



Deaconess Althea Doris Christina Johnathan

October 4, 1956 - January 29, 2014

On Wednesday, January 29, 2014, our special angel, Althea Doris Christina Johnathan was called to her heavenly home. Born in Henrico, VA on October 4, 1956, Althea was the eldest of four children born to Bernice and the late Donald Johnathan, Sr.

Althea was educated in Henrico, VA schools graduating from Varina High School in 1971. She continued her education at Virginia State University followed by completion of the Early Childhood Education Program at J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College. Having a great love for children, her ultimate goal was to start a nursery school along with her sister Wanda.

She accepted Christ at the age of 9, and was baptized at St. James Baptist Church where she was a faithful worker in Sunday School, teaching Vacation Bible School, Voices of Praise Chorus, Deaconess ministry and Agape Sheepfold. She was also a member of Larry Bland and The Volunteer Choir of Richmond for thirty seven years serving on the Executive Board and as a Treasurer.

Althea was a charter member of the Elizabeth S. Spurlock Chapter #236, Order of the Eastern Stars, Prince Hall Affiliation. She served as Worthy Matron and was a faithful Secretary until her illness.

Althea was employed with the Department of Motor Vehicles(DMV) for 37 years where she was loved by all.

Left to cherish her memory are her mother,Bernice Atkins Johnathan,one brother,Donald Johnathan,Jr.,two sisters,Wanda and Melody Johnathan;two nephews,Donald Johnathan,III and Cody Thomas;eight aunts,Betty James,Marie Bagby,Mattie Thorpe,Thelma Cosby,Irene D. Bagby,Ruby Atkins,Doris Price,Marian Martin;one uncle,Christie Stuart Johnathan(Gloria);one great aunt,Alma Louise Baugh;devoted cousin,Marvin Price and devoted friend Veola Thomas;five God-children,Jayden Robinson,Otis and Shawn Lundy,Linden German and Jestin Jennings.

Althea leaves a multitude of cousins,co-workers,and friends,including special groups;The Four Seasons,The Sisterhood,and The Four Amego's who will truly miss her. Their lives will never be the same,but her memory will linger forever.

Psalm 34:1 I will bless the Lord at all times;his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery

Henrico, VA

Previous Events

viewing

FEB 3. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

FEB 3. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Richmond, VA 23222

Service

FEB 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James Baptist Church
2169 New Market Road
Richmond, VA 23231

Tribute Wall



“ *Deaconess Althea Doris Christina Johnathan*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *she always was in my heart and she will always be this is here
nehwew cody.*

cody thomas - April 29, 2014 at 01:37 PM



“ *Althea was one of my all time favorites. She was truly a fine lady
and always had a beautiful smile!*

Bernie Barker - February 16, 2014 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Family, I Have known her all and your all my life. She was the
person I enjoyed singing with. Her bright out look on life was
amazing. She is now singing on God's most highest choir and
smiling with us. Your love one is not gone..she lives on..and she will
always be there for you. God will take care of you..trust me..He has
been there for me*

*Sincerely,
Lisa Battle Troyer*

Lisa Troyer - February 03, 2014 at 03:53 PM

GW

“ Gwendolyn P Whiting lit a candle in memory of Deaconess Althea Doris Christina Johnathan



Gwendolyn P Whiting - February 03, 2014 at 12:10 PM

GW

To Althea's Mother and Family and to Nee Nee, I cannot not be there to celebrate her homegoing but know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. I am so very blessed to have spent so many memorable and good times with Althea during our Volunteer Choir years and beyond. I have so many texts still on my phone from her as she checked on me as I traveled and kept me abreast of her good and challenging days. I thank God for allowing her to pass through my life. Rest well my dear friend. The sistahs will always love and think of you and we know that God has a better plan for you. Gwen

Gwendolyn P Whiting - February 03, 2014 at 12:21 PM

LF

“ Our family would like to express condolences to your family. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible. He assures us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "the last enemy death will be brought to nothing". Our prayers are with your family.

linn & family - February 03, 2014 at 11:27 AM

MP

“ Mark Powell lit a candle in memory of Deaconess Althea Doris Christina Johnathan



mark powell - February 02, 2014 at 04:49 PM

MP

forever my friend

mark powell - February 02, 2014 at 04:50 PM

DL

“ *To the family, There will be no other person like Thee! She lived and loved life to the fullest, and before she left us she made it known that "it is what it is"*

To my true dear friend, I thank God for sending you into my life you were there with me all the way until the end. My heart is sadden by your lost but I know that you are in a better place now. You are one of God's children and a true believer in God. I will always cherish all the good times that we shared together and I will always remember your beautiful smile. May you rest in peace my true dear friend until we meet again!

