



## Bertha Johnson

March 7, 1925 - October 8, 2021

On Friday, October 8, 2021, the Angel of the Lord extended his hand of mercy to our beloved Bertha Odell S. Johnson and called her from labor to eternal reward. She was born March 7, 1925 in Sussex County, to the late John Lundy and Mary Lou Hill Seaborn. Bertha was preceded in death by her loving husband of 56 years, Herbert Hoover Johnson.

After attending school in Southhampton County she served as a domestic worker for 25 years. She was a devoted member of The New Jones Grove Baptist Church, where she served as a deaconess, Sunday school treasurer, missionary, president of the hospitality committee and usher board. She was also a deaconess at Shiloh Baptist Church. Because Bertha valued the welfare and growth of her community, she was also an active member of the Tynes Corner Community Club. Bertha was a trailblazer when she became the first African American poll worker in the Isle of Wight County voting precinct, a position she held for over 40 years. She was an outstanding baker and loved baking cakes, pies and fruit cakes for her family, friends, church, and community. Visitors who came to the home of Bertha and Hoover would always be welcomed to a slice of cake stored in the tin container sitting on the top of the refrigerator, a slice of pie from the fridge, or a scoop of ice cream from the freezer. She would always have fudge brownies and a sweet potato pie ready for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren when they visited. Bertha had a gift for gardening and an extraordinary talent for completing the

daily crossword puzzles.

Bertha's love for her family was boundless. She would always inquire about the welfare and health of everyone, and never missed making calls to loved ones to wish birthday blessings. Bertha's quick wit and wisdom was like none other. She will be greatly missed.

In addition to her parents and beloved husband, Bertha was preceded in death by her stepson, Lafayette Clarke; six sisters, Mary Sue Givens, Francis Seaborn, Ida Cofer, Arlee Glover, Lydia Williams, and Emma Cypress; four brothers, Bernie Seaborn, Melvin Seaborn, Clarence Seaborn and Horace Seaborne, Sr.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her sons, Robert L. Uzzle, Sr. (Kym) of Windsor, VA and James M. Uzzle (Judy) of Smithfield, VA; one sister, Sarah Jane Moore of Smithfield, VA; five grandchildren, Janel Martin (Stacy), Robert Uzzle, Jr (Alicia), Wanda Clarke, Craig Clarke, and Tara Clarke; six great-grandchildren, Robert Uzzle III, Aaron Uzzle, Jared Uzzle, Stacy Martin II, Ebony Clarke, and Terren Clarke; and a multitude of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who truly adored her.

# Cemetery Details

## Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery

9000 Firetower Road  
Windsor , VA 23487

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **15**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Main Street Baptist Church  
517 Main Street  
Smithfield, VA 23430

## Church Service

OCT **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Main Street Baptist Church  
517 Main Street  
Smithfield, VA 23430

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ *My condolence to the the family. May God's peace sustain you through this time of bereavement .*

Joyce Hardy - October 15, 2021 at 12:48 PM

JB

“ *My deepest condolences on Ms. Bertha's passing. Janel always spoke so highly and lovingly of her, felt like I knew her. Love you Janel and know she is in the most beautiful place and is watching over you!!*

*Jill Blackburn*

Jill Blackburn - October 15, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ *24 files added to the album Life Tributes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - October 15, 2021 at 10:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bertha Johnson.*



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October 14, 2021 at 08:50 PM



“ *Sending Prayers And Condolences To The Family Of My Dear Beautiful Cousin, Bertha Seaborne Johnson. Will Always Remember Our Wonderful Times At The Annual Seaborne Families Reunions. Rest In Eternal Peace, And You Will Be Forever In Our Hearts.*



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**Elsie Seaborne Thornton** - October 14, 2021 at 08:31 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Bertha Johnson.*



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October 14, 2021 at 07:04 PM



“ *Condolences to the family and may God hold you tight and strength you doing this time. Be Blessed??*

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**Inetha Holmes** - October 14, 2021 at 10:39 AM

EB

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. May God strengthen and comfort you during your bereavement.*

*Evelyn H. Blount and Family  
Jacksonville, FL*



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**Evelyn Blount** - October 14, 2021 at 01:08 AM

Jl

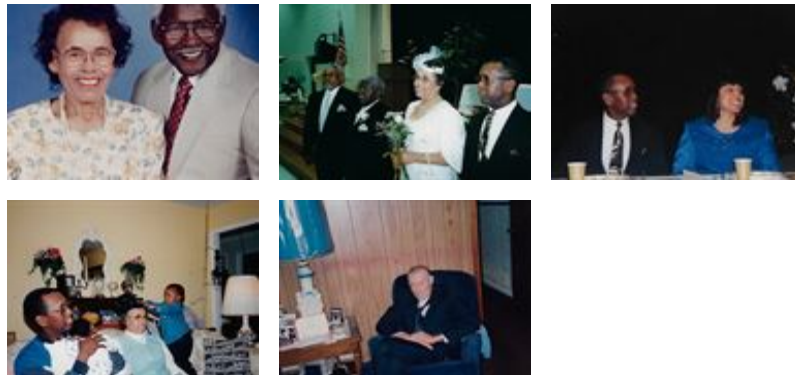
“ *Condolences to the Johnson family. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. Joseph A. Spratley III*

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**Joseph A. Spratley III** - October 13, 2021 at 08:35 PM



“ *16 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - October 13, 2021 at 05:19 PM

EJ

“ Edna, Joe, and Jennifer. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Bertha Johnson.



Edna, Joe, and Jennifer. - October 12, 2021 at 01:27 PM

JH

“ My condolence to the family of the late Bertha Johnson she fought a good fight. Ms. Bertha left her family a great legacy of love, preservance. May God's Peace be with you

Joyce Hardy - October 11, 2021 at 08:34 PM

SW

“ Condolences to the family. Mrs. Bertha was a awesome woman. Wonderful blueprint to follow. My family loved Mrs. Bertha. Elwood, Schulyer and Jacobie Whitley.



Schulyer Whitley - October 11, 2021 at 08:18 AM

DG

“ It breaks my heart to hear the passing of Ms Bertha! I have known her and her family through the years. James and Lewis seem like my brothers. I know she has had a good life and now I know she is in the arms of her Heavenly Father; "Rest dear Angel. " She will truly be missed. Praying for strength, comfort and peace for my family. 🙏❤️



Deloise Gwaltney - October 10, 2021 at 05:22 PM