



## Maryland Ward Johnson

October 27, 1957 - May 8, 2010

Suffolk-Maryland W. Johnson, of the 200 block of Constance Road, was called home to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 8, 2010 at Nansemond Pointe Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center. She was employed as a Senior Budget Analyst with the Department of Defense for 26 years. Maryland was a member of Grove Baptist Church in Portsmouth, VA.

Maryland leaves to cherish her memories four sisters; Audrey Bursey, Carolyn Boone, Denise Ward-Clark (Booker) and Cindy Outley(Dexter); five brothers, Willie E. Ward, Kent Ward (Helen), Gregory Ward, Keith Ward and Paul Ward. Also left to cherish her memories are a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A viewing will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2010 from 4 pm until 7pm at J. T. Fisher Funeral Services, 1080 N George Washington Hwy., Chesapeake, VA. A life celebration service will be held at 12 noon on Friday, May 14, 2010 at Little Grove Baptist Church, 6320 Towne Point Road, Suffolk with Pastor Ralph Richardson, III officiating. Interment will be in Meadowbrook Memorial Garden, Suffolk. The family has entrusted J. T. Fisher Funeral Services to handle the final care arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

Little Grove Baptist Church  
6320 Old Townepoint Road  
Suffolk, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Maryland Ward Johnson

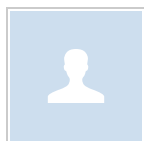


J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



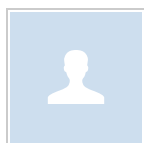
“ May God be with you and your family during this time. You are in my prayers. God Bless##imported-begin##sandra o'neal##imported-end##

May 30, 2010 at 10:13 PM



“ To The Family:  
Please remember God is still in control##imported-begin##sandra o'neal##imported-end##

May 30, 2010 at 09:56 PM



“ I was very saddened when I heard about Maryland. She was such a kind hearted person. I will keep the family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Karen Cherry##imported-end##

May 17, 2010 at 07:56 AM



“ May God grant you peace.##imported-begin##Barbara Jean Taylor Copeland##imported-end##

May 14, 2010 at 10:50 PM



“ As I read over the messages of those who signed this guestbook, I see many familiar names of those I have worked with at DFAS for so many years. Life is short. I hope Maryland's family is comforted by the expressions of sympathy and love.##imported-begin##Michael Eubank##imported-end##

May 14, 2010 at 02:01 PM



“ With deepest sorrow I express my condolences to the Ward/Johnson family. Maryland and I worked together many years ago but looking at the video took me back to those days at FAADCLANT when she came over from the Supply Center. God had plucked a most special flower from our garden.##imported-begin##Judith Bonds##imported-end##

May 14, 2010 at 09:08 AM



“ To my Family I'm sorry I can't be there with you during this time. You are all in my thoughts as well as my heart. Maryland is rejoicing with my grandmothers(Dora and Ruby)and her parents right now. To God Be the Glory for the Things He Has Done. May He keep you every hour of the day and night. With Love Dionne##imported-begin##dionne ward alexander##imported-end##

May 13, 2010 at 11:10 PM



“ *In sympathy and friendship  
No one can experience this sadness as you do, but if you need  
some confort and help to see you through just call. Keeping you  
close in thought.*

*Della Darden Wilson*

*JYH Class of 1976##imported-begin##Dellareese Darden  
Wilson##imported-end##*

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May 13, 2010 at 09:37 PM



“ *God set it up so our paths would cross and we would connect based  
on those things we had in common - spiritual and personal. My life  
is richer and I will miss Maryland. So sorry we didn't get to hang out  
more but it was still all good. She helped me celebrate my combined  
55th birthday and my book signing party last June 27, 2009. For that  
I am truly grateful. I did not get to read the book she was working on  
but I am sure it would have been a help to the women she was  
aiming to help deal with personal struggles. Smile down on those of  
us left behind and remember us to the Father.*

*I wish peace and comfort to the family.*

*In His love,*

*Vendetta##imported-begin##Vendetta Y. Reynolds##imported-  
end##*

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May 13, 2010 at 09:15 PM



“ *Heartbroken family, weep not, weep not, my friend, your sister,  
Maryland, is not dead, she is just resting in the busom of  
Jesus.##imported-begin##WILMAJEAN HUNTER##imported-end##*

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May 13, 2010 at 05:20 PM



“ *What I remember most about Maryland growing up was that she was always happy. She loved to laugh. Beautiful eyes and a great smile. We would meet every friday at the Churchland Cleaners & laundry mat, instead of helping our mothers with the laundry we would stand on the railroad tracks and talk. I never forgot those times.*  
*May God Bless and keep her. May he continue to shine his light on her family.##imported-begin##Keath Marshall##imported-end##*

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May 13, 2010 at 02:54 PM



“ *I worked with Maryland for awhile at Cadet Command on Ft Monroe. Maryland was a very calming and peaceful person to be around. Know she is in a wonderfully peaceful home. Always remember her SMILE!##imported-begin##DeShon Price##imported-end##*

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May 13, 2010 at 02:00 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Remembering the Cadet Command laughs that we shared.##imported-begin##Cheryle Johnson##imported-end##*

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May 13, 2010 at 01:57 PM



“ My prayers go out to the entire Ward family. Maryland was a sweet and kind person. She will always be remembered by her encouraging words. God came and picked the best rose from his garden on that day. Be blessed and know that God is still in control.

