



Bessie Lena Johnson

July 19, 1925 - November 9, 2014

Obituary of Bessie Lightfoot Johnson

Bessie Lena Lightfoot Johnson was born July 19, 1925 to the late Daniel and Viola Lightfoot in Sandston, Virginia. She loved the Lord and developed a personal relationship with Him which she happily shared with everyone she met. One of her fondest memories was the day she was baptized which she stated she would never forget because it was also the day her twin brothers were born. Bessie was an avid reader and graduated from Virginia Randolph School.

After graduation she married the late Wallace Johnson, Sr., and together they raised seven (7) Children. Although she worked outside the home she was a gifted homemaker and cook. She loved flowers and her yard was noted for its many plants and colorful flowers. Bessie will always be remembered for the homemade rolls she baked every Sunday and her famous lemon chess pie.

She loved her church and her Rising Mount Zion Church family where she was a willing worker. Her many gifts included singing in the Senior Choir, Sunday school teacher, member of Church Dinner Committee and Vacation Bible School Principal. Bessie emphasized learning bible verses to the students as well as her own children as she recognized the importance of knowing the Word as well as reading the Word. She also worked with the

Missionary Committee sending out cards of inspiration to the sick and shut in.

Her later years were filled with her friends at the Henrico Senior Citizen group playing games, doing puzzles and word searches and making crafts.

However, her greatest enjoyment came from taking pictures and she was affectionately nick-named "Flash Gordon" by her family. She never left home without her camera and loved taking pictures at every occasion, especially birthday gatherings and birthday cakes.

Bessie is survived by her seven(7) children: Major (Gloria),Phillip,Sr. (Carolyn),Vanestle(Leon),Wallace H.Jr., (Yvette),Selena(Ralph),Randy(Elizabeth)and Alan(Carolyn). She also leaves behind five (5) siblings:Luella,Howard,Maxwell,Wilber(Dorothy),and Gilbert(Constance);sister-in-law,Estelle Hudgins. She was preceded in death by her brother,Herman Lighfoot. She also leaves many grandchildren,great grandchildren,nieces and nephews as well as a hosts of other relatives and friends

She may be gone in body,but she lives forever in our hearts. We still can hear her saying words from one of her favorite hymns:

"Must Jesus bear the Cross alone and all the world go free
No there's a cross for everyone and there's a cross for me.
The consecrated cross I'll bear till death shall set me free
And then go home my crown to wear,for there is a crown for me."

Cemetery Details

Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery

3857 Rising Mt. Zion Road
Sandston, VA 23150

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV **14.** 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

NOV **14.** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

NOV **15.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery
3857 Rising Mt. Zion Road
Sandston, VA 23150

Tribute Wall



“ *Bessie Lena Johnson*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My family is deeply saddened by the passing of Big Moma. We'll always remember Big Moma fondly and feel lucky that we had the pleasure of knowing her. She will truly be missed but never forgotten.*

Toia Brown, TraQuan Brown, Orlando Lightfoot Jr.

Toia Brown - November 14, 2014 at 02:59 PM



“ *To God Be the Glory! May he give us the perfect "peace" and wrap his loving arms of comfort around us all!*



Children of the Late Herman Lightfoot - November 12, 2014 at 10:06 AM



“ *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 - November 11, 2014 at 03:26 PM