



Verna Maye Johnson

May 5, 1915 - August 1, 2013

Verna Maye Johnson, 98, of South Dartmouth, MA, formerly of Urbana, OH, died Aug. 1, 2013 in New Bedford, MA.

Verna was born on May 5, 1915 in Springfield, OH, the daughter of Daniel and Georgia (Smith) Langhorne. She attended Springfield High School, previously worked at Grimes Manufacturing and was a member of St. Paul A.M.E.

Church. Verna moved to South Dartmouth, MA three years ago to live with her daughter.

She was a missionary and a member of the Lay Organization, Steward Board, Eastern Star, The Sisterhood and the Friendship Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Rillis Watkins and her husband, Robert, of South Dartmouth, MA, granddaughter Robbie Watkins of South Dartmouth, MA, great-granddaughter, Malicia Watkins of Utah, and several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Albert Johnson in 1992, grandson, Robert James Watkins, sister, Opal Drake and her husband Cecil, brother, Carl Langhorne and his wife Theresa, and two nephews, Richard and Danny Drake.

Family will receive friends from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 in the WALTER & SMITH FUNERAL HOME, 642 S. Main St., Urbana, where a service will be held at 11 a.m. with Rev. Robert Dye and Rev. Rayford Harper officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Dale Cemetery, Urbana.

Contributions in Verna's memory may be made to the Cancer Association of

Champaign County, P.O. Box 38125, Urbana, OH 43078.

Condolences may be expressed to Verna's family at www.walterfunerals.com.

Cemetery Details

Oak Dale Cemetery

319 Patrick Avenue
Urbana, OH 43078

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Verna Mae,

I thank God and you and your family being in my life all of my life. Thank you for being my Elder even when it was very painful but you gave me what I needed, I am so blessed to have known you, your wonderful late mother, father, your sister, her husband and sons. Your mother was my mother's "best" friend.

As, I look at your tenure on earth for 98 years, I am humbled and amazed, I think of all the cures, discoveries, inventions and roads; you have seen come and go, God truly had to ask an angel to come down from heaven and live on earth, Thank you for letting me call you and you talking to me when you moved to South Dartmouth, Ma., you always had time, even when you couldn't talk and I would do the talking, I just wanted to let you know " I love you, while you could hear me.

I thank God for Rillis, Who took wonderful care of you; she was able to enjoy and shared her mother for her many years on this earth, her blessings will be many, she is now in the same club With the rest of us, who have lost, "our wonderful and loving mothers" just know that you will "Never" heal, you just learn to live with it.

Verna Mae, truly wore the robe of the virtuous woman in proverbs: 31/10. It says "Who can find a Virtuous woman"? Those of us that you touched our lives, we found you! you shared your strong character, many skills, and great compassion.

I humbly salute you, will never forget you.

Penny Riggins Roland

charleen Riggins Roland - November 14, 2013 at 09:59 AM

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“ I only got to know Mrs. Johnson through the wisdom and kindness she radiated through the stories told to me about her by her incredible granddaughter, Lee. Through Lee, I have gotten to know that Mrs. Johnson was selfless and brave, that she was wise and encouraging, that she was forgiving and loving. Every bit of those traits is clear in watching Lee treat others this way.

Although I did not know her personally, I have no doubt that the world is better because she was here, certainly we could all only wish to be as loved and cherished as she is. I hope her loved ones find solace in knowing that she will live on in every bit of energy and light that Lee and her other family members shine onto others, as they learned that trait from Nannie.

Kryss Shane - August 23, 2013 at 07:57 PM



“ You are dearly missed little old lady. I'm saying this to you and I know you would be laughing and pointing your finger at me asking, "Who you calling little old lady?" Thank you for the all the years you blessed our family for we know strength, resilience and love through your life. Thank you for giving me one of the best grandmother's anyone could ask for. I hope you know how much you are loved and you probably thought I was hard headed like my dad, but know I listened to every word and carry with me to this day. You will have a sweet spot in my heart and forever my guardian angel. Rest with Paw in eternal love, grandma and grandpa Langhorne, Aunt Opal & Uncle Carl. In the meantime I will aspire to be the loving woman you always were. Love you Nannie, Leemuff <3

Malicia Watkins - August 23, 2013 at 03:55 PM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Bryan Bennion - August 23, 2013 at 03:42 PM

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“ I grew up on Hill Street and spent time on Johnsons Drive with Verna's grandchildren when they were visiting in town. Verna was always very friendly and welcoming. I also enjoyed seeing and talking to her during worship at St. Paul AME church. She will be missed.



Dianna (Ladd) Tabern

Dianna Tabern - August 15, 2013 at 08:16 PM



“ I had the opportunity to meet Nannie in South Dartmouth MA, while visiting Rillis, Robbie, and Bobby. She told Malicia and I to "enjoy being young, and be good to each other". Very wise, words of wisdom. Rest in Peace, Nannie,

Bryan Bennion

Bryan Bennion - August 12, 2013 at 05:00 PM

MP

“ Mom, Pete and Grandma Pauline purchased the Full Heart for the family of Verna Maye Johnson.



Mom, Pete and Grandma Pauline - August 12, 2013 at 09:13 AM

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“ From the family of Beverly Lucas you have my deepest sympathy. Miss Verna taught me a lot and she will surely be missed.



Beverly Lucas - August 11, 2013 at 09:39 AM

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“ Annette Black lit a candle in memory of Verna Maye Johnson



Annette Black - August 10, 2013 at 11:51 AM

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Verna May was my Grandmother's Boss (Irene Bailey) @ Grimes! She was a LOVE... They are once again reunited. :)

Annette Black - August 10, 2013 at 11:52 AM