



## Minnie Bernell Johnson

June 25, 1949 - March 16, 2018

Newport News: Minnie Bernell Johnson, a native of Danville, Virginia, entered the gates of Heaven, Friday March 16, 2018. She graduated Southside High School in Blairs, VA where she was captain of the cheering squad and runner up in the Miss Southside Pageant. She was also a member of the Future Teachers and Leaders of America Club. After graduating, she relocated to New Jersey where she met her husband of 47 years, Vincent L. Johnson. They had 2 children together, Vincent N. Johnson and Courtney E. Johnson (Bonneau). She also had a step-daughter, Keisha Epps.

In New Jersey, Bernell was an active member of Metropolitan Baptist Church where she was the church clerk and a member of the choir. In 1994, she and her family relocated to Virginia. There, she was an active member of Little Zion Baptist Church where she served as a deaconess and also started a senior citizen ministry. She loved working with seniors. After being led by the spirit to visit other churches, the Lord led her and her husband to visit and later join, World Outreach Worship Center. Bernell was an active member of World Outreach Worship Center, where she knew she had found her church home. Under the leadership of Pastor Evenson, the lead Senior Pastor and Pastor Rush, the administrative Pastor, she and her husband Vincent became coordinators of the Nursing Home Ministry. In addition, they enjoyed working in the flower beds and gardening on the church grounds. She had a unique way of designing and creating in the flower beds. Bernell was preceded in death by her parents James and Elizabeth Bennett and her granddaughter, Anaiya R. Bonneau.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband of 47 years, Vincent L. Johnson, son, Vincent N. Johnson, daughter, Courtney E. Bonneau (Yavde); step-daughter, Keisha Epps (Omar); Grandchildren, Anadia Ferguson, Tyonne Johnson, Tavari Bonneau, Landen Bonneau, Zamira Bonneau, Adonijah Bonneau and Yahje` Bonneau; and one great-grandchild, Ava Kamille Ferguson; Sisters, Olivia Fuller, Shirley Fitz (Ted) and Joan Watson (James); Brothers, Charles H. Bennett (Alene), Clifton Bennett (Jane) and John Wayne Bennett (Gloria); Sister-in-laws, Gail Bouie, Sylvia Johnson and Roxanna Johnson; Brothers-in-law, Mark Johnson, Alan Johnson and James Bouie; Godchildren Ian Bouie and Alana Bouie along with a host of nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life service, conducted by Pastor Russell Evenson, will be held 11:00

a.m., Friday, March 23, 2018 at World Outreach Worship Center, 1233 Shields Road, Newport News, Virginia 23608. The family will receive friends Friday from 10:00 until 11:00, prior to the service.

Arrangements under the direction of Hogg Funeral Home and Crematory, Gloucester Point. Please visit <http://www.hoggfh.com> to share condolences and memories.

# Events

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**MAR 23** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM  
World Outreach Worship Center  
Newport News, VA, US

**MAR 23** **Memorial Service** 11:00AM  
World Outreach Worship Center  
Newport News, VA, US

# Comments

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“ Sister Shirley Fitz lit a candle in memory of Minnie Bernell Johnson



**Sister Shirley Fitz** - June 04, 2018 at 03:31 PM



“ I miss my baby sister Bernell Johnson so much. There is not a day that goes by that I don't think about you. God must have needed you for something he took back his very own. I thank him for giving you to us for all the years that we have spent together. There are so many wonderful memories of us for sisters that can never be erased. Well I guess you are up there laughing and joking with Sam and Brian mom and dad. My house is full of stuff that you have given me anywhere from clothes two dishes and I thank you. Will see you when I get there keep smiling and keep resting in the arms of the Lord. Oh how I miss you baby sister!!!

**Sister Shirley Fitz** - June 04, 2018 at 03:51 PM

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“ My baby sister, oh the memories, such good memories. This one in particular stands out the most. The rooster that chased us every time I rode you on Spoodie's bike. We laughed at him because he couldn't catch us and I believe he chased us because we laughed. Oh the good times, would take years to get to them all, just know this, my best friend who kept me going through my rough times, is so loved and missed. I do know where you are my precious and you have the wings to prove it. You know how I love God's clouds and we use to take pictures and send to each other. Thank You Jesus for sharing her. With us here on earth who know and love Jesus, we'll see you again and fly around with you and Jesus in heaven. "Love and miss you. She use to call me " Just Joan" Watson. Thanks to everyone for being a part of her life and your responses.

**Just Joan Watson** - March 28, 2018 at 06:52 PM

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“ Love, Trisha Booth-Nurse(patriot primary care) purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Minnie Bernell Johnson.



Love, Trisha Booth-Nurse(patriot primary care) - March 26, 2018 at 01:02 PM

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“ I may have only known Mrs. Johnson for a short period of time. She was a patient of ours and she always lite up the room. She made my day every time she came in. My heart grieve's for all of her family and I pray that God will be with all of you every step of the way through this hard time. Mr. Johnson and the wonderful children of hers stay strong for The Lord will be with you all always. She is smiling done. We love you Mrs. Johnson.

Love Always  
Trisha Booth-Nurse

Trisha Booth - March 26, 2018 at 12:58 PM

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“ Dear Vincent and family our hearts grieve for your lost. It's the Soulet's,Raymond and LaVerne. We only found out about Bernell's passing around 6:45pm today FRIDAY. When you are up for visitors please let us now and we will come by.

Laverne Soulet - March 23, 2018 at 06:51 PM

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“ My condolences to Mrs. Johnson's family! I will surely miss seeing her and chatting with Vincent. It was an honor to care for her. My heart is with your family. God bless.

Shannon Griffiths - March 23, 2018 at 05:36 PM

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“ Fonseca Family lit a candle in memory of Minnie Bernell Johnson



Fonseca Family - March 22, 2018 at 06:49 PM

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“ My Aunt Bernell took time to write me letters of spiritual encouragement during my deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. She inspired me to stay focused and put my faith in God to return home safety. I'm very thankful for what she did for me. Another rememerable moment was our little conference at her place. It was her father's birthday and she wasn't interested to see him. So I suggested that she should go because this was the best opportunity to go. After a couple of hours, she gave in and she spent time with him on his birthday not knowing this would be her last time seeing him. But now...they are at peace together again.  
My deepest condolences to my family Uncle Vince, Spanky, Courtney and the children. Love you. Terry

Terence Watson - March 22, 2018 at 05:42 PM

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“ Our most sincere and deepest condolences to brother Johnson and family. Our sister was such sweet and tenderhearted lady. She is resting in the arms of our Savior. May the Lord's peace and comfort fill your hearts.



Thomas and Flor Yuhas - March 22, 2018 at 06:49 AM

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“ Linda Bennett lit a candle in memory of Minnie Bernell Johnson



Linda Bennett - March 20, 2018 at 09:09 PM