



Bernice Carraway Johnson

October 5, 1931 - November 30, 2020

On Monday, November 30, 2020, Bernice Carraway Johnson, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother, was called home to be with her Lord and Savior at the age of 89. Bernice was born on October 5, 1931 in Wakulla County to Robert (Bob) Carraway and Prudia Harris Carraway. After her father's passing, her stepfather C.K. Sanders stepped in to raise her as his own and instilled in her a deep appreciation for her Christian faith.

Bernice was a "proud Wakulla County girl," and embodied the spirit of the forgotten coast. As a child she enjoyed spending time with her dear brothers and sisters and learning to both respect and live off the land they grew up on. She was an incredibly strong woman born before her time, who found her strength in her faith and her family.

On May 1, 1947 Bernice married the love of her life, Mack Johnson, and instituted a lifelong commitment to their marriage vows to have and to hold each other, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, for forever and always. After 73 years of marriage, not only were Bernice and Mack truly still in love, but they also still liked each other.

Bernice was a deeply caring woman who treated everyone as if they were a member of her own family. She embodied God's direction to, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32). She adored her grandchildren and could be found at every hospital waiting room waiting on the arrival of her newest treasure. Bernice

and Mack spent years celebrating the lives of their children and grandchildren and attended numerous graduation ceremonies, baseball games, and musical performances. She enjoyed camping and traveling with Mack in the Appalachian Mountains and at St. Andrews State Park in Panama City, Florida. Bernice was well-known for preparing delicious meals for her family – including her chocolate and coconut cakes. She loved hosting and attending fish fries, making her famous deviled crab for her grandsons, as well as enjoying crab leg dinners with her granddaughters, Jessica and Amelia. She loved the excitement of the holiday season and hosting large Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter gatherings to be around the ones she loved the most. She was affectionately called “nanny,” and “Mrs. Bernice,” and had a heart full of love. Bernice cherished the memories of her loved ones to ensure that though they were gone, they were surely not forgotten. Her family hopes to honor her memory in the same way she honored the memory of so many others.

Bernice is preceded in death by her loving husband, Mack Johnson; mother and father, Bob and Prudia Harris Carraway; her stepfather C.K. Sanders, her loving sister and brother, Juanita Kinsey and Jim Sanders; and her caring granddaughter, Jessica Spears. She is survived by her sisters Becky Finch and Kathryn Beaty; her brothers Dwight Sanders and Ray Sanders, her children, Shirley Curles (Jody), Eddie Johnson (Linda), Mildred Seay (Marlin), Virginia Spears, Brenda Johnson, and Kay Hankins (Jim); her grandchildren Joey Curles, Andy Curles, Chris Curles, Bo Johnson, Michael Johnson, Mark Johnson, Marlin Seay, Mack Seay, Amelia Johnson, Danny Hobbs, Brandon Hobbs, Blake Hobbs, Joella Strickland, Lori Heckle, and Danna Cousins; twenty-six great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. In addition, she was still blessed with sister-in-laws, brother-in-laws, and many nephews and nieces who were all loving and caring to the end.

The family would like to extend their appreciation to the many family members and friends who have supported them during this difficult time. The family will receive visitors on Sunday December 6, 2020 at 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM, at

Bevis Funeral Home on John Knox Road. A celebration of Bernice's life will take place on Monday December 7, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Bevis Funeral Home on John Knox Road with graveside service to follow at Tallahassee National Cemetery at 12:00 PM. Flower arrangements may be sent to Bevis Funeral Home, or donations may be made in Bernice's honor to the Full Gospel Assembly Church, 27 Frandy Drive, Panacea, FL. 32346 or Lighthouse Children's Home, 7771 Mahan Dr. Tallahassee, FL. 32309. As Bernice would say, "just be sweet to each other." Per COVID-19 regulations in Leon County, the family will respect social distancing and face mask requirements. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home(850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Johnson family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Previous Events

The Family Will Receive Friends

DEC 6. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Funeral Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Bernice Carraway Johnson*



Bevis Funeral Home - December 07, 2020 at 09:30 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Timothy Curles - December 07, 2020 at 10:52 AM



“ *Steve Slepín and Shirlee Bowne send their condolences to the family of Bernice Johnson who is now in the hands of God.*

Stephen Marc Slepín - December 05, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernice Carraway Johnson.*



December 04, 2020 at 11:30 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Bernice Carraway Johnson.*



December 04, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernice Carraway Johnson.*



December 03, 2020 at 05:07 PM