



Doris Allene Johnson

July 19, 1929 - June 8, 2020

Doris Allene Johnson, known to everyone as “Bigmama”, of Sparta, entered into eternal rest on Monday, June 8, 2020.

She was born on July 19, 1929 in Caroline County to the late Aaron and Julia Latney. She attended Union High School and graduated in 1947. She later married Ralph K. Johnson who preceded her in death. To this union they were blessed with seven children, Sandra Farmer (Lawrence), Julia Johnson, Marjorie Martin (Beverly), Wanda Deyo (Russell), Angela McGee (Victor), Nadenia Harrington, Ralph Johnson and adopted son, Virgil Johnson; 14 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, 4 great great grandchildren, 3 adopted grandchildren, and a granddaughter, Shaquanna Deyo who also preceded her in death.

She was a devoted and active member of Jerusalem Baptist Church where she accepted Christ at an early age and served faithfully on various ministries until her health declined. She treasured her family and embraced every moment with them. With a heart of a servant, she saw fit to open her home to become a foster mother. She continued to love and show acts of kindness with everyone. No one was a stranger to her.

She also leaves behind one sister, Mary-Joyce Roane and two brothers, Aaron and Lewis Latney, a host of nieces, nephews and special friends.

We thank God for our Mother of 90 years. We love you Mom but God loved you more.

A viewing will be held from 9:00 to 11:00 am on Saturday, June 13th at Jerusalem Baptist Church, 21180 Bagby Road, Bowling Green, Va 22427. A graveside service will be held immediately after.

Please adhere to the current public health guidelines when attending services

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Jerusalem Baptist Church
21180 Bagby Rd
Bowling Green, VA 22427

Graveside Service

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Bowling Green, VA 22427

Tribute Wall

NH

“ *Nadenia Harrington lit a candle in memory of Doris Allene Johnson* ”



Nadenia Harrington - May 20 at 09:09 AM

WD

“ *Wanda Deyo lit a candle in memory of Doris Allene Johnson* ”



Wanda Deyo - June 13, 2025 at 05:55 PM

NH

“ *Nadenia Harrington lit a candle in memory of Doris Allene Johnson* ”



Nadenia Harrington - June 12, 2025 at 11:37 AM

NH

“ *Nadenia Harrington lit a candle in memory of Doris Allene Johnson* ”



Nadenia Harrington - June 09, 2024 at 03:32 PM

AM

“ *My condolences to the family and friends of Doris Johnson. May God grant you all peace and comfort.*

*Andre McManus and Family
Atlanta, Ga.*



Andre McManus - June 15, 2020 at 09:30 AM

DJ

“ *To the family, My condolences to all affected by her passing. Take comfort in knowing she has received her heavenly crown. Love you all! Dr. Sanja Jackson-Hudson*

Dr. Sanja Jackson-Hudson - June 14, 2020 at 12:48 PM

MT

To Sandra and Family. My thoughts and prayers to you in the passing of your Loved One. A beautiful flower has gained her wings.

Marsha Penny Thomas - June 14, 2020 at 10:05 PM

LT

“ To the family, it is with great sorrow that we have to say good-bye to such an awesome and inspiring lady of faith and mother of many. I was so blessed to have met her and befriended by her beautiful children many years ago in King George, VA with unconditional love and respect taught and inspired by you.

I offer up continued prayers and hope for a healing to all affected by this great Christian Lady's Homegoing to Christ and many waiting love ones already preceding her.

Mother Doris Allene Johnson take your rest and enjoy your new body in heaven. We won't forget all the love that you offered up to the world freely with great caring and acceptance of all that crossed your path!

*Linwood M. Taylor
Richmond, VA*

Linwood Taylor - June 14, 2020 at 10:09 AM

LT

“ We are deeply saddened to hear about the death of Cousin Doris. We would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the entire family. Words cannot express how we are feeling. We will miss how she would squeeze our cheeks for her kisses and her embraces of "love." It was always a joy to be in Cousin Doris's presence. We are unable to be there today, but we send our love and prayers that God will comfort you during this difficult time.

