



## Mary E. Johnson

July 4, 1913 - June 21, 2006

MARY ELIZABETH JOHNSON was born on July 4, 1913 to Deacon Charlie and Mrs. Emma Harris on Swann's Point Plantation - Spring Grove, Virginia. Mary was educated in Surry County public schools. She attended Lebanon Baptist Church and accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. Later in her life, Mary moved to Portsmouth, Virginia and became the wife of the late Benjamin Franklin Johnson, who died in 1961. Mary attended the Third Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Joe Fleming where she was baptized, sang on the choir and fell in love with God's Holy Word. She worked at businesses such as Pepsi-Cola Bottling, Rosen Furriers, and Portsmouth General Hospital. She loved to sing songs of faith with all of her heart, declaring God's wonderful love and mercy. She traveled nationwide with the "Harmonizing Four" gospel group for many years. She loved the songs of Mahalia Jackson and even claimed Mahalia as her very own cousin. In 2000, Mary moved to Baltimore, Md. to be closer to her family. She resided at the Good Samaritan Nursing Center and was adored by the staff and known as "the singer." She loved her family unconditionally. Mary was a devoted grandmother who adored and bragged on her grandchildren daily. Mary joined the Christian Love Church, Reverend William Bailey, Pastor. CLC became an extended family that deeply loved and cared for her by frequently visiting, sending cards and gifts of love, sharing holy communion, praying for her - Thank you Christian Love Church - her family will always be grateful for this manifestation of Christ's love. Mary was the sole survivor of eleven children.

Awaiting her arrival in Eternity were Charles, Willie, Edith, Thowell, Celestine, Rogers, Signora, Florence, Nick and George. She'll reunite in Heaven with one grandchild, Priscilla. Mary Elizabeth Harris Johnson awaits a Heavenly reunion with: two daughters, Rev. Rosa Lee Claiborne (Frederick) of Baltimore, Md. and Geraldine Harris Monroe of Harlem, New York; nine grandchildren, Veronica, Brenda, Linwood, Deborah, Frederick Jr., Valerie, Craig, Leedell Jr. and Lisa; sixteen great-grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Frances Hicks; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary E. Johnson*

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“ *Dear Family, Please accept my condolences for the loss of your loved one. Although she lived much longer than most, the Bible holds out an encouraging hope. Acts 24:15 tells us about a "resurrection". Yes, the restoring to life for our dead loved ones with no more death, sickness, sorrow or pain. May you receive much comfort and strength from this loving promise of the Bible.##imported-begin##Sharon Hill##imported-end##*

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“ *It's hard to believe that I am seeing you here - but Thank God He always causes us to triumph in Christ Jesus. Rest and enjoy your bright mansion. Enjoy sitting at His feet and eating from His table every day. Yes I will miss you but I will see you again-promise, Vari##imported-begin##Valerie Greer##imported-end##*

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“ HEY YOU! Know that you are having the time of your life now. All of us down here miss you but we don't shed tears for you leaving, we are happy and look forward to the day we will see you again. For everyone on this site that reads this, or has heard this at her praise service, here it is again... "WE LOVE YOU ". You have taught us lessons that some things are just not that important and everything sometimes, just doesn't matter. But, the love for GOD and family is the only thing. I will always keep your thoughts and words with me. So that my grandchildren (God willing) can say the same words for me that I have for my grandmother.##imported-begin##Craig##imported-end##

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“ It's so hard to say good-bye to someone who has been the backbone of the family. I am the oldest grandchild and do I miss you . Each day gets easier and easier but THANKS BE TO GOD.....One day I will see you on the other shore. I LOVE YOU##imported-begin##Veronica##imported-end##

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“ This message is very very special to us because of who she was, a very kind and sweet person; a joy to be around. Her love, dedication and faithfulness for the Lord and the Family is what kept us together. She will truly, truly be missed. She will always live in our hearts forever Love you ALWAYS##imported-begin##Tiffany & Tyler Elizabeth##imported-end##

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“ *Phillipians 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ Aunt Mary, In memory of you, this scripture represents your diligent search, and commitment to God as your Lord and Savior. You have pressed on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. You have finished the race and have won the crown of life. We miss you. We can hear you singing the song by the Caravans: Walk Around Heaven all Day. Now you have joined the rest of the family and have gone to be with Christ Our Lord, worshipping and praising Him!! Our desire, like yours, is to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ. We love you, Aunt Mary, and always will.##imported-begin##Marjorie Francis Harris Worrell and family##imported-end##*

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“ *II Corinthians 5:6-8 KJV Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord. (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) we are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." Aunt Mary, Threse verses, in memory of you, are a representation that you are no longer at home in the body. You are absent from the body, and present with the Lord. We'll always keep you in our thoughts as we walk by faith, and not by sight. We can imagine that you are singing the song by Clara Ward and the Ward Singers, "How I Got Over" You are dearly missed. Your warm smile will live in our memory. God blessed you with peace, joy, and love forever. Your Neice, Linda##imported-begin##Linda Harris Savage and family##imported-end##*

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but knows that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 What a wonderful prospect for our future.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. I too have lost loved ones in death. Even though we know that death is inevitable, it is still difficult to accept. Death was not something that God intended for us. The thought of death is always distasteful and it always will be because Jehovah God has created within us the keen desire to live forever. We never get used to it. We feel deep down in our hearts that this should not happen because, “Even time indefinite he (God) has put in their heart,” says Ecclesiastes 3:11. One of the wonderful parts of his plan is the hope of the resurrection of dead loved ones. (John 5:25, 28, 29). Please be assured that Jehovah God loves us and wants the best for us. Take comfort in the promise that he has given us at Rev. 21: 3-5 of a new earth where there will be no more death.##imported-begin##Senita Swann##imported-end##

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