



## Joann N. Watson

April 16, 1933 - July 20, 2019

JOANN NOVELLA WATSON entered into eternal rest on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at the age of 86. She was born in Accomack County, Virginia on April 16, 1933 to her now late parents William C. & Gertrude Watson. She was the first-born child and became the big sister to three sisters and one brother. As a child, she was baptized at First Baptist Church of Mappsville. She graduated from Mary N. Smith High School in Accomack in 1950. After graduating high school, Joann moved to Long Branch, NJ. In 1955 the rest of the Watsons moved to Baltimore, MD for better opportunities. They settled into their first home on Lanvale St. and then Darley Ave. and later Loch Raven Blvd. where Joann resided until she fell ill in March. Joann's home on Loch Raven served the family with many memories and became a family landmark of love.

While living in Long Branch, NJ, she met a military man with the same last name as she; Robert Watson, Sr. In 1959, Joann and Robert joined each other in marriage. Their wedding was held in the family home at the time on Darley Ave. As a military wife, she first lived in Arizona with her husband. The couple was later transferred to Bad Krdnadh, Germany where her only son Robert Watson, Jr. (Bobby) was born in 1961. After being stationed in Germany, the family was subsequently transferred to Panama. While in Panama her husband was deployed to Vietnam. During this time, Joann and Bobby returned to the family home in Baltimore. Sadly, Robert Watson, Sr.'s deployment to Vietnam resulted in him

becoming ill and later dying at the age of 36.

As a widow, Joann was bold and courageous to get up and move her residence to other major cities. She moved to the Los Angeles suburb of Culver City, CA. while there, she attended classes at West Los Angeles Community College. She later journeyed from CA. to San Antonio, TX. She was incredibly dedicated to her family and especially her parents; so much so, that she moved back to Baltimore after her father died so that her mother would not be alone. She continued her federal government career at the Government Printing Office in D.C. where she retired after over 30 years of service. After retirement with the Federal Government, Joann worked as a contractor with the Maryland Dept. of the Environment from which she retired a second time in 2012.

Joann was naturally funny. She liked to joke and loved to make people laugh. In her younger years, she loved going to parties and hanging out with friends at the NCO club. Later in life, Casino outings and a stop at IHOP was among her favorite things to do. She loved country music and in her down-time she enjoyed reading tabloids and watching soap operas. She was predeceased by her sisters Sedora Barber, Carrie Watson, and Zarah Cole. She leaves to cherish her love and memory: her brother, Rufus Watson; her nieces, Marvis Brown (Dalton), Janette Daughtery (Allan), Danette Whitehead (Undray), Shayla Nealy (James); her nephews, Mark Watson, Craig Watson (Dawn), Ryan Watson (Nikisha), Kobie Cole (Kelvin); twelve great- and three great-great-nieces and nephews; her sisters-in-law, Gwen Watson, Harriett Watson; and her lifelong friends Rona Melton and Doris James; a host of other friends and relatives.

# Cemetery Details

## Baltimore National Cemetery

5501 Frederick Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21228

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUL 30. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore  
1101 East North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
(410) 727-3300  
info@marchfh.com

## Wake

JUL 31. 10:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home East-Wake  
1101 E. North Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21202

## Service

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JUL 31. 10:30 AM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Joann N. Watson*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *May the Lord cover your family with peace, strength, and comfort during this difficult time. We love you, Marvis. Dr. Ida Brandon and her daughter, Michelle*

**CM Brandon** - July 31, 2019 at 04:08 AM



*Thank you so much 🙏*

**Marvis Brown** - August 08, 2019 at 05:45 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Joann N. Watson.*



July 31, 2019 at 03:47 AM



“ *January Payne purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joann N. Watson.*



**January Payne** - July 29, 2019 at 02:30 PM



“ *Sending hugs and prayers to the Watson family. Wishing you comfort in your memories as you celebrate Ms. Joann's life. xo, January*

January Payne - July 29, 2019 at 02:08 PM

MB

*Thank you for the lovely flowers and for thinking of us 🙏*

Marvis Brown - August 08, 2019 at 05:46 PM



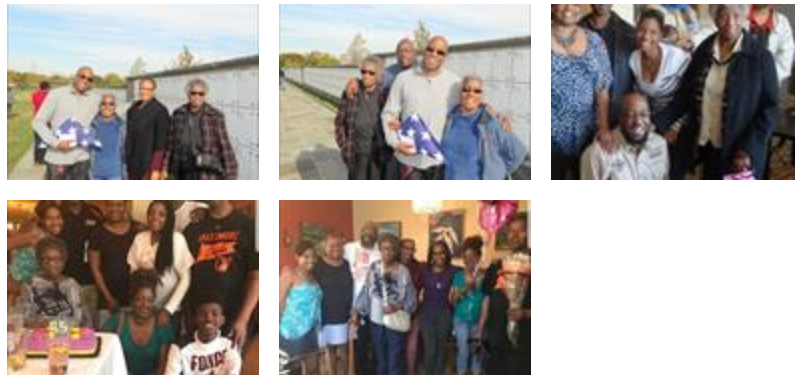
“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joann N. Watson.*



