



## Josephine Johnson Bigger

March 25, 1917 - January 15, 2021

Josephine Johnson Bigger was born March 25, 1917, in Henrico County, Virginia, to the late Pearl Mae Johnson. She was educated in the public schools of Henrico and Washington D.C., and earned her GED from Richmond Public Schools. She was baptized at Gravel Hill Baptist Church at an early age. On August 17, 1935, she was united in Holy matrimony to Thomas S. Bigger. To this union was born one daughter, Margaret Ann. After relocating to the Antioch neighborhood, she worked at Antioch Baptist Church where she led the Junior Choir and taught Bible Study. She later joined the Saint James Baptist Church, and was a devoted member for more than 75 years. She served as a member of the Senior Choir, Hospitality Committee, Superintendent of the Sunday School, reorganized the Junior Choir – which later became the Young Peoples Choir, and was dedicated to the weekly Bible Study and Sunday School until her health began to fail.

Mrs. Bigger was employed by the Honorable Oliver Hill and the Honorable Henry L. Marsh, III, in the 1950's. She later worked in the retail sector with companies such as Thalhimers, L'Pell's and Montaldo's in downtown Richmond. She worked for Richmond Public Schools until her retirement. She was an avid bowler and exercised daily while walking the Virginia Capital Trail.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 41 years, Thomas S. Bigger, her mother, Pearl Mae Johnson and her brother, William H. Johnson. Left to

cherish her memory are her loving daughter, Margaret Ann Bigger; two nephews, William P. Johnson (Theresa), Palm Coast, Florida; Rev. Wendell A. Johnson (Rita), Mechanicsville, Virginia; three nieces, Joyce J. Anderson (Norman), Dahlgren, Virginia; Irene W. Lester and Luvenia W. Goode, both of Henrico, Virginia; devoted great niece, Patrice J. Wiggins; devoted great-great nephew, Denby F. Crawley; goddaughter, Cathy S. Jennings; godson, Brent A. Evans; and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Previous Events

## Walk through Visitation

JAN **25**. 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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

## Celebration of Life

JAN **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. James Baptist Church  
2169 New Market Road  
Richmond, VA 23231

# Tribute Wall



“ *Josephine Johnson Bigger*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Renay Short lit a candle in memory of Josephine Johnson Bigger*



**Renay Short** - January 25, 2021 at 01:03 PM



“ *Kathy Baker lit a candle in memory of Josephine Johnson Bigger*



**Kathy Baker** - January 23, 2021 at 01:11 PM



“ *I shall always hold “Miss” Josephine close to my heart. She was such a beautiful spirit and I shall certainly miss her. My condolences and prayers to Margaret and the family, Beverly Whitaker Braxton*

**Beverly Whitaker Braxton** - January 23, 2021 at 12:05 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Bigger my condolences to the family.

*Ophelia Pressley*

*Varina Neighbor*

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**Ophelia Pressley** - January 21, 2021 at 09:22 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - January 19, 2021 at 05:40 PM