Love,  
Janice, Scooby, and Woody###imported-begin##Janice  
Drewry###imported-end##

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May 13, 2010 at 01:12 PM



“ Please except my sincere sympathy. I worked with Marilyn and enjoyed her every day. Just know that she is free of all pain and we will see our Loved Ones Again.

Peace be with you and your Family at this time.###imported-  
begin##Dorothy Ann Jones###imported-end##

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May 13, 2010 at 10:36 AM



“ To the Family, my prayers are with at this time. I just wanted to let the family know that Maryland was a true friend to me. We shared a lot of good times. She always put God first in her life & showed love to her fellowman. I worked with Maryland back in the late 80's, and we remained friends ever since. I miss her already, but I know she is in a better place with God. Much Love always.###imported-  
begin##Phyllis Olds###imported-end##

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May 13, 2010 at 10:16 AM



“ My prayers are with your loved ones.##imported-begin##Bill Harper##imported-end##

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May 13, 2010 at 08:26 AM



“ To the Family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you during your loss, but be encourage because God only takes the best. I worked with Maryland even when we were FAADCLANT--she was a quiet, caring and kind person that will be missed..##imported-begin##Sylvia M. Hall##imported-end##

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May 13, 2010 at 08:22 AM



“ To the family our prayers are with you in christ stay strong, Maryland will be missed##imported-begin##Audrey Ridgeway and family##imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 09:58 PM



“ To Maryland's Family - I would like to let you all know that Maryland worked with our office here at Cadet Command, Fort Monroe. We are so sorry for your loss. Maryland was a valued staff member and had many friends among us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss. Remember the good times and cherish them forever.

V/R Janie Imgrund##imported-begin##Mrs. Janie Imgrund, US Army Cadet Command ##imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 06:00 PM



“ My condolences and prayers are extended to the family and friends of Maryland Johnson. May GOD guide you through these difficult times.##imported-begin##Turquita Barlow##imported-end##

May 12, 2010 at 04:25 PM



“ I pray that God provides comfort to the family and friends of Maryland. I have many nice memories of Maryland from the years we worked together.##imported-begin##John Turner##imported-end##

May 12, 2010 at 04:23 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers goes out to the family of Maryland. I remember Maryland from DFAS Norfolk.##imported-begin##Ellen Green-Price##imported-end##

May 12, 2010 at 03:44 PM



“ Condolences to the Ward family. May the sweet memory of Maryland forever live in your hearts.##imported-begin##Karen Drewry##imported-end##

May 12, 2010 at 03:17 PM



“ Words seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel. On behalf of John Yeates High School, Class of 76, please accept our most heartfelt sympathies. Our prayers are with the family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Annette Ridley Brimmer, Class President##imported-end##

May 12, 2010 at 02:21 PM



“ My heart is heavy for your lost. I also was a part of DFAS. We were like family at DFAS and I will be in prayer for the family.##imported-begin##Cassandra Eaddy##imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 02:09 PM



“ Paul and Cindy, do know you all are in my thoughts and prayers. My heart is still heavy with grief from losing Ted, but I am learning to take one day at a time. Peace and comfort to you during your time of bereavement.  
Your classmate, jackie##imported-begin##Jacqueline Washington Hargrove##imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 02:04 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Maryland's family at this time. I remember Maryland at DFAS-Norfolk. She was a sweet and caring person.##imported-begin##Shirley Silver##imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 01:59 PM



“ My prayers are with Marilyn's family. Marilyn was a nice person to me. She will be miss.##imported-begin##Paulette Giles-Ray ##imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 01:38 PM



“ *To Maryland's Family.  
So Sorry to hear of the loss of your love one. Be  
Encouraged.##imported-begin##Janet Rouse##imported-end##*

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May 12, 2010 at 01:29 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Maryland's family. I work with her for a  
short period of time and she was indeed a wonderful  
lady.##imported-begin##Bey Deleon##imported-end##*

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May 12, 2010 at 01:12 PM



“ *I would like to extend my condolences to Maryland's family and my  
sincere prayers that the Lord Jesus Christ will be their strength  
during this time of their loss. Maryland will be greatly missed.*

*Linda and family.##imported-begin##LINDA COLEMAN##imported-  
end##*

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May 12, 2010 at 12:45 PM



“ *I worked with Marilyn at DFAS and I wish to express my  
condolences to her family.##imported-begin##Thomassenia  
Peartree##imported-end##*

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May 12, 2010 at 12:43 PM



“ To Wards: I was deeply sadden at the news of the lost of Maryland. Even though I meet her some years back she left an impression on me.GOD has called her home to be one of his angles.Her warmness will alway be with me. May GOD be with the family always.

