



## Cynthia Farrar Johnson

September 5, 1957 - June 4, 2021

Cynthia Farrar Johnson was a loving Wife, Mother, “Mema” (grandmother and great-grandmother), Sister, Aunt, Cousin, Niece, and Friend. On June 4, 2021, Cynthia was called home by her Heavenly Father, surrounded by her loving family.

On September 5, 1957, she was born to the late Ollie and Josephine Thomas Farrar at Baldwin Hospital in Milledgeville, Georgia where she was the first black baby born there. Cynthia attended the Jones County Public School System and graduated from Jones County High School in Gray, GA in the Class of 1975. On June 28, 1980, Cynthia married Frederick Johnson Jr. in Detroit, Michigan at the home of Cynthia’s beloved Aunt Margaret. After marriage, Cynthia relocated to Fred’s hometown of Richmond, Virginia. Together they raised four children, Derrick, Tanya, and Tenille Johnson and Kutika Hunt. They shared a life together full of love and laughter with family for over 40 years.

Cynthia enjoyed a successful career of over 25 years at Xfinity Cable (formerly Storer). She received several certificates of accomplishment which resulted in several accolades including a Western Caribbean cruise, bonus cash incentives, a cash award for home interior custom design – which she used to create her gorgeous bedroom decor, and several performance awards from premium Cable Channels for exceeding sales goals. She was well loved

by management, coworkers, and customers.

Spending quality time with family was very important to Cynthia. She enjoyed annual family vacations with Fred, particularly those to the mountains in Massanutten and to the beach in Nags Head where the entire family was typically invited and always welcome.

She always kept a close relationship with her family members, regardless of where they were located, whether it was by talking for long hours on the phone, traveling to their location, or inviting them to stay at their home. Cynthia especially enjoyed hosting celebrations, such as the Norwood Family Reunions, and major friend and family celebrations such as, bridal showers, graduations, weddings, tea parties, and holiday dinners – to name a few. Cynthia loved her sisters and brothers! They shared many special bonding moments, some of which involved dressing up like cowboys and cowgirls and having large fish fries in the back yard!

Because of the strong friendships Cynthia developed, she was asked to be Godmother to four Godchildren. She took this honor to heart and nurtured each godchild as if they were her own with pride, lots of quality time, and love.

Cynthia accepted Christ and was baptized at an early age in Georgia. Upon relocation to Richmond, Virginia, she, Fred, and their children regularly attended church. Cynthia and Fred joined as members of St. Paul's Baptist Church. In addition, Cynthia was an active member of the Wellington Farms Bible Study group in her neighborhood. She was truly a woman of strong Christian faith and strong convictions.

Cynthia is well known for her generous nature, compassion, and charity work. She was engaged in several local and global events that had a personal impact on people's lives. Some of her work included making T-shirts and

doing embroidery work for her brother's group - the Jones County Riders (horseback riders), making masks for the Heart Center at VCU Medical Center for doctors and nursing staff, making dresses that were donated to children in Africa, donating masks to George Floyd's family, and making custom masks for truck drivers on Fred's job. These are just some of the things she did that we know about; but we know she was a guardian angel to many more.

Cynthia could cook ANYTHING and make it taste AMAZING! She got her love of food and cooking from her two grandmothers, Grandma Lizzie and Mom Mary, in Georgia. She learned how to make her famous chocolate cake from Grandma Lizzie and her skillet cornbread and her signature potato salad from Mom Mary. Her passion for food led her to continually expand her culinary repertoire. In fact, having a meal at Cynthia's was truly an honor. When she got together in the kitchen with her Aunts Margaret and "Y", you know you were going to have a "finger-licking experience"!

Cynthia's home was a true reflection of her decorating passion and skill. She was an exquisite interior decorator and her decorating style included displaying pictures and gifts she had collected from family and friends through the years. She especially loved the holiday decorating. Each year, everyone would come for their annual Christmas tour to see the multiple Christmas trees (sometimes more than five), the huge Christmas village, wreaths, decorative stairway garland and her beloved black Santa and Mrs. Claus.

To say that Cynthia was an expert crafter is truly an understatement. She enjoyed and excelled in any crafting she engaged in. She loved making original pieces whether it was ceramics, jewelry, flower arrangements, wreaths, wine bottles with the lights and bottle holders, and creations made with her Cricut machine.

