



Corliss Freda Jones Morton Johnson

August 5, 1953 - January 26, 2024

In Loving Memory of Corliss Fredia Jones Morton Johnson

Corliss Freda Jones Morton Johnson, affectionately known as Freda, was born on August 5, 1953, in Richmond, Virginia, to Raymond and Grace Jones. She peacefully departed this life on January 26, 2024, surrounded by family, love, and the memories of a life well-lived.

Freda's early years were rooted in the Historic Fulton area of Richmond, where she found solace and purpose within the walls of Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church. At the tender age of nine, Freda accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior, laying the foundation for a life devoted to faith, service, and community.

A graduate of John F. Kennedy High School's class of 1971, Freda continued her education, earning an associate degree from J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. Her career spanned 36 remarkable years with the United States Postal Service, where she distinguished herself as a dedicated co-chair of the Diversity Committee and a valued member of the Diversity Board.

Her commitment extended beyond the workplace as she became a trailblazing force within the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees Union (NAPFE). Freda's leadership roles included secretary, the

first woman president of a local office, district vice president, district president, national retiree's parliamentarian, and district's financial secretary.

After her retirement, Freda ventured into broadcasting, co-hosting "Freda's New Talent New Talk Radio" with her husband Rudy, on WCLM Radio's 1450 AM. She also expanded her skills, training as a camera technician at Comcast's channel 95, contributing to the Tree of Knowledge scheduling for her husband's talk show.

Freda was a proud member of numerous organizations, including the Order of Eastern Star PHA of Virginia, Elizabeth Spurlock Chapter, No. 236, where she served as Worthy Matron, Order of the Golden Circle-VCOA-DC, Hilaal Court No. 218, an auxiliary to the A.E.A.O.N.M.S, and Zeta Phi Beta Amicae member. As a community leader, Freda played a pivotal role on the Fulton's Legacy Committee, contributing to the coordination of Fulton's Oral History Project and supporting Innovate Fulton, Neighborhood Resource Center's Executive Board, and the Friends of Historic Fulton Committee.

Her dedication extended to philanthropy with the creation of The HoneyTree, an organization focused on providing care packages regularly to her community. Additionally, Freda served her community for several decades as a Notary Public for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In the face of adversity, Freda displayed extraordinary strength. Diagnosed with stage four cancer on December 28, 2022, she continued to care for her mother, Grace, who battled Alzheimer's, and her husband, who suffered several strokes; all while she underwent chemotherapy treatments.

Despite her declining health, following the loss of her mother in April 2023, Freda faced each day with determination and grace.

Freda's personal life was marked by enduring love and commitment. She

married the late Carroll

L. Morton, Sr., in 1971, and from this union, she was blessed with two children, Carroll L. Morton, Jr., and Cherjuana Fazeta. Morton. In 1981, she met her soulmate, Rudy Johnson, and on September 9, 1989, they were united in holy matrimony. Freda's love and care for Rudy continued until his demise in August 2023.

Freda's final days were spent with her devoted daughter who cared for her until the end and in the embrace of devoted family and friends, sharing her favorite shows and making lasting memories. On October 27, 2023, she entered hospice care, yet her indomitable spirit endured. Freda chose to live life on her terms, ticking off items on her bucket list, including attending the premiere of the remake of "The Color Purple."

Freda leaves behind a legacy of love, strength, and service. She is survived by her father, Raymond Jones; beloved son, Carroll Morton, Jr.; daughter, Cherjuana Morton; grandchildren, Chequan Jones (Nicole), Brittany Jone - Cole, Christopher Jones, Justin Jones, Chynna Mallory, Quichaun Mallory, Mykah Morton and Jaylah Morton; great-grandchildren, A'aliyah Jones, Micaelah Cole, Mikenzie Cole, Brice Jones, Justin Jones II, Khy'Son Mallory, Amazi Jones and Mizani Jones; sister Bettina Jones, sisters-in-law Robnette Johnson and Brenda Bailey (John); aunts Loretta Brown and Sylvia Brown; niece Wendy Hardy (Rock); nephew, Dallas Hardy; cousins S. Izeta Wade (devoted)(Eric), Deborah Gray, Tracy Gray, Verna Berry, Peggy Brown, Pamela Robinson, Aubrey Mintz, Sherrie Mintz, Angela Sobers (Wendell), Reginald Gray, Jr. and Alonzo Brown; devoted friends Laura Johnson, Arlene Simmons, Mary Perez, Miriam Moss, Olivia, Pearl Emmanuel; and a host of relatives and friends.

Though we mourn the loss of a remarkable woman, Corlis Freda Jones

Morton Johnson, we celebrate her life-a life marked by faith, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to family, community, and service. May her memory be a beacon of inspiration for us all.

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Road
Triangle, VA 22172

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life

FEB 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church
2705 Hartman St.
Richmond, VA 23223

Interment

FEB 9. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Doretha Robinson Smith. Condolences to the family. I hung out with Freda when I lived in Fulton from ages 8-11. 🙏🙏🙏* ”



Doretha Robinson Smith - February 26, 2024 at 06:35 PM

JB

“ *Sending my heartfelt sympathy to the family. Freda will be missed she was a loyal customer supporting my Mary Kay business. Elder Dr. Josie M. Bell* ”



Josie Bell - February 08, 2024 at 03:33 PM

BG

“ *Freda and I became members of Zeta Amicae of Richmond, VA, 2022. I will always remember that day and the celebration we shared as "Sisters."* ”

Amicae Barbee Crook Griffin - Chaplain

Barbee Crook Griffin - February 08, 2024 at 07:22 AM

RE

“ *Corliss was God child and may she rest in piece. I remember good old times at the Postal Service.* ”



Regina - February 07, 2024 at 10:17 PM

NO

“ *Norbinette lit a candle in memory of Corliss Freda Jones Morton Johnson* ”



Norbinette - February 07, 2024 at 07:34 PM

RP

“ *Rev. Mary Perez lit a candle in memory of Corliss Freda Jones Morton Johnson* ”



Rev. Mary Perez - February 07, 2024 at 07:08 PM

RP

Freda and I were friends all our lives. We had many stories to tell. We loved the Beatles. We went to see A Hard Day's Night 6 times. Too many stories to tell but shared a relationship for 67 plus years. I'm glad her and Rudy got to share in my 70th year celebration. I will miss you but there's comfort in knowing God has smiled on you. Sleep well my friend! Don't worry family because the pain is gone.

