

*In Loving Memory
of*



Mary L. Johnson

Sunrise
July 4, 1938

Sunset
April 25, 2011

Monday, May 2, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

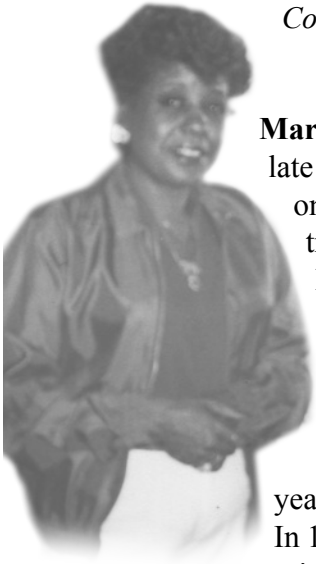
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Obituary

Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads, and I will give you rest. -Matthew 11:28



Mary Lizzie (Smalley) Johnson the daughter of the late Cluese and Addie Bell (Hunter) Smalley was born on July 4, 1938 in Lincolnton, Georgia. Mary transitioned from this earthly life to eternity Monday, April 25, 2011, surrounded by her loved ones.

Mary was five years old when the family moved to Philadelphia where she attended the Harrison Elementary School and completed her high school years at the Laney High School in Augusta, Georgia. In 1959, Mary relocated to Newark, New Jersey. Later on in life, she received her certification as a Nursing Assistant and was employed by Patient Care in Westfield, retiring in 1998.

Mary enjoyed life and being in the company of people. She enjoyed celebrating her birthday July 4th and dressing in her red, white and blue attire every year. Mary would delight you with her fine cuisines and her tasty cakes. She enjoyed fishing and found peace and comfort in fulfilling her hobby.

We thank God for the privilege of having Mary in our lives. She was predeceased by her parents, Cluese and Addie Bell (Hunter) Smalley, six sisters, Cora Bell Tankersley, Rosa Mae Bass, Willie Bell Shanks, Odell Frazier, Pearlina Jackson and Ozell White, two brothers, Cluese Smalley, Jr. and Johnnie Willie Smalley.

She leaves to cherish precious memories: her devoted husband of eighteen years, Edward Darnell Johnson; one son, Darryel Brown; granddaughter, Danielle Brown; future daughter-in-law, Renise Davis; two sisters, Sarah Mae Brinson, Augusta, GA and Grace Wade, Philadelphia, PA; three brothers-in-law, George Shank, Augusta, GA, John Wade, Philadelphia, PA and James W. Johnson, Jersey City, NJ; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgement / Resolutions

Remarks

(2 minutes please)

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Rosemary Perry

Entombment

Hollywood Memorial Park
Union, New Jersey

Heaven's Grocery Store

*I was walking down life's highway a long time ago.
One day I saw a sign that read, "HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE".
As I got a little closer, the door came open wide,
And when I came to myself I was standing inside.
I saw a host of ANGELS. They were standing everywhere.
One handed me a basket and said, "My Child, shop with care".
Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store.
All you couldn't carry, you could come back the next day for more.
First, I got some PATIENCE: LOVE was in the same row.
Further down was UNDERSTANDING: you need that everywhere you go.
I got a box or two of WISDOM, a bag or two of FAITH.
I just couldn't miss the HOLY GHOST, for it was all over the place.
I stopped to get some STRENGTH, And COURAGE to help me run this race.
By then my basket was getting full, But I remembered I needed some GRACE.
I didn't forget SALVATION, for SALVATION was free,
So I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.
Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill,
For I thought I had everything to do the MASTER'S will.
As I went up the aisle, I saw PRAYER:
And I just had to put that in,
For I knew when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin.
PEACE AND JOY were plentiful; they were last on the shelf.
SONG and PRAISE were hanging near, so I just helped myself.
Then I said to the angel, "Now, how much do I owe?"
He smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go."
Again, I smiled and said, "How much do I really owe?"
He smiled again and said,
"MY CHILD, GOD PAID YOUR BILL A LONG, LONG TIME AGO."*

Acknowledgement

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.*

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