LOVE YOU GIRL,

Deborah Ann Lundy

Deborah Lundy - February 02, 2014 at 10:29 AM

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LB

“ There is a great loss among us . . . A void that has no end . . . An empty place that cannot be filled. However, and despite it all, there is comfort in knowing and believing that our physical deficit is a spiritual gain, the absence here is a presence in eternity, and the missing link on Earth is a divine connection with Our Heavenly Father.



Our dear Althea was more than can be described here. Without question, she will always be missed. We are grateful for her time with us and the exemplary contributions she made to our organization's Executive Committee in the capacity of Treasurer and Financial Advisor as well as serving as an integral presence in our Alto Section. Not only was she a strong tower in The Volunteer Choir's family community, Althea, more importantly, was a true and dedicated Sister and Friend!

On behalf of our entire family, past and present, I extend our heartfelt condolences to The Johnathan Family, St. James Baptist Church Affiliates, Professional Colleagues, Civic and Social Organizations, and to her universe of friends and acquaintances.

With Our Sincerest Respect . . . LOVE . . . Thoughts and Prayers,

Larry J. Bland, Director

"Larry Bland & The Volunteer Choir"

Larry J. Bland - February 02, 2014 at 07:41 AM

CA

“ Sorry for the lost of your loved one, she is no longer here with us but, Jesus promise at John 5:28 all those in the graves will hear his voice and come out, what a joy it will be to see her again.

carolyn - February 01, 2014 at 02:48 PM

PL

“ I'm sorry for your loss. Death is such a hateful and ugly event. But God's words in the Bible gives us future hope at Isaiah 25:8 where HE promises to wipe away our tears and swallow up death forever. May you find comfort from God's words in the Bible.

Peggy Land - January 31, 2014 at 08:54 PM

RS

I send my deepest sympathy from the bottom of my heart. I know that you will miss her, but through it all GOD has her in HIS CARE. I have never met her, I do know her god children. I pray that GOD WILL COMFORT EACH OF YOU THROUGH THIS TOUGH TIME. MAY PRAYER'S ARE WITH YOU ALL. MUCH LOVE TO ALL OF YOU.

Robin Saunders - February 04, 2014 at 10:26 AM

VT

“ Dear Family-

Words can not fully express how heavy my heart and how my soul is shaken at the loss of my friend and I do mean a true friend, confidant, sisters by choice and my buddy. Althea, was a special person who had a heart of gold. She enjoyed her life, family and friends to the utmost. She did not take life for granted and wait to celebrate her life as we sometimes do by putting things off until another day. Living life to the fullest and enjoying all that life offered is how she lived her life. She was not negative and she did not want to dwell on the bad but always found a way to make the darkness or sadness not seem so bad. Even with her illness, she never complained or allow herself to dwell in the bad. My friend, Althea would tell you that God is Good even in the midst of what she was going through and her faith in God never waivered. She knew God would and was taking care of her and those she loved every step of the way. Ms. Bernice, Wanda, Donald, Mel, Cody, DJ and the rest of the Johnathan family, Althea is resting in peace and is safe in our Father's arms and more than likely dancing down the streets of gold :). Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can not heal. Know that I am always here for you and I love you all as well. Prayers are being sent up to Heaven for you all to find strength and comfort at this time of sorrow for the loss of Althea. The memories that we have will get all of through in the days to come.

*With deepest sympathy and much love,
Vee-Cee*

Veola Thomas - January 31, 2014 at 02:11 PM

JB

“ To the family,
I am sorry for you loss. Death can be hard to cope with. May you draw comfort from Isaiah 25:8 where God promises to swallow up death forever. May the God of all comfort be with you in this time of need.

JB - January 31, 2014 at 07:53 AM

SH

“ To the Family of Mrs. Johnathan,

I wish to extend my condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. Acts 24:15 lovingly declares "There is going to be a resurrection." May you receive much comfort and strength from that hope in the days ahead.

Sharon Hill - January 30, 2014 at 06:06 PM

AR

“ Althea and I have sung together for over thirty years. She was a feat friend and a wonderful person. She was kind spirited and we shared some great times together. We will truly miss her. I know she is resting in the arms of our father. I will truly miss her. The family is in my prayers. Audrey Robinson

Audrey C Robinson - January 30, 2014 at 04:55 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - January 30, 2014 at 02:16 PM

EW

To The Family Of Althea Johnathan

The Walker Family wish to express our condolences for the loss of your loved one. We will truly miss seeing her smiling face.

Edith Walker - February 03, 2014 at 11:08 AM