Cousin Doris, you had a beautiful soul that was so full of love and faith. Your work here on earth is complete. You will never be forgotten. We will cherish your memory forever in our hearts. May God rest your soul in peace.

*~With heavy hearts,
Lolita Woolfolk Thomas & family*

Lolita Woolfolk Thomas - June 13, 2020 at 11:27 AM

TW

“ To the family, my heartfelt sympathies to each you. May God give you peace and understanding of His will. Ms. Doris was always smiling and greeted me with a hug and kiss every time I saw her. What a wonderful person she was and I will cherish that memory. God bless!
-Tina Woolfolk

Tina Woolfolk - June 13, 2020 at 10:30 AM

GT

“ My sincere condolences to my former co-worker, Angela McGee and her family on the passing of her mother. You are in my thoughts and prayers



Gattalene Tate - June 13, 2020 at 09:34 AM

VG

“ Our sincerest condolences to Ms. Sandra Farmer and family during this most difficult time. We love you and are praying for you. Love, Chris and Vickie Gyden.

Vickie Gyden - June 13, 2020 at 09:00 AM

BN

“ Bonnie Vessels. Great Neice lit a candle in memory of Doris Allene Johnson



Bonnie Vessels. Great neice - June 13, 2020 at 07:20 AM

JP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jackie Pleasants - June 12, 2020 at 11:26 PM

SO

“ Big momma welcomed my family into hers with open arms. She always had a smile on her face and showed love every time we got together. Always the same person no matter the circumstances. Truly she showed us time and time again what a Proverbs 31 woman is. Her worth is far above rubies. She is and forever will be dearly missed. Thank you for being a prominent fixture in our lives.



Stacee Ogburn - June 12, 2020 at 08:42 PM

CA

“ I wii always remember her as a stunning and vibrant woman. Always welcoming everyone who came to her door. May she Rest In Peace knowing how much she was loved.

The family has my prayers.

Love,

Carol Johnson



carol - June 12, 2020 at 05:37 PM

BB

“ Remembering her sweet disposition and beautiful smile. I know she'll be missed by many.

Love to the family,
Belva Brown



Belva Brown - June 12, 2020 at 02:17 PM

NH

“ Bigmama was special to me in a lot of ways. Her love, beauty and compassion touched my heart. With seven children of her own, she was a mother figure to many others including my brother and I as well. At about 4 years old, Before we were able to understand or rationalize our own circumstances and situation of foster care, her passion and love for us taught me how to unconditionally love to this day. My heart felt condolences to all her beloved family. I will miss you..through hope in God, we will see you again. Rest in Heaven Bigmama ❤️

Nicole Harry - June 12, 2020 at 01:51 PM

SA

“ She was such a bright light, always smiling and so warm. We enjoyed spending time with her at Brielle's 10th birthday party. So sorry for your loss, family, and we are keeping you all in prayer. Much love to you all!
Sarah & Abby Upham



Sarah - June 12, 2020 at 01:39 PM

AS

“ Angela J. Smith lit a candle in memory of Doris Allene Johnson



Angela J. Smith - June 12, 2020 at 01:15 PM

SF

“ Mrs. Johnson was a beautiful soul that I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to meet. Her smile was always warm and welcoming and her laughter contagious. She had a way of making everyone feel that she was truly happy to see you or even speak to you on the phone. There were no strangers to her, everyone was family or a friend. We lift you all in prayer for the Lords comfort at this time of sorrow and ask that he continues to fill your hearts with the faith, love and joy that this precious lady built her life around.



Sheila Randall & Family - June 12, 2020 at 11:40 AM

SM

“ Stacey Monroe lit a candle in memory of Doris Allene Johnson



Stacey Monroe - June 12, 2020 at 10:07 AM

SM

Mrs. Doris was my ray of sunshine I'm so glad I had the opportunity to have her in my life and her girls RIP my 🙏 love you Family my thoughts and prayers are with you 🙏❤️

Sheila Mickens - June 12, 2020 at 02:20 PM

BS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss ...please be assured that even though I can't be with you all, you have my love and prayers.

