



## Vanessa F. Goodrich-Jones

June 30, 1954 - February 22, 2017

Vanessa Francella Goodrich-Jones was born on June 30, 1953 in Portsmouth, Virginia as the second child of Jesse R. Goodrich Sr. and Elizabeth Ford Goodrich who preceded her in death. On Wednesday, February 22nd, Vanessa's heavenly chariot was dispatched and she accepted the call to journey to her heavenly home.

In 1963, Vanessa remained in Portsmouth to live with her maternal grandmother; the late Fannie Mae Lewis while her parents and siblings moved to Philadelphia, PA. It was here where Vanessa received her formative years of education and graduated from I.C. Norcom High School in 1971. Inspired by the occupation of her mother, she received her degree as a Registered Nurse from the Eastern Virginia Medical School. Her dedication to the field earned her the opportunity to serve, for many years, as the supervisor of the Burn Trauma Unit at Norfolk General Hospital (Sentara Norfolk General Hospital in Norfolk, VA.

In 1974, Vanessa married Welton Johnson and to this union a son was born; Shaun L. Johnson. Shaun became the apple of her eye and she made sure that he was well provided for and raised him to work hard for what he wanted in life.

After a divorce, Vanessa married Mr. Jones.

Vanessa leaves to cherish her memory: her son Shaun, Sr. and grandson; Shaun, Jr., one brother; Jesse R. Goodrich Jr. of Souderton, PA three sisters

Regina D. Goodrich of Yeadon, PA, Alicia L. Goodrich and Joanne F. Hayes (Leonard) of Philadelphia, PA; two nieces, Crystal M. Goodrich of Philadelphia, PA and Adrienne Goodrich-Doctor (Will) of Columbia, MD, three nephews; Mark Hopewell and Gary Hunter Jr. of Philadelphia, PA and Nehemiah Clark of Yeadon, PA, a childhood friend; Sharon Young-Bremby, a devoted friend and care-taker; Lisa Trotter and a host of relatives and friends.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Vanessa was a very loving person. I met her when she was in high school and now after searching for her for a long time by accident see that she has passed. I have two pictures of her , graduation and sitting at home. My heart really felt a lost. Rest my friend.  
L. Hammonds



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**Leon** - November 07, 2018 at 01:27 AM

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“ Elder Norris Thomas lit a candle in memory of Vanessa F. Goodrich-Jones



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**Elder Norris Thomas** - December 02, 2017 at 03:02 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Vanessa was a great Nurse and a wonderful friend. Rest in Peace Sweet Lady.

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**Barbara Cross-Jones** - July 20, 2017 at 07:27 PM