Cynthia also loved flowers and her beautiful yard and garden reflected this love. Her daily routine started with an early morning watering of her garden while she enjoyed a cup of coffee.

Cynthia loved the quilts both her grandmothers passed to her as heirlooms. She learned to make quilts to pass quilted heirlooms along to her children and grandchildren. She created beautiful quilt designs including a famous Norwood Family Quilt depicting each state where the reunion has been held over the years. She made many other quilts for friends and family which are treasured possessions. Some of Cynthia's other passions included clothes shopping, playing bunko with her neighborhood ladies' group, and watching her favorite football team – the Philadelphia Eagles!

Cynthia was truly a special person with a heart of gold. She had a unique way of finding the time to love each person individually. Cynthia loved to give advice. . . and her children said, "you better follow it"! How many cakes, dishes, gifts did she bring to any family or friend's dinner or event! You could ALWAYS count on Cynthia!

Cynthia was preceded in death by her dad, Ollie Farrar, her mother, Josephine Thomas Farrar, and her oldest brother, Terry Farrar. Cynthia leaves to cherish her precious memories, a devoted husband, Frederick Johnson Jr.; her Mom, Barbara Farrar; Her son, Derrick (Susan); Daughters, Tanya Grant (George), Kutika Harmon (Myron), and Tenille; Four godchildren, Monique Lam, Taylor and Brad Walker, and Charletta Bryance; Thirteen grandchildren; Five great-grandchildren; Brothers, Ollie "Sunny" Farrar (Sandra), Kerry Farrar (Ramona), Ronald White (Betty), Ellery Farrar (Sonoria); Sisters, Barbara Duncan (David), Verna Thomas (Dermon), Tonya Larry (Gerard), Michelle Farrar; Two devoted aunts, Yvonne "Y" Farrar and Margaret Mercer (Jeff), and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other loving relatives and friends – too many devoted friends to name.



## Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### **Memorial Service with live streaming**

JUN 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Cynthia Farrar Johnson, Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - June 12, 2021 at 03:00 PM

MD

To My Sister Angel 👑♀ In Heaven  
It is with a HEAVY 💔 Heart as I heard God called you home. I am SO THANKFUL he BLESSED me with a Sister. Our Love flourished in a time of uncertainty and pandemic due to COVID. I NEVER knew that out of a Pandemic I could gain SO MUCH...I GAINED YOU, My Sister and My Friend.  
I Will Love You Forever 💕  
Michele Dortch

Michele Dortch - June 12, 2021 at 03:44 PM

CH

It is with heavy heart that I learned of Cynthia passing. I can remember many days of calling each other when we both lived on Omo Rd and Amasis CT. I remember being there for each other and my children, Shawni and Fee playing with your children and going to school together. Time went by and we loss touch but I constantly thought of her. Fred, my condolences to you and your family as I will continue to keep you in my prayers. Christine Allen (formally Scott) Hicks.

Christine Hicks - June 16, 2021 at 10:06 PM



“ Cynthia Farrar Johnson

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

DA

“ *Denise Abraham lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Farrar Johnson*



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**Denise Abraham** - June 15, 2021 at 06:07 PM



“ *My condolences to all of Ms. Cynthia's family and friends i pray for your comfort and strength during this time in You're lives. God Bless. The Carey Family*



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**Monique Carey** - June 14, 2021 at 11:27 PM

AC

“ *A. B. & Bessie Cooper lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Farrar Johnson*



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**A. B. & Bessie Cooper** - June 14, 2021 at 04:59 PM

JT

“ Ms. Pearl & Family,

*Sending our heartfelt condolences and sympathy to you on the loss of your dear loved one!!! Ms. Pearl, we know that Cynthia was like a daughter to and that your heart is truly broken. Lean not on your own understanding but on God for strength and peace. Please don't hesitate to call us for anything! Rest in Heavenly Peace Cynthia!*

*Love,  
Joyce & Tammy Williams*



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**Joyce & Tammy** - June 13, 2021 at 09:30 AM

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I Will Love You Forever  
Michele Dortch*

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**Michele Dortch** - June 12, 2021 at 10:06 PM

SJ

*You saw that sunshine early morning. God let you see the rising of that beautiful Sun. For your eyes my dear sister Cynthia. You said What a mighty God we serve. So happy God let us be together, I was bless to have known you.*

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**Sheila Jones Johnson** - June 14, 2021 at 09:34 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cynthia Farrar Johnson.



