



Vernice Southward Johnson

June 7, 2015

Vernice Southward Johnson, 75, of New Kent went to be with the Lord, Sunday, June 7, 2015. Vernice retired in 2002 after 25 years of service at VCU. She and her husband raised miniature dachshunds, passionately showing them up and down the east coast for over 20 years. Vernice loved spending time with her family and was an avid VCU and UVA basketball fan. She was preceded in death by her husband of 24 years, Robert Johnson. She is survived by her son, Michael K. Eckel; her grandson, Dustin Eckel; her brother, John B. Southward Jr. (Patricia); a special friend and caregiver, Patricia Adkins; and Vernice's loving dog, Rudy. The family is planning to have a private graveside burial. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Massey Cancer Center VCU, P.O. Box 980214, Richmond, Virginia 23298-0214.