



Gwendolyn Kelley Johnson

June 11, 1939 - December 11, 2018

Gwendolyn K. Johnson “Gwen , 79 of New Castle, went to be with the Lord Tuesday, December 11, 2018.

Gwen was born in Richmond, VA. She graduated from John Marshall High School and attended Mary Baldwin College for one year. She had some nursing school at Grace Hospital in Richmond.

She married and had 3 children, drove a school bus, did medical transcription, worked for numerous doctors at Medical College of Virginia where she retired after many years.

She then moved to New Castle to be closer to the grandkids and made many precious memories with them. Gwen managed the New Castle Commons for 11 years. She had a passion for writing and photography and used it in her stories for the New Castle Record.

She was preceded in death by parents Thomas & Marie Kelley, Jr. She is survived by loving husband, Inman Johnson; son, David Johnson and Susan Blair; daughters and sons-in-law, Tracy Surface and Mark, Christy Dean and Ted; grandchildren Matthew and Elizabeth Surface; brother and sister-in-law Thomas F. Kelley III and Carol; sister Marsha Smith; nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held 12:00 PM Saturday, December 15, 2018 at Grace Assembly of God with Pastor Lorraine Taylor officiating. The family will receive friends 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM prior to the service. Interment will follow at Huffman Memorial Park.

Arrangements by Paitsel Funeral Home. www.paitselfh.com

Cemetery Details

Huffman Memorial Park

Cumberland Gap Rd.
NEW CASTLE, VA 24127

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 15. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Grace Assembly of God
5530 Catawba Drive
Catawba, VA 24070

Funeral Service

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Interment

DEC 15 (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My Precious Gwen,*

You were an angel on earth and now in heaven. Oh, how I wish I could hear you call my name, Kimberly Ellen, one more time in your distinctive sweet voice. I have fond memories of walking next door for your waffles with powdered sugar on Saturday mornings; they were so big and smelled so good! I loved to wash the dishes afterwards to show my appreciation for how you always opened your door to me. I can still vividly remember when you found my and Tracy's hair that we had cut in the plant behind the chair!! I remember how you soaked our feet when we walked that 20-mile walkathon for charity. I remember how much I loved running over to eat Spaghetti O's with my very best friend on TV trays while watching Bewitched (a memory that stays with me constantly.). You influenced me as a young girl, a woman, and a mother. I pray that you knew that. I do know that you know that I love you.

I have a love for you and your family that is like no other. I will always have a special bond for all of you. You gave me the best friend I have ever known and that I still stay in contact with after 53 years of friendship. My heart is overwhelmed by that blessing. It takes me back to my younger years when God moved me next door to you. He always has a plan and a purpose for our lives. He knew how he could use you and your family to bring joy to my life everlasting. I love you and I will never let go of this bond that God made.

Kim Harley

Kim Harley - December 14, 2018 at 09:14 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Kelley Johnson.*



December 14, 2018 at 09:14 PM



“ *LOVE SUE purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gwendolyn Kelley Johnson.*



LOVE SUE - December 14, 2018 at 09:12 AM



“ *Oh, how I will miss sharing stories and hearing your laughter, Gwen! You were a shining light of love wherever you went. I'm so grateful to have called you friend and extended family. You will be missed, every day. I love you 🙏💕😊🕊️😊💕🙏*



Bonnie - December 14, 2018 at 08:43 AM



“ *Debbie, Kim, Tim, Jim & Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Gwendolyn Kelley Johnson.*



Debbie, Kim, Tim, Jim & Family - December 13, 2018 at 08:43 PM