*Peace and Blessing*

*Larry Young##imported-begin##Larry Young##imported-end##*

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May 12, 2010 at 12:36 PM



“ I worked with Maryland at DFAS and would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the family. I will pray for your strength in the coming days. May God bless.

*Joyce##imported-begin##Joyce Johnson##imported-end##*

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May 12, 2010 at 11:18 AM



“ I will miss Maryland. We use to sit in the back of the church together at Grove Baptist Church. She used to encourage me to tithe. As well, she used to let me know that I am royalty because I am a child of God. I will miss hanging out with her but you will be in great company.##imported-begin##Tamara Pitt##imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 11:13 AM



“ I was saddened to hear of Maryland's passing, she was a very special person, our thoughts are with the family.##imported-begin##Rick and Theresa Pascoe##imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 11:12 AM



“ My prayers goes out to the family in their time of need.

*Delphia*###imported-begin###Delphia McCoy###imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 11:12 AM



“ may the blessing of god forever be with you and your family###imported-begin###vernice lynn###imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 11:02 AM



“ I'm saddened to hear about Maryland's passing, yet rejoicing to know that she's with the Lord. I'm another one of her DFAS family members.###imported-begin###Gwendolyn Boddie###imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 10:47 AM



“ Maryland and I worked together closely at DFAS. I will miss Maryland and the family has my deepest condolences.

*Sandra E. Brown*###imported-begin###Sandra Brown###imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 10:47 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the family and friends of Ms. Johnson.###imported-begin###Addie D. Eclarinal###imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 10:44 AM



“ Memories of Maryland will make me smile. She was a very quiet person with a shy smile. Praying God's strength for the family.##imported-begin##Debbie Daniels##imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 10:44 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. Because Gods makes no mistakes she is joined the Angel and walking and talking with the Lord in heaven. She's in good hands.##imported-begin##Kellie Evans##imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 10:35 AM



“ Family, (please know that you will always be my family). I just wanted you to know that I was deeply saddened to hear about Maryland's passing but was also glad that God did not allow her to linger and suffer. Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend her life celebration, but my prayers will be with each of you.

Love always,  
Brenda##imported-begin##Brenda Wray (aka) Brenda Ward  
(Vonda's Mom)##imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 10:31 AM



“ Maryland you will always have a spot in my heart God will continue to care for you, Praise be to God whom has called you home and may you rest peacefully.##imported-begin##Louis Ricks##imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 10:27 AM



“ God sent an angel to visit earth for many seasons. Now God has reason to extend her wings in flight to heaven, through the pearly gates. May peace be with the family.##imported-begin##Lenora Wiggins##imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 09:39 AM



“ Sadden to hear that another member of the DFAS Norfolk has left us. My deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##susan conway##imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 09:17 AM



“ I was so shock today to hear about the passing of Mayland. May God Bless the family in there time of need.##imported-begin##Sophia Walker##imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 08:57 AM



“ My deepest sympathy and prayers are with you. You will be missed.##imported-begin##Sharon D. Scott##imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 08:41 AM



“ I have very fond memories of Maryland, we would often talk in the Gazebo at DFAS. She was a very quiet and private soul but, when she spoke it was always straight, honest and to the point. She will be sorely missed. Because we know God makes no mistakes she has joined the Angel Flock and is now walking and talking with the Lord in "Heavens" Gazebo.##imported-begin##Shelia Phillips##imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 08:18 AM



“ My prayers goes out to the family.##imported-begin##Deborah Banks##imported-end##

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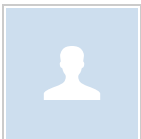
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“ My thoughts and prayers are extended to Maryland's family.##imported-begin##Stephanie Gant##imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 07:59 AM



“ The family is in my prayers. Trust God, He will give you perfect peace.##imported-begin##Shirlene Gatewood##imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 07:54 AM



“ To the family of Maryland,  
It is with deep sympathy i share in your loss. Trust in God to see you  
through. I worked Maryland for many years and grew to love her shy  
ways and friendship. She was a good and kind person and now.  
God has another jewel at his side.

God Bless.

