



Ethel J. Johns

May 16, 1933 - September 26, 2016

On May 16, 1933, we were blessed by the birth of Ethel Janet Scott to the late James and Hattie Scott. Ethel (affectionately called by family “Pea” – short for “sweet pea”) was the fourth daughter out of eight children to James and Hattie. Ethel was predeceased by her sisters Vivian Bennett and Gloria Timberlake.

Ethel and her siblings grew up in Durham, NC and were educated in the Durham public school system. She graduated from Hillside High School in 1951. While in high school, as well as after graduation, Ethel worked in a small woman’s boutique call My Shop located in downtown Durham. She performed various tasks throughout the store. Like many business establishments at that time, My Shop provided services to “white only” patrons. However, the store owner and other white employees were very kind to Ethel and treated her with respect. She worked there for several years before moving to Baltimore, MD in the mid-1950s.

When Ethel moved to Baltimore, she lived with her oldest sister, Vivian and her family while working at the Met movie theatre. At the Met, Ethel caught the eye of a handsome young man named David Johns, Jr. After a loving courtship, David and Ethel were married on December 31, 1959. From this union were born three children, David III, Deidra, and Derrick. David and Ethel believed in religious education and decided to send the children to parochial schools and raised them in the Catholic Church. Ethel converted to Catholicism and the family worshiped at All Saints Church in Baltimore.

Once the children were school-age, Ethel returned to the workforce. She began her career as a key-punch operator for Union Trust Bank (now Wells Fargo Bank). During her time there, she received multiple promotions and retired as an Operations Manager. She was the first African American to become an officer of the bank.

After retiring, Ethel found great joy in caring for young children in her home. She loved her babies and took pride their care. She was especially happy to care for and spoil her own grandchildren – David IV, Randall, Erik, and Harrison.

After two hip-replacement surgeries, it was difficult for Ethel to continue to care for her babies and began the next phase of her retirement. Ethel loved her soap operas, especially *The Young and the Restless* and *The Bold and the Beautiful*; playing pinochle; spending time with family and friends; and frequent visits with her grandchildren.

Early in 2015 after declining health, Ethel moved from her longtime home on Gist Avenue to the Lifetime Serenity assisted living facility. This move made a significant difference in her life; she thrived there. Her health improved substantially and she was back to her old self – very lively and vibrant. She loved visits from family and friends and attending other family gatherings. On Sunday, September 18, 2016, Ethel suffered a severe stroke and was called home to her God on Monday, September 26, 2016.

Ethel is survived by her husband of 58 years, David Johns, Jr.; children: David Johns III (Michelle), Deidra Adams (Stuart), and Derrick Johns (Edress); grandchildren: Mohammad Toolabi, David Johns IV, Maya Gantt, Imani Robinson, Randall Adams, Erik

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 944-8300
info@kingmemorialpark.com
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Previous Events

Wake

OCT 1. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. - Randallstown
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Windsor Mill, MD 21244
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<https://www.marchlifetributecenter.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ethel J. Johns*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I have just discovered the passing of Ethel as I searched for an address to send her a Christmas card. I worked with Ethel at Union Trust Bank from the early 1970's until 1990. She was a good friend and hard worker. She was fun to be around in good times and hard times. She organized my wife's wedding shower at the Bank. I think of her often in my retirement. My condolences go out to her family and friends. The picture here is beautiful.*

*Tom Breeden
December 11, 2016*

Tom Breeden - December 13, 2016 at 11:00 AM



“ *Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your loved one . May the fond memories shared with her and resurrection hope Jesus spoke of in the Bible at John 5 : 21,28,29 be a source of comfort doing this time of grief and pain .*

D Allen - October 01, 2016 at 05:16 AM

RH

“ *Johns Family,
Send my condolences to you in this time of sorrow. May you find comfort in the scriptures to help you endure. May the memories you have bring you a sense of peace. The bible at Act 24:15 provides hope for mankind to be united with those they have lost in death. God promises to resurrect the righteous and the unrighteous. What a joy that would bring to be reunited with Ms. Johns again.*

Rharvin - September 30, 2016 at 06:35 PM

DF

“ *To David, the Children & the rest of the family,
We the Evans Family send our love and prayers to all of you.
We have been neighbors for over 35 years and I want to say thank you to Ethel for being the first friend I had in the block, you always took the time to give me a word of advice when I needed it and for being an extra set of eyes for our children. I know that even now you are still smiling down on us, as you watch over your own pervious family. Rest on dear friend and be at peace in the arms of the Lord, knowing it was a job well done !!*



Dee Evans & Family - September 30, 2016 at 01:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ethel J. Johns.*



September 29, 2016 at 06:18 PM



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September 29, 2016 at 04:02 PM



“ *With my deepest condolences to the family of Ethel Johns. May the Almighty, the God of tender mercies, and of all comfort, who comforts us in all our trials, (2Cor. 1:3,4) comfort you and your family in this time of need.*

Barnes - September 28, 2016 at 10:47 AM



“ *My condolences to all family & friends. May Isaiah 25:8 & 26:19 give you comfort & hope during this time.*

TC - September 28, 2016 at 07:37 AM



“ *Today, I learned that your family is mourning the loss of your beloved Ethel Johns. Please accept my condolences and be assured that almighty God is certainly aware of your painful feelings. May God comfort and sustain you to get through this day and others to come (Isa 41:13). Wishing your family all the best at this most difficult period.*

Peggy Land - September 26, 2016 at 06:41 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 - September 26, 2016 at 06:20 PM