noted politicians in Arkansas.

Housewife, mother, business-woman and public servant with knowledge of our people and government, gleaned from years of serving by her husband's side, Virginia Johnson presents a choice, a change, and a challenge.