Brenda Deyo Smith - June 12, 2020 at 09:59 AM

AF

“ We love you and will miss you dearly Big Mama. April Z. Ford and McGee family.

April Z. Ford - June 12, 2020 at 09:31 AM

PP

“ What a beautiful lady... a ray of Sonshine. Her smile was contagious and her love overwhelmingly unconditional. Thank you for sharing this special lady with so many. I love all of you so much and here if you need me. May God's Perfect Peace and Comfort be yours during this time. Pastor Catherine Parker and HPCC family.

Pastor Catherine T. Parker - June 12, 2020 at 08:39 AM

SS

“ Sherman & Bonita Stewart lit a candle in memory of Doris Allene Johnson



Sherman & Bonita Stewart - June 12, 2020 at 06:01 AM

MB

“ I really am going to miss Ms.Doris,she really was a very sweet person in my life,the little talks and our laughter we had together, rest on in paradise until we see each other again ❤️ I love you

medra Brown - June 11, 2020 at 08:37 PM

LE

“ Unfortunately, I (Leola C McDowney) never had the privilege in meeting "Big Mama", however, I do feel as if I knew her, because of Shantae. I've heard wonderful stories over Big Mama for the past 10 years, I would guess. What a beautiful jewel. Cherish the many fond memories of your dear loved ones. Blessings and Love;
Leola

Leola - June 11, 2020 at 07:00 PM

NM

“ I met Big Momma when I was 14 and I remember her kindness towards me, her love for her family and her being so welcoming to me. I remember this tiny lady, commanding the room, making me laugh and seeing the love she had for her family. She was always full of life!!! I count myself so blessed to have been able to spend time with her, listening to her stories and being in awe of this strong, smart, determined, funny, sassy and kind woman. She will be missed.
Love, Natasha McGee

Natasha McGee - June 11, 2020 at 05:57 PM

NM

*Big Momma was a joy to be around. She welcomed all with open arms. Her love for her family, adoptive kids was so strong and matched by them for her. We will miss your Beautiful Soul & Smile. You will never be forgotten.
Sending Love for The Johnson Family, Carl & Nietta McGee*

Nietta McGee - June 12, 2020 at 12:09 PM

KB

“ *She will be warmly remembered for her sweet spirit and beautiful smile. We will always remember her kindness and the encouragement she gave us during our time with the Jerusalem Baptist Church family.*

Kevin & Martie Barnes

Kevin & Martie Barnes - June 11, 2020 at 04:50 PM

HG

“ *Howard & Romain Greene lit a candle in memory of Doris Allene Johnson*



Howard & Romain Greene - June 11, 2020 at 02:54 PM

JM

“ *Jennifer Miller lit a candle in memory of Doris Allene Johnson*



Jennifer Miller - June 11, 2020 at 02:20 PM

CD

“ To our Johnson/Latney Family:

We can't express enough how much we cherish the life, legacy and service of our dear Cousin Doris. She had her special way of getting our attention no matter where we were, so that she wouldn't miss in giving and getting "the required exchange of kisses"!!

She was destined to touch, and forever alter, the lives of so many family, friends and humankind in general. God gave her the grace of sharing!

Her beauty, her joy and love will be with us forever. FAMILY, we will continue to pray for solace, in knowing that God will grant you peace and comfort and allow her spiritual presence in all of hearts forever. Another Saint gone home to be with the Lord!

Lovingly your cousins: Cecelia, Janice, Steffon, Mia and Kia Deyo

Cecelia Deyo-Fox - June 11, 2020 at 02:14 PM

BP

“ Brenda Pitts lit a candle in memory of Doris Allene Johnson



Brenda Pitts - June 11, 2020 at 02:00 PM