

Celebration of Life

For

Ms. Marie Johnson

Sunrise

*June 14, 1917
Surry County, NC*

Sunset

*December 10, 2013
New Castle County, DE*



*Saturday, December 21, 2013
Eleven O'clock
Ararat Missionary Baptist Church
Mount Airy, NC*

*Reverend James Ferguson / Officiating
Reverend James Joyce/Eulogist
Interment
Ararat Cemetery
Mount Airy, North Carolina*

Order of Service

<i>Musical Prelude</i>	
<i>Earth's Final Glimpse</i>	<i>11:00 until 11:30</i>
<i>Invocation</i>	<i>James R. Ferguson</i>
<i>Words of Comfort</i>	<i>Reverend Walter Jarvis Jr.</i>
<i>Selection</i>	<i>Ararat M.B. Church Choir</i>
<i>Scripture</i>	
<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>Guest Minister</i>
<i>New Testament</i>	<i>Guest Minister</i>
<i>Obituary</i>	<i>(Read Silently)</i>
<i>Acknowledgements and Church Resolution</i>	<i>Sister Faye Carter</i>
<i>Poem and Resolutions</i>	<i>Rev. Dr. Corteze B. Rawley</i>
<i>Selection</i>	<i>Joseph, Kelly, Bria Evans</i>
<i>Eulogy</i>	<i>Reverend James Joyce</i>
<i>Recessional</i>	<i>(People Standing)</i>
<i>Committal/Benediction</i>	<i>Reverend James Joyce</i>
<i>Interment</i>	<i>Ararat Cemetery</i>
	<i>Mount Airy, NC</i>
<i>Final Flight</i>	<i>Spencer Funeral Home Staff</i>
<i>Repast will follow in the Church Fellowship Hall</i>	

Flower Bearers

Alicia Ray, Verna McFowler, Shelby King,
Matilda Radcliff Thompson, Deborah Bowman

Casket Bearers

Jimmy Thompson, Jamie Thompson, Jeff Johnson,
Stacy Joyce, Julian Rawley

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Obituary

Miss Marie Johnson 96 was born June 14, 1917 in Surry County, NC to the late John and Tish Smith Johnson. She was called to her Heavenly home on December 10, 2013 in Bear, DE.

Miss Marie was well known for her kindness through her gift of cooking; she had a passion for serving the hundreds that came to one of the neighborhood hangouts known as the barn, so now you are thinking about those good thick bologna sandwiches. Some us think about pound cake when we would call her name. One was never hungry when Miss Marie was around. If nothing was cooked she put on her apron to fix something to eat or grab her purse and say let's get something to eat. She was so proud of driving until she was 94 she would always make the statement I guess they'll give me my driver's license this time, she would inform you they gave them to me, one more time with a smile. She was a great mother, grandmother and friend. Most of all she was a child of God, she was a faithful member of Ararat Missionary Baptist Church, Mount Airy, NC. Miss Marie would get so excited when it was time for the Sunday school convention she was dedicated to this event. She will truly be missed in our family and in the community. She leaves to cherish her memory two sons Fred Johnson (Karen) of Columbus, OH, Thomas Raleigh (Corteze) of Bear, DE, grandchildren Bonnie, Jeff Johnson, Kimberly Bush, Sabrina Raleigh, Kelly Evans; a special nephew Roscoe Hines(Joann) of Mount Airy, NC. With a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by seven sisters and brothers Maybron Johnson, Albert Johnson, Burley Johnson, Elizabeth Davis, Margaret Ratcliff, Myrtle Johnson, and Dolly Hines.

Our Mother Marie Johnson is wearing her Crown's

Heaven lit up with a mighty presence, as the Angels all looked down. Today the Lord was placing the jewels in our Mother, Marie Johnson's crown.

God held up a golden crown, as our darling mother Marie looks on. God said in a gentle voice, 'I will now explain each one.' 'The first gem,' is a Ruby, and it's for endurance alone, for the nights you waited up until we got home.'

'For all the nights spent at each of our bedside, 'staying until fevers went down. For nursing our wounds, I shall add a ruby to your crown.' 'An emerald, I'll place by the ruby, for leading us children in the right way. For teaching us lessons, that made them who we each are today.'

'For always being right there, through life's important events. Mother We'll give you a sapphire stone, for the time and love you spent.'

'For untying the strings, that held us as we grew up, and left home. I give you a garnet stone for courage.' And, then God said, 'I'll place a stone of amethyst, 'For all the times you spent on your knees, when you asked me to take care of your children, and then for keeping the faith in Me.'

'I bless you with a pearl for every little sacrifice that you made without them knowing. For all the times you went without, to keep them happy, healthy and growing.'

'And last of all I have a diamond, the greatest one of all, for sharing unconditional love to your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and all.'

'It was your love that helped us grow. To feeling safe happy and proud. A love so strong and pure that could shift a big black cloud.' And that makes us say we hope Mother we made you proud.

After the Lord placed the last jewel, He said, 'your crown is now complete, you've earned your place in Heaven, Marie come on now and sit at my feet.'

Submitted by the Family

Thank You

Life brings tears, smiles and memories:

*The tears dry, the smile fades,
but the memories live on forever.*

Thank you sincerely for sharing our sorrow

*Your thoughtfulness is appreciated and
will always be remembered.*

The Johnson Family