June 11, 2021 at 04:47 PM



“ When I think of Cynthia this quote came to mind "What an imprint your footprints have left on our hearts." Cynthia always gave us all love, comfort, time, & care she was more than a friend she was family God place in our lives. Words fall short of expressing our sorrow. Our deepest condolences to Cynthnia Farrar Johnson entire Family. May your soul rest in peace until we meet again. I love you Mrs. Nikki Worsley & family



Nikki Worsley - June 09, 2021 at 09:45 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cynthia Farrar Johnson.



June 09, 2021 at 09:39 PM

TS

“ *The Laskys, Barefords, and Storys purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Cynthia Farrar Johnson.*



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**The Laskys, Barefords, and Storys** - June 09, 2021 at 03:17 PM

VM

“ *2 Timothy 4:7 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but to all who crave His appearing. Sister Johnson definately lived this scripture. Her love, kindness, compassion and all of God's love was demonstrated daily by her. I am a witness. I will cherish her for the rest of my life. All I can say is "Well done, good and faithful servant". You have your wings and now the pearly gates of Heaven has opened the doors to let you in. I will miss you soooo much. I love you eternally.*

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**Vertig McDougald** - June 09, 2021 at 12:30 PM

VF

“ *Vertig McDougald & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Cynthia Farrar Johnson.*



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**Vertig McDougald & Family** - June 09, 2021 at 11:20 AM

CL

“ My deepest condolences in the loss of Cynthia. I remember working with her for several years at Comcast. She use to make me the prettiest gold bracelets. She always was smiling and such a sweet women. You will be missed Cynthia.

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**Crystal Logan** - June 09, 2021 at 08:22 AM

CN

“ I will always remember and love you cousin boom.

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**Calvin Nelson** - June 08, 2021 at 03:30 PM

OL

“ I want to express my deepest condolences to the family. Cynthia was one of kind, her spirit truly genuine in caring for everyone that she came in contact with. Never a day I seen her without a smile that brought sunshine to my life. I thank God I had the opportunity to know her. SIP angel

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**Ondraya Loftin** - June 08, 2021 at 02:04 PM

SC

“ You were truly my sister in spirit. We shared so much of our lives together that I never imagined life without you. You took a piece of my spirit and soul with you and I will always treasure our memories. Fly with the angels dear friend.

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**Sheliah Collins** - June 08, 2021 at 01:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cynthia Farrar Johnson.*



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June 07, 2021 at 05:56 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cynthia Farrar Johnson.*



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June 07, 2021 at 05:47 PM



“ *Remember telling my girlfriend Cynthia, Well you have my Tee but I was the first CYNTHIA Tee has ever loved.. You were so right auntie. I can't even think to myself without hearing your voice in my head screaming Teeeeeeee like you did everytime you saw me. The talks we had when you pulled me to the side to tell me how proud you are of me. The care and love you brought to this whole family. This family tree has been rocked with the loss of you Auntie but we will stand strong. After this storm our tree we still stand tall. We love you Auntie, I love you Auntie. Wish I could just hug you tight one more time.. Rest in paradise my love 💕. TEE*

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**Tee Mercer** - June 07, 2021 at 03:40 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cynthia Farrar Johnson.*



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June 07, 2021 at 03:23 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Cynthia Farrar Johnson.*



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June 07, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ *My sister my friend you are one in a million and I thank God for bringing you into my life God sent an angel to Earth when he created you you will surely be missed and thank you for being there for me and for the kids couldn't ask for a better person to be in my life I love you and may you rest in peace*

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**Jacqueline Johnson Marrow** - June 07, 2021 at 02:16 PM



“ *Kelly C. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Cynthia Farrar Johnson.*



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**Kelly C.** - June 07, 2021 at 02:13 PM

KJ

“ Love you forever my bonus sister! Thank you for always being a shining light. I will miss you. Love you always. 🥺

Karlettia Jackson - June 07, 2021 at 01:58 PM

SB

“ My heart goes out to you and your family. My deepest sympathy for your loss.

Sheila Baker - June 07, 2021 at 01:54 PM

TW

“ Forever my Boom. I am truly going to miss you cousin. I love you always

Tonya willimas - June 07, 2021 at 01:50 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 - June 07, 2021 at 11:50 AM