



Gennell Johnson Howell

February 21, 1941 - April 29, 2020

Gennell “Gammy” Johnson Howell was born on February 2, 1941 to Junious Johnson and Romana Pattie Alston Johnson in Warren County, North Carolina. Gennell “Gammy” Johnson Howell departed this life on Wednesday, April 29, 2020. She was preceded in death by her father, Junious Johnson; mother, Romana Pattie Alston Johnson, brothers: Coston Seamon Johnson and John “Roger” Johnson; and brother-in-law, Roger Rubin.

“Gammy” received her formal education in North Warren public school system in Warren County, North Carolina. “Gammy” accepted Christ as her Savior at a very early age and was united with Greenwood Baptist Church in Warren County, North Carolina. She later joined St. Paul’s Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia.

Gennell Johnson was united in holy matrimony with Irving Howell (her childhood sweetheart) in 1956 in Warren County, North Carolina. Their union was blessed with their son, James.

“Gammy” was employed as a Professional Seamstress for over thirty-five years. In her leisure, “Gammy” enjoyed attending church, making arts and crafts, customizing toilet paper holders and holy crosses, promoting Avon, listening to “Oldies But Goodies” music, and spending quality time with family and friends.

She leaves to cherish her memory her only son, James Howell, Sr. (Shandell); seven grandchildren: Ciara Howell, Ashlee Banks, Brittnee Howell, James "Pooh" Howell, Jr., Diamond Howell, Justin Howell and Maddox Howell; three brothers: Eugene Johnson (Andre') of Philadelphia, PA, Junious "Charlie" Johnson (Liz) of Norlina, NC, George "Boo" Johnson (Loretta) of Boydton, VA; two sisters: Edna Rubin of Baltimore, MD and Sylvia Somerville of York, PA; one aunt, Cora Lee Alexander of Bronx, NY; special friends: Rachel Webster, Anna Modlin, Tiretha Roan, Willie Robinson, Nurse Nina, Ruth Jeter, Mary Williams, Mrs. Mildred, Paulette Hayes, Marie Lee and Emma Stith; a host of nieces (special thanks to Carolyn Brown and Carol Roberts), nephews (special thanks to Van Somerville), cousins, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

1401 S. Randolph Street
Richmond, VA 23220

Previous Events

Walk through Visitation

MAY 11. 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

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

Grave Side Service

MAY 12. 1:30 PM (ET)

Riverview Cemetery
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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Gennell Howell, Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - May 06, 2020 at 01:59 PM

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*Our sincere condolences to James Irving and the family.
Sending prayers up.
Uncle Nelson & Aunt Alana*

Nelson Howell - May 11, 2020 at 04:48 PM



“ *Gennell Johnson Howell*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

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“ *My sincerest condolences to James Irving and his family. Your parents lived up the hill from us when I was a teenager, and I use to spend the night with your mom, when your dad worked out of town. She was always a joy to be around. Kept me laughing. She was a beautiful lady. She will truly be missed . Will keep you and your family in my prayers. RIP Aunt Gennell.*

*Love and Peace,
Patricia Howell & Family*

Patricia Howell - May 11, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences to James Irving and family. Aunt Gennell lived in front of me when I was a little girl and I often would sneak off to her house, she was always precious to me. She gave me my first job babysitting Little James Irving. (LOL) Rest In Peace Auntie Gennell.*
Joan (Howell) & Darryl Inman



Joan Howell Inman - May 11, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ *You will forever live in our hearts, Gammy!*

Shandell Howell - May 07, 2020 at 07:53 PM

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“ *My sincere condolences to Family and Friends and may she R.I.P.* 🙏🙏🙏

Sharon Bell - May 07, 2020 at 08:27 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 - May 05, 2020 at 01:46 PM