



Sylvia Reese Johnson

April 26, 1931 - April 24, 2015

God Saw You Getting Tired

God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be,
So He put his arms around you,
And whispered, "Come to Me"
With tearful eyes we watched you,
As you slowly slipped away,
And though we loved you dearly,
We couldn't make you stay.
Your golden heart stopped beating
Your tired hands put to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.

Sylvia Reese Johnson affectionately known as "Nanny" was born on April 26, 1931 in Richmond, Virginia to the late Sylvester Sr. and Beatrice Minor. She was the second oldest of six children born to this union.

She was educated in the Richmond Public School System and graduated from Maggie L. Walker High School in 1949. While attending Walker High School she obtained her professional cosmetology license and worked her

early years as a beautician. She changed career paths and later became a Pharmacy Technician for MCV where she retired in 1991 after 32 years of service.

In 1951 she married James Reese of Washington,DC and had two children Anthony "Tony" (deceased)(Velma of NC) and Katrina(Lattie) Dark. In 1989 she gave her life to Christ and was baptized at Dill Avenue Church of Christ, where she was a faithful member for many years. Sylvia was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and aunt. She loved attending family gatherings.

She was preceded in death by her second husband Harry Johnson, 1 brother Erie Minor, 2 sisters, Arlette (Richard deceased),Brenda (David deceased).

Sylvia leaves to cherish her memory,daughter Katrina DePriest-Dark (Lattie);devoted granddaughter,Nichole Griffin(Keith);grandson,Walter DePriest,III (Kareemah);Fifina Warner(John),Stone Mt.,GA,Chenaughka Jackson(James),Salisbury,NC and Wansong Harley,Atlanta,GA;nine great-grandchildren;brother,Sylvester Minor(Clarisse-deceased) Jr.;sister Ella Richardson(Raymond),1 sister-in-law,Reaver Minor;daughter-in-law,Velma Reese, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

viewing

APR 30. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Service

MAY 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sylvia Reese Johnson*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sylvia Reese Johnson.*



April 30, 2015 at 04:51 PM



“ *Our Condolences to the Family. May God continue to Bless you and Comfort you.*

Mrs. Johnson was a wise and sweet neighbor. She will always be remembered for her encouraging words, helping hands and dutifully keeping watch around the cul-de-sac.

Thank you Lord for allowing us to know-Mrs. Johnson

Love, Charles-Carla-Chris & Tyke

The Williams & Tillerys - April 30, 2015 at 11:03 AM

LS

“ Prayers of comfort to the family of Sister Sylvia Johnson. She is known for her determined faith and great encouragement to us all at Sandy Lane Church of Christ especially to her brothers and sisters of Zone 8. Perry Smith, Sr. and family.

Linda M. Smith - April 30, 2015 at 10:42 AM

PA

“ Sad times are here, but Thank God they won't last forever. Our memories will bring us much joy. I remember my Auntie teaching my brother and I to play Bid Whist. We went home and beat our parents and Dad made us go to bed. But she was my she-ro cause we beat Dad. :-)

PamMinorClemons - April 29, 2015 at 02:25 PM

VR

“ Velma Reese lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Reese Johnson



Velma Reese - April 28, 2015 at 10:21 AM

VR

Sylvia will be greatly missed. She was truly a Godly, inspiring, strong-willed person. To the family, please pray for me as I pray for you.

Love Always.
Velma (daughter-in-law).

Velma Reese - April 28, 2015 at 10:25 AM



LH

I was so very sorry to hear of Sister Johnson's passing. I know she'll be missed. I'll always remember her pleasant smile and striking appearance. She was a jewel. May God continue to be with the family.

*Louise Hayes
Cold Harbor Road Church of Christ*

Louise Hayes - April 30, 2015 at 06:28 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 - April 27, 2015 at 06:32 PM