



Mrs. Jennifer Claudette Johnson

October 11, 1950 - September 26, 2020

Psalm 34:4 “I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears.”

On October 11, 1950, Joan Helen Hopson gave birth to her second child and named her Jennifer Claudette Hopson. Jennifer was baptized at an early age at Roberts Memorial Methodist Church in Alexandria, Virginia. Jennifer made her transition to be with her Lord and Savior on September 26, 2020 with her husband by her side.

Jennifer was educated in the Alexandria Public School System. She attended St. Joseph Catholic School and Lyles-Crouch Elementary School. She served as a crossing guard, was a member of the Girl Scouts and participated in the Lyles-Crouch Summer Olympics running in the Track and Field events. She attended T.C. Williams High School and was a member of the Girls’ Drill Team. She was also active in the Boys’ and Girls’ Club. Jennifer graduated from T.C. Williams High School in 1970. Jennifer received her Cosmetology License from the Cosmetology School in Temple Hills, Maryland.

During her younger years, Jennifer grew up in a community of loving and devoting families in the Berg (an Alexandria community north side of the city). Jennifer, her brothers and sisters and most of the kids at that time hung together, played together and partied together. There were many fun times of

bowling, picnics on the Boulevard, house parties, roller skating and much more. Even to this day, the “Berg Kids” would get together and reminisce about the “good ole days”. Jennifer and her Berg girlfriends started a club called “The Starlights”. They had started a fund raiser to raise clothes for disadvantage DC Youths. They were even written up about their efforts in the Washington Post.

Immediately following high school, Jennifer began working for the Federal Government at the Library of Congress. On August 25, 1970, she was hired as an accountant in the Copyright Division and was later promoted to the Licensing Division. Jennifer served 35 years in the Federal Government before retiring on October 28, 2005.

In her early years, Jennifer was always artistic and creative. Her love for coloring and painting as a child began her artistic journey. From there, she began to knit and crochet blankets, plant flowers and create memorable decorations for birthdays, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, weddings, funerals or just a random day of the week. Her passion was creating flower arrangements. She could recreate a flower design she saw in a magazine or provide you with an original masterpiece. Her wedding bouquets and center pieces were perfections. She put so much love into her work and made it look effortless.

Jennifer’s relationship with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, was always at the forefront of her life. She found her church home at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. She became head of the Floral Ministry where she was affectionately called “the Flower Girl”. She led floral workshops for the Women’s Ministry. She also served on the Culinary Ministry and the Senior Dance Ministry. She participated in the Carla Gordon Walkathon and would assist her sister, Connie, with the Ushers when needed.....so much that they made her an Honorary Usher. Her most proud moment was on December 15, 2019 when

she received her Certificate of Discipleship.

In 1969, Jennifer married the late William Theodore “Ted” Smith with whom she shared two beautiful children. While their marriage came to an end, their friendship became stronger. In 1998 Jennifer would be reunited with the love of her life, Leon “Buzzy” Johnson. Jennifer and Leon were so much in love. The day they were united (after not seeing each other for 30 years) they knew it would be forever. He would always call her “Jenny-Pooh”. They were inseparable. They took their vows on September 25, 2010 to honor, cherish and love one another for the rest of their days. They had a relationship and friendship that many dreamed of. Jennifer and Leon were blessed to have shared 22 beautiful years together.

Jennifer leaves to cherish her memories her loving and devoted husband, Leon; two children, Eric (Tranita) and Sharonda; one grandson, Dominic; three sisters, Constance “Connie” Robinson (Mark), Joan “Joanie” Hopson-Walker (Kenneth) and Angela “Angie” Stanton; one brother, Derrick “Ricky” Hopson (Wanda); one step son, Leon “BJ” Johnson II; one step-daughter, Yolanda Ferguson; four step-grandchildren, Trevon, Takia, Dashia and Kiree; four sister-in-laws, Adrienne Jewell (Ron), Terry Akins, Lynda Baker (Leroy) and Christine “Penny” Griffith (Vicente); one brother-in-law, Kevin Johnson (Rita); six nieces Amanda, Kaylen, Chelsea, Picassa, Miya and Asha; four nephews, Andre, Nate, Marcus and Travis; and best friend, Sharon Johnson. She leaves a host of other relatives and friends.

Jennifer is preceded in death by her mother; Joan Helen Hopson, grandmother; Eugenia Hopson and brother, Michael Hopson.

Proverbs 3:5-6: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Valley Memorial Park

8420 Little River Tpke.
Annandale, VA 22003

Previous Events

A Mask **MUST** be worn for entry into the sanctuary

OCT **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
6477 Lincolnia Road
Alexandria, VA 22312

Walk through Viewing only

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Interment

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Private Family Service

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Tribute Wall

 Bonita
Smith

“ *Always a sweetheart to everyone. We spent many years neighbors in the Berg. She will be a bright light amongst God Heavenly Stars. Buzzy, I send my condolences and pray GOD keep the glow shining in your heart, as she is still forever residing with you.*

To all the Family, my sincere sympathy and prayers.

*Bonita (MOSES) Richardson-Smith
Fort Washington, MD*

Bonita Smith - October 10, 2020 at 09:14 AM

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“ *Condolences to the Family. Bernice Carter*

Bernice Carter - October 09, 2020 at 10:24 PM