



Mrs. Dorothy Ophelia Johnson

October 23, 1924 - February 8, 2017

Mrs. Dorothy Ophelia Johnson, 92, of Peoria, IL passed away peacefully at 7:20 pm on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at Rosewood Care Center, Peoria, IL.

Mother Dorothy was born on October 23, 1924 in Big Rock, TN to Sam and Elsie Mae (Weston) Williams. She married William Johnson for over 50 years.

Mother Dorothy worked for Canteen as a food service worker at Caterpillar.

She was active with the Red Hat Society and a former member of Grace Baptist Church where she served on the Mothers Board and an Usher.

Mother Dorothy leaves to cherish her most precious memories; her son, John Jackson of Dallas, TX; her caregiver, Margaret Slaughter of Peoria and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers, Warren Williams, Sam Williams, Jr.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am, Saturday, February 18, 2017 at Grace Baptist Church with a visitation beginning at 9:00 am. Pastor Claude White, Jr. will officiate. Mother Dorothy will be laid to rest at Swan Lake Memory Gardens.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at simonsmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Swan Lake Memory Gardens

4601 W War Memorial Dr.
Peoria, IL 61615

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Grace Baptist Church
405 N. Richard Pryor Place
Peoria, IL 61605

Funeral Service

FEB 18. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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405 N. Richard Pryor Place
Peoria, IL 61605

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Dorothy Ophelia Johnson*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Dorothy Ophelia Johnson*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Barbara Vinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Dorothy Ophelia Johnson*



Barbara Vinson - February 18, 2017 at 11:48 AM

“ Dorothy O. (Williams) Johnson began her earthly journey 92 years ago in Big Rock, TN. She was born October 22, 1922 to Sam Williams and Elsie Mae (Weston) Williams. She was the middle child born between an older brother, Warren Everett, a younger brother, Sam Vernon and a sister (name unknown), all have preceded her. The Williams family relocated from Big Rock, TN, to Hopkinsville, KY, where she completed her primary education. After that, the family relocated to West Point, KY, where they settled. In the late 1940's Dorothy professed her faith in Christ and joined the West Point Methodist Church. This began a lifetime of Christian fellowship, discipleship, and worship. She left an impression on everyone she encountered with her gleaming smile, classy persona, social graces, and fashionable dressing. As a young adult, Dorothy's first job was with Banks and Banks cleaners in Muldrough, KY. Then, she moved to Louisville, KY, where she pursued a profession in cosmetology. After certification, she established her own business. While juggling education and career, Dorothy was responsible for the custodial care of her brother's minor children Sondra and Gwendolyn, into their young adulthood. Dorothy moved to Peoria, IL, where she met and married William Johnson in 1955. They raised one son, John L. Jackson. In addition to rearing John, Dorothy and William spent unmeasured time loving and caring for all of her brother's children, as well as, other children. They both loved the Lord and were willing workers in the ministry. In the 60 years of their marriage, they enjoyed membership with Grace Baptist church under the pastorage of Rev. Jeffrey Ivory. Throughout her life, while continually caring for others, Dorothy also visited those confined in nursing homes on a regular basis. However, it must be noted that with all of her compassion, she kept the "Williams legacy", and was a "no-nonsense person", with very strong convictions. She was employed by Camilla for 17 years. She was a seamstress, extraordinaire. In addition to teaching the craft, she also created her personal label and line of apparel and home goods. Dorothy was a licensed real estate agent. Her professional and domestic skills were numerous. She was an excellent cook, whose potato soup is yet unsurpassed. She was an active

sportsperson and won several bowling trophies. She was well known for her fishing and gardening skills. Dorothy never lost her persona of greatness, even when her health took a sharp turn in 2009. Since that time, she faced many health challenges and physical limitations, yet, she smiled through them all. Special heartfelt appreciation and thanks to Margaret Slaughter for all of the personal sacrifices, acts of kindness, and unnumbered hours and days she spent at Dorothy's bedside. She made sure Dorothy received proper medical and personal care. In addition to looking after Dorothy, she kept family members informed and offered support and encouragement. Margaret seemingly, was on assignment from THE ALMIGHTY to be "that friend that sticks closer than a brother". Assignment completed! GOD BLESS MARGARET!" Special blessings for the evident love and sacrifices of niece, Brenda Bradshaw. She is a prayer warrior. Brenda traveled long distances to visit frequently. Brenda kept the faith and never gave up hope for Aunt Dorothy's restoration. May God reward Brenda greatly! Dorothy leaves to testify of her life's contributions, one son, "her Johnny" ; 2 stepdaughters; 4 life walk friends: Mrs. Rose Ruffin, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Rosie Jones and Mrs. Carmen Murphy; one sister in law, Jean Williams; 5 nieces, Sondra, Jana, Shelia, June, Brenda (Donald) and Toby; 3 nephews: Gary (Mary) Donnie (Sharon, David (Faye), many great nieces, great nephews, other family members and friends. 1 nephew; Stephen Williams (BJ):1 stepson William Johnson Jr.;1 niece, Shelia are now predeceased. Rest now, Dear Dorothy, you've finished your test. Because of you, the earth has been blessed!

Sondra Shaw - February 17, 2017 at 04:43 PM

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“ *Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Dorothy Ophelia Johnson*



Annette Lucy - February 17, 2017 at 10:35 AM