July 27, 2019 at 11:41 AM

Kobie Cole

“ *28 files added to the album Memories Album*



Kobie Cole - July 26, 2019 at 10:08 AM



“ *Amber Vandegrift lit a candle in memory of Joann N. Watson*



Amber Vandegrift - July 26, 2019 at 10:07 AM



*I had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Joann through my mother's employment at MDE. I would frequent the place as a child and Ms. Joann was simply the sweetest lady anyone could get to know. She was kind, gentle and held a great sense of humor. She's touched the lives of many through simply being herself, a true good hearted woman. May she live on in everyone's memories.*

Amber Vandegrift - July 26, 2019 at 10:11 AM

MB

*Thank you for your heartfelt words.*

Marvis Brown - July 26, 2019 at 12:35 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Kobie Cole - July 26, 2019 at 09:56 AM

RP

*“ I am so grateful to have had Thanksgiving 2018 at Marvis and Daltons where I got to be in Aunt Joann’s company. Her humorous spirit will never be forgotten. My sincerest condolences to the Watson family for your loss.*



**Ruth Pegeron** - July 25, 2019 at 11:09 PM

MB

*Thank you. She enjoyed laughing with you. Your presence made it all the more special.*

**Marvis Brown** - July 26, 2019 at 12:45 PM

DV

*“ Dottie Vandegrift lit a candle in memory of Joann N. Watson*

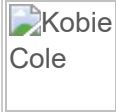


**Dottie Vandegrift** - July 25, 2019 at 09:03 AM

DV

*I worked with Ms. Joanne at MDE for many years. After she retired, we would speak on the phone. She was the sweetest lady I ever met. Never a bad word about anyone. She truly loved her family and would talk about them all the time. I am truly blessed to have known her and know she will be watching over all of us. Miss you and sending hugs Ms. Joanne. Love you <3*

**Dottie Vandegrift** - July 25, 2019 at 09:06 AM



*That's so sweet and kind of you. Her light will forever be in our hearts.*

**Kobie Cole** - July 26, 2019 at 06:29 PM

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**Marvis Brown** - July 25, 2019 at 07:24 AM

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**Marvis Brown** - July 25, 2019 at 07:12 AM

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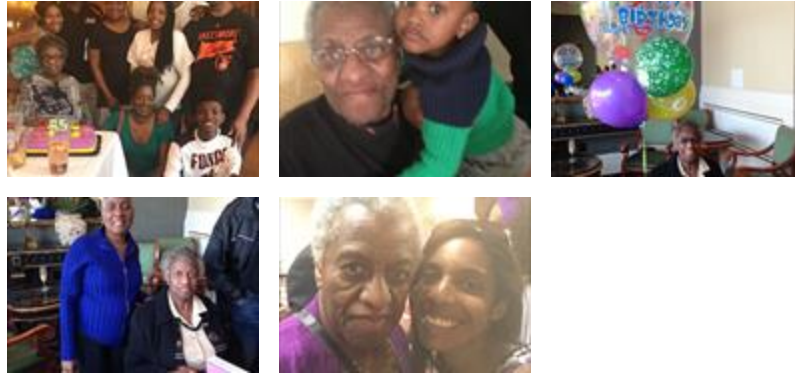
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**Marvis Brown** - July 25, 2019 at 06:55 AM

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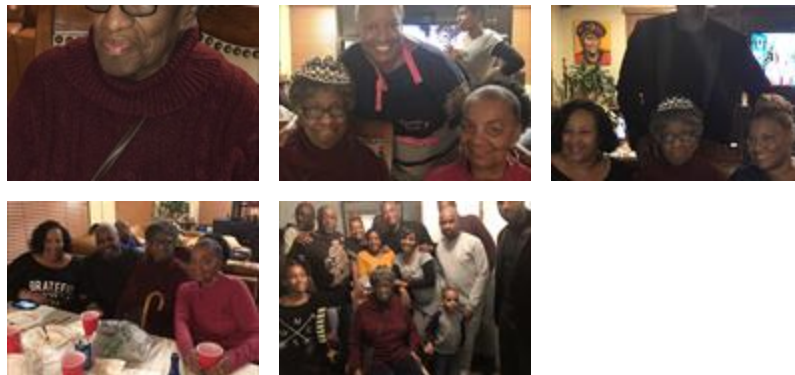
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Marvis Brown - July 25, 2019 at 06:44 AM

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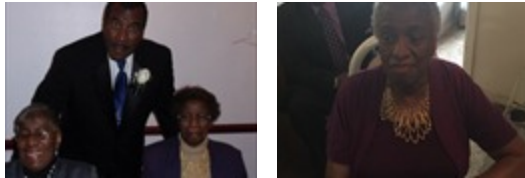
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Marvis Brown - July 25, 2019 at 12:38 AM

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Marvis Brown - July 25, 2019 at 12:32 AM

DA

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Dalton - July 25, 2019 at 12:28 AM

PF

“ Hello Family, It is with deep sympathy to hear about Aunt Joanne, she was a wonderful person whom I loved very much. She is in a better place, there's no better place than being with the Good Lord, Love Always.



Pebbles and Family - July 24, 2019 at 09:07 AM

MB

Thank you Pebbles. We love you because you are our family too. Joann loved your Mom and Aunt Gert ❤️

Marvis Brown - July 26, 2019 at 12:50 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - July 23, 2019 at 07:37 PM

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Thank you 🙏

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**Marvis Brown** - July 26, 2019 at 12:51 PM