



## Rose Marie Grinnell Johnson

July 23, 1949 - July 17, 2019

Rose Marie Johnson born in Smyth County, Virginia, of the late Arnold and Mary (King) Grinnell, left this earthly life to go and be with Jesus on July 17, 2019. Rose grew up in the Smyth County and Hampton, Va. areas and spent many years there, as well as Barhamsville, Va. and Latrobe, Pa. Rose was a true rose, blooming wherever she was planted. She had a personality larger than life, with love for people and the Lord. She was known to be a little ornery, and loved laughter and family. She loved her crazy hats and loved (to her husband's dismay) to stick stickers on everything, especially her car. Her car was known to be adorned with giant roadrunner stickers, happy faces, sayings, political and religious statements of faith. She loved her family heirlooms and would write all over the bottom of them where, what, how and who gave it to her. She would dare you to get rid of them with a giggle and sass. The miracles that were witnessed in her life alone were enough to change all that knew her towards the promise of Jesus. She knew no stranger and would boldly and thoroughly evangelize everyone she met. She let Christ live through her and was obediently used to bring many to salvation. With her big personality, ability to forgive anything, and love like no other, she has left a huge hole in many hearts that only Jesus can fill. Thank God she left a legacy of Jesus for her family. We all need him now more than ever.

Rose was preceded in death by her loving husband, Robert (Bob) Wayne Johnson Sr., a US Marine Vietnam War Veteran who served in "Echo Company" 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division in the

famous "Tet Offensive". He would carry many wounds from that war until his passing in 2017, which Rose tended and respectfully loved him through. He was the love of her life. She loved her Marine and stayed by his side. Rose was also preceded in death by their infant son, Richard Wesley Johnson, and a special Aunt Molly and Uncle Floyd Chapman of Yorktown, who were very close and dear to her.

Rose is survived by her son, Robert Johnson II and wife, Kelly of New Kent, Virginia; grandson, Robert Johnson III (Lora) and their children, Liam, Landon and Lexie of Greensburg, PA; grandson, Richard Johnson (Tiphany) and their children, Robert Warren, Eleanor Rose and Amelia; granddaughter, Tori Robertson-Johnson; grandsons, Benjamin Arnold and Timothy Paul, all of New Kent; a cousin, Rhonda Hamilton (Bobby) and their daughter, Brandy Marie and son Brandon of Yorktown, VA; cousin, Mona Dixon (Todd) and their daughters, Kristina Dixon and Brittany Hildebrand (Chris), and their granddaughter, Hayden; a special close cousin, Stanley Corbin; and a best friend for life, Balinda McConnell.

The family will receive friends 5 to 6 PM, Tuesday, July 23rd at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, VA with a funeral service beginning at 6 PM.

A second funeral service will be held 10 AM Saturday, July 27th at Hartman-Graziano Funeral Home, 1500 Ligonier St., Latrobe, PA 15650 with burial following in St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery, 108 Dutch Hill Rd., Latrobe, PA 15650.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery

108 Dutch Hill Rd.  
Latrobe, PA 15650

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 23. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel  
417 11th St  
West Point, VA 23181  
(804) 843-2550

## Service

JUL 23. 6:00 PM (ET)

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JUL 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

Hartman-Graziano Funeral Home  
1500 Ligonier St.  
Latrobe, PA 15650  
<https://hartman-grazianofuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ Robert & Family, please accept our deepest condolences for your loss. I know sweet Rosie is home now resting with her Lord and Savior. Thoughts and prayers are with you all ❤️

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**John & Lori Riesbeck** - July 22, 2019 at 10:32 PM

SP

“ Praying for you and your family as you mourn this difficult loss! Your mom was a wonderful friend. We met when we were both pregnant during the 70's. It was a very sad time that drew us closer. I gave birth to my daughter and she lost Richard then. She was a friend you never forget and one you always felt close to, even when you didn't see her for years. She will certainly be missed but she is Home with our Lord !!!

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**Susan Copeland Pritts** - July 22, 2019 at 08:28 PM

SW

“ So sorry Robbie and family for the loss of your Mom. She was a delightful lady and I was blessed to know her. Prayers and comfort for you all.

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**Sandra Wilson** - July 20, 2019 at 05:26 PM

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“ 15 files added to the tribute wall



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**Robert Johnson III** - July 19, 2019 at 10:56 PM