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Olive Johnson, ca. 1943-1950 (NPS History Collection Photo).

Olive M. “Johnny” Johnson

Carlsbad Caverns

Park Guide, 1943-1974

- Born Olive Deane Morris on March 18, 1914 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Attended Penn State College for a year then briefly a business school in 1932.
- Received nurses training at Bryn Mawr Hospital in 1933-1934, then worked in private nursing for a year.
- Married Paul Johnson in August 1935.
- Moved to Carlsbad, New Mexico for their daughter's health in 1943.
- Hired as a part-time guide at Carlsbad Caverns in 1943-1944, making \$5/day.
- Beginning in September 1944, she held various positions including park guide, tour leader, and first-aid attendant before becoming a supervisory park guide in 1965.
- Retired as a supervisory park technician on May 11, 1974.
- Used her nursing experience to care for visitors who fainted on tours.
- Was an extra in the movie "Cave of Outlaws" in 1951.
- Died in 2006.

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