



## Bernice Louise Johnson

January 4, 1944 - August 17, 2018

### MINISTER BERNICE LOUISE JOHNSON

But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the Gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the Gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. ---Joshua 24:15

Minister Bernice Louise Johnson was born in Newport News, Virginia, on January 4, 1944. She received her heavenly wings on August 17, 2018. Since 1996, Bernice was a devoted member of the Ark of Safety Christian Church, where she served in the Unity Choir, Sanctuary Choir, Adult Praise Dancers, Congregational Care, Ministry of Helps, Children's Church, and the Outreach Ministry.

Minister Johnson was born to Norman and Lettie Wilkerson in Newport News, VA. She was raised from a very early age in Chester Virginia by Lillian Friend Harris. She attended Chesterfield County Public Schools and graduated from Carver High School in Chester, Virginia. Later, she attended Smithdeal-Massey Business College in Richmond. She was employed by Virginia Commonwealth University for 12 years in Business Administration and later moved to the state of Maryland, where she worked for the University of Maryland in Undergraduate Admissions. After 24 years of devoted service,

she retired from the University of Maryland in 2013. Minister Johnson devoted herself to public service and to caring for others. Her family, above all, was her pride and joy.

Her favorite pastimes included sewing, cooking, gardening, shopping, collecting trinkets, and tea parties. She also spent a lot of time at the Clark Senior Center in La Plata, Maryland, doing a number of crafts and activities. She enjoyed holidays and spending time with children and family.

Bernice is preceded in death by her father, Norman Wilkerson, Foster Mother Lillian Friend Harris, and Sister, Carolyn Robinson. She leaves to cherish her memory one daughter, Felicia D. Haynes (Horace); three sons, Frederick D. Johnson, Jr. (Stacee), Bertram L. Johnson, (Nikki), and Boris L. Johnson (Marsha); Mother, Lettie Thompkins; sisters, Connie Bland, Lorna Owens, LaTanya Hill, and LaToya Wilkerson; one devoted sister-in-law, Mildred Williams; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Signal Hill Memorial Park & Mausoleum

12360 Hanover Courthouse Road  
Hanover, VA 23069

# Previous Events

## viewing

AUG 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Service

AUG 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bernice Louise Johnson*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Ms. Owens,*

*The Fifth Baptist Church Veterans Ministry is sorry to hear about the home-going of your sister. We shall keep the family in prayer.*

*Thad & Patricia Jones*

**Thad & Pat Jones** - August 24, 2018 at 10:33 AM



“ *I miss and love you today tomorrow and always see you on the other side. Your light will glow forever in my heart. Smooches*



**Regina Johnson** - August 22, 2018 at 11:52 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bernice Louise Johnson.*



August 22, 2018 at 02:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernice Louise Johnson.*



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August 22, 2018 at 12:44 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.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - August 21, 2018 at 02:32 PM