



Willie Harris Johnson

February 22, 2015

Augusta, GA - Willie Harris Johnson, 89, widow of William C. Johnson, Sr, entered into rest Friday, February 20, 2015, peacefully at her home.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, February 22, 2015, at 3:00 PM from the chapel of Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors, with Reverend Philip D. Harris officiating.

Interment will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Born in Elbert County, GA, she spent most of her life in Augusta, GA. She was the last of ten children born to the late William A. Harris, Sr, and Evie Ellis Evans Harris. She finished the First Consolidated School of Elbert County and retired from Colonial Baking Company after 20 years. She was a devoted member of Bethlehem Advent Christian Church.

Mrs. Johnson was a principal member of the Augusta Chapter of the American Gold Star Mothers, which is a national organization which provides support for mothers who have lost sons or daughters during war in the service of their country. She worked very hard towards having the first monument built in Augusta for the Vietnam War and all wars. She did volunteer work for years at Oliver General Hospital and Linwood Hospital for veterans. She also worked with the Boy Scouts organization and helped blind friends and neighbors for many years.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her son, William C. "Bill" "Pug" Harris, Jr, age 21. Bill was a highly decorated Marine who died in combat in Vietnam on September 25, 1967. He received the dress blue

uniform, which is a high military honor. She was also preceded in death by her beloved nephew, Wayne Brown, of Elberton, GA, her niece, Catherine Rabb, of Orangeburg, SC, and by her brothers and sisters, Harold Harris, Sadie Harris Brown, Abner Harris, Clarence Harris, Dillard Harris, William Harris, Jr, Hilda Harris Fortson, and Euphemia Harris Corder.

She is survived by her nephews, nieces, great nephews, and great nieces. Pallbearers will be Blake Young, Gary Dixon, Greg Ruff, Brent Fortson, Philip Harris, and David Harris.

If so desired memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels Association of America, 413 N. Lee St, Alexandria, VA 22314; or to the charity of one's choice.

The family will receive friends Sunday, February 22, from 2:00 PM until the hour of service at the funeral home.

Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors, 2502 Richmond Hill Rd, Augusta, GA 30906.

Tribute Wall

RB

“ *MANY good memories come to mind as I think back over the years of visiting you and Uncle Redd. Fishing in the lake with the cane poles Uncle Redd had rigged up for us, helping gather vegetables from your garden, going to work with you at the bread store, spending some Easters at your house, and taking us for our very first Krystal burger. The trips we were a part of when you and Uncle Redd would stop off in Elberton to take us with you -- especially to Cherokee where we fed the pigs and goats. And receiving gifts from Pug when he was overseas - the Japanese dolls were very special. Thank you for giving me great happy childhood memories. I know you are at peace now that you have been reunited with Uncle Redd and Pug. You are finally all together again. I love you Aunt Willie and thank you for loving me...*

Rita

Rita Brown Baggerley - February 24, 2015 at 04:44 AM

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“ I come from a lineage of strong women and Aunt Willie you were surely one of those. I cannot even begin to go into all that you taught me over the years. A part of who I am is because of you. I know you were not happy when Zack joined the Army, but you supported him and prayed both of through his first deployment as only a Military mom could. Phillip's son did a wonderful description of you yesterday that in your deepest sorrow you chose to rise above and support the veterans and do a great work for those who served their country. Your legacy lives on. I know that ALL of heaven is rejoicing at your homecoming and you are delighting in reuniting all of your brothers and sisters, Wayne, Red and especially your beloved son Pug as they welcomed you home. Rest in peace Aunt Willie I love you so.

Your great niece
Theresa Brown Ross

Theresa Brown Ross - February 23, 2015 at 12:11 PM

RM

“ We are so happy that we got to visit with Ms. Johnson last November when we visited N. Augusta. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were our son's Godparents. They were very important to us, and we loved them. Bob and Bill were lifelong friends, went to high school together, and both served in Viet Nam at the same time. Our condolences to the family.

Bob and Sheryl Macky, Destin, Fl.

Robert and Sheryl Macky - February 23, 2015 at 03:19 AM

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“ YOU WERE A BEAUTIFUL LADY, YOU WERE FAMILY, AND YOU'LL BE TRUELY MISSED BY EVERYONE. I LOVE YOU, SUSAN,
DAUGHTER OF THOMAS AND WILMA WALL- ELBERTON/
AUGUSTA, GA.

SUSAN WALL-HERRING-CLARK - February 22, 2015 at 12:25 PM