Rev. Mary Perez - February 07, 2024 at 07:18 PM

WA

“ Dear Aunt Freda, my birthday twin, It's hard to imagine that you are no longer with us. You left a void in our hearts that can never be filled. I will always remember your kindness, your warmth, and your laughter, and most of all, you taught me on Sunday afternoons how to write in cursive because I admired your handwriting so much. I know you are now at peace after being reunited with Uncle Rudy. You will truly be missed. My condolences to the Morton/Johnson family during this difficult time.



Loving Niece,
Wendy

Wendy Allen-Hardy - February 07, 2024 at 12:40 PM

RF

“ Robin and Jean Harris and Clark Family purchased the Bountiful Memories Casket Spray for the family of Corliss Freda Jones Morton Johnson.



Robin and Jean Harris and Clark Family - February 06, 2024 at 11:31 PM

DL

“ Donna S. Love purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Corliss Freda Jones Morton Johnson.



Donna S. Love - February 05, 2024 at 10:25 AM

BB

“ Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss. We were so sorry to hear about the passing of Freda. She was a remarkable person who will be dearly missed. Freda’s kindness, warmth and grace touched the lives of many. Remembering her beautiful smile that brightened up every occasion. Wishing I could see that smile, and hear your voice one more time. Sister-In-Law we love and miss you. You always kept it real.



*For ever in our hearts
Brenda and John*

Brenda Bailey - February 04, 2024 at 02:45 PM

DL

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Freda’s passing. I met Freda at JFKHS and reconnected with her at the USPS. Freda told me of her illness, for which she handled so courageously and eloquently. I’ll miss our daily texts and encouraging chats on the phone. You will forever hold a special place in my heart. It was a pleasure to have known you over 50 years. I send sincere condolences to the family. Sleep In heavenly peace. Rudy waited exactly 5 months to have you join him. It brings comfort to know you two are together forever. ❤️🙏
Donna Love USPS RETIRED



Donna Love - February 04, 2024 at 08:52 AM

LJ

“ Freda was like a sister to me and I will miss her very much. We met in 1973 when we came in the Post Office and became the best of friends. God bless her heart and soul. Laura B Johnson

Laura B Johnson - February 02, 2024 at 09:54 PM

JS

“ I also worked at the Postal Service with Freda. Rest in paradise with your beloved Rudy. Be at peace.
Joy Smith



Joy Smith - February 01, 2024 at 09:20 AM

BR

“ Brenda Wimbush Ross lit a candle in memory of Corliss Freda Jones Morton Johnson



Brenda Wimbush Ross - February 01, 2024 at 08:39 AM

BR

To my girl Freda My condolences to the Morton Johnson family at this very difficult time. Freda and I attended East End Jr. High and went onto graduate from JFK High with the class of 1971 Kougars. Love you Rip my "Diva" Brenda W. Ross

Brenda Wimbush Ross - February 01, 2024 at 08:55 AM

CT

“ I met Freda working at the Postal Service Bulk Mail. We always had a good time laughing and talking. I will truly miss her.

Cherita Jones Thomas - February 01, 2024 at 12:54 AM

DH

“ I am one of many of her co workers from the Post Office, but I met her at John F Kennedy High School during one of our summer school sessions back in the late 60's early 70's. I always knew her as Freda and anytime she would post something on Facebook about herself I would always comment on her being a gorgeous Diva because to me she held this title. I will miss seeing her smile and dimples. I know she is at peace knowing that Rudy is waiting 🙏

Deborah Hodges - January 31, 2024 at 07:52 PM

MM

“ Corliss and I were childhood friends since we were 5 years old! We lived in Fulton and I use to carry her books on the way to Webster Davis elementary school. We were both Leos - birthdays only 4 days apart. About 13 years ago on MLK JR holiday weekend we had a grand reunion with many of our beloved friends and classmates. We were the Kings & Queens of Fulton. She was The Organizer and THE QUEEN. I am proud to know her and she is forever embedded in my memory.
Marvin Barnard, M.D.

Marvin Barnard, M.D. - January 31, 2024 at 04:44 PM

SC

Freda and I met when I attended East End Jr. High school o was ahead of her but that me rt interfere in our friendship as life went on she started at the Post office she always looked out for me when Xmas extra work came about I'm going to truly miss you RIP sweet lady till we meet again my condolences to the family Sandra Shell Cobbs

Sandra Cobbs - January 31, 2024 at 07:32 PM

SG

Sandra Griffin Freda and I grew up in Fulton we were best friends we had a lot of fun together we dressed a like wore each other's clothes the last time we talked she wanted my brother Ronnie to fix some ones deck always looking out for someone else yes she will be missed rest in peace with cousin Rudy

Sandra Griffin - February 07, 2024 at 12:15 PM

ST

*“ To the Johnson Family,
I was saddened to hear about the passing of
Sister Johnson. May GOD cover your family
in the days ahead, she will surely be missed.
Sister Stephanie Thomas O.E.S,*



Stephanie Thomas - January 30, 2024 at 10:39 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 - January 30, 2024 at 09:40 AM