Joyce D. Alston-Daniel###imported-begin##Joyce Alston-  
Daniel###imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 07:54 AM



“ I extend my condolences to the Johnson family for their loss. I was  
saddened to hear of Marilyn's passing. May the grace of God and  
His peace comfort you.###imported-begin##JoAnn  
Stevenson###imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 07:38 AM



“ To the family keep you hand in God's hand. My prays are with you  
all. Maryland will truly be missed.###imported-begin##Beverly  
Johnson###imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 07:18 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. She will be  
missed!###imported-begin##Mandi Nierman###imported-end##

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May 12, 2010 at 07:07 AM



“ I was saddened to hear about the passing of Maryland. Before i retired little over 8 years ago i almost talked to her every day. I will always remember her quietness and easy going spirit. A very sweet person i will truly miss. May she rest in peace.##imported-begin##Brenda Garris##imported-end##

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May 11, 2010 at 11:38 PM



“ Family,

*I was saddened to hear of Maryland's passing. As a child, we were best friends. As adults, we shared the same last name -- how ironic! God kept the two of us connected all of our lives.*

*I was encouraged by Maryland's strength when I visited her a few weeks ago. She made me realize that no matter what was going on in my life, that I had the courage to face it, with God's help. Not once did she complain about anything, and I thank God for the fellowship that we enjoyed on that day. Maryland told her roommate, "this is my family" when we entered the room. We talked about how she was doing, read scripture, prayed, as we enjoyed the sunshine and the beauty of the day, sitting on the porch. Maryland, with her great memory, reminded me that we were hired and entered the Norfolk Naval Shipyard on the same day in 1984. We played "flower tag" -- I sent her flowers, and then she surprised me a few weeks ago, with a bouquet of flowers just to say "Thank you for thinking of me". I am happy that I had the opportunity be with her in her final days, and to tell her how much I loved her. Her last words to me was "I love you too".*

*May the grace of God, and His peace comfort you. Rejoice in knowing that Maryland is with the Yahweh God and Yeshua the Christ that she talked about. I know that she lives forever, praising God!##imported-begin##Tish McMillian-Johnson##imported-end##*

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May 11, 2010 at 11:29 PM



“ *Maryland and I always have great conversations and share great laughs after folks left the office here at DFAS, Ship’ Stores. A Beautiful person inside and out. A godly woman. My family and I extend our condolences for loss, but lord’s gain. My family will miss Maryland much. Love the Coleman family (Ed, Linda, and Bobby).* *Edward and Linda Coleman*”

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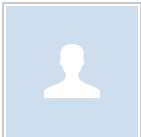
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“ *I was saddened to hear of Marilyn's passing but I know that the Lord never makes a mistake. Even though we may not understand now, I know that when we see Him, we will know. Be encouraged in the Lord.* *Ivon Hobson*”

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May 11, 2010 at 05:56 PM



“ *Family,*

*Know that God has everything in control. The word says to be absent from the body is to be in the presence of the Lord. I know Marilyn is with him. While here on earth, she was humbled and exemplified the fruits of the spirit. We who are saved will see her again. Be encouraged family.*

*A co-worker and brother in christ...*

*Herb Pittman*”

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May 11, 2010 at 05:32 PM



“ As a former DFAS Norfolk employee I come to know Maryland as a caring person. She was apart of the DFAS Norfolk Famiy. We all have a place in our hearts reserved for each other and one of our family has went home to Glory.##imported-begin##Frank Rock##imported-end##

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May 11, 2010 at 04:46 PM



“ I have fond memories of her service at DFAS Norfolk. I am very sorry for your loss and hope you will be comforted by the great things she did for all of us.  
Ed Hering  
CAPT, SC, USN (Ret)  
CO, DFAS Norfolk 2004-2006##imported-begin##Ed Hering##imported-end##

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May 11, 2010 at 04:23 PM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with Maryland's family. Maryland is at peace now with the Lord. I was a co-worker and a friend of Maryland's with DFAS. She will be missed. She was a very nice girl to work with.##imported-begin##Gail Helmick##imported-end##

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May 11, 2010 at 04:12 PM



“ You will be missed.##imported-begin##Beverly Hendricks##imported-end##

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May 11, 2010 at 03:59 PM



“ Peace be Still##imported-begin##Johnnie Kello##imported-end##

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May 11, 2010 at 03:58 PM



“ To My Family:

*Just wanted to let you all know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I can look back in my mind's eye and see all of us playing as children on Back Street (Freeman Avenue). Although I will not be able to be there with you, I will be praying for comfort for the family. I know that Maryland is at peace with God. I rejoice because Tish told me how remarkably strong she was when she went to visit her three weeks ago. So when God called Maryland home, she was ready.*

*Be strong in the Lord, and the power of His might. He will not leave you or forsake you. In the days to come, you will certainly miss her physical presence, but know that she is safe in His arms.*

*Your Cousin*

*Antoinette McMillian Glover*

*Springfield, VA##imported-begin##Antoinette M Glover##imported-end##*

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May 11, 2010 at 02:20 PM