



Clarice Collier Johnson

July 18, 2020

Clarice Collier Johnson of Suffolk, Virginia passed away on July 18, 2020 at her home in Suffolk. She was 91 years old.

Clarice was born to parents James G. Collier and Ceferina Garcia Collier in Fitzgerald, Georgia. She graduated class of 1946 from Woodrow Wilson High School in Portsmouth, Virginia. She attended Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, North Carolina and graduated with an Associates of Arts degree followed by studies at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1950. She continued her education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia and Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia.

In 1950 Clarice married Andrew Boydston Johnson Jr. of Portsmouth, Virginia. They lived together in Lovingston, Shenandoah, Staunton and Suffolk, Virginia. Together they had four children, Bruce L. Johnson, Karen L. Johnson, Cheryl J. Randolph and James L. Johnson. She had eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Clarice was a teacher at John Yeates High School from 1969 to 1985. She was active in the Respass Beach-Holly Acres Civic League. She served on the Portsmouth-Suffolk Joint Commission on the Craney Island Landfill, the

Suffolk Transportation Commission and the Suffolk City School Board.

She was a member of Churchland Baptist Church and the Fellowship Chapter #140, Order of Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Andrew, and by her first son, Bruce.

A graveside funeral service will be held at 10:00 am Friday at Olive Branch Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday from 5-6:30 pm in Loving Funeral Home. Due to current circumstances surrounding Covid-19 please remember social distancing and face coverings are required.

Cemetery Details

Olive Branch Cemetery

Clifford St. & City Park Ave. CPL James
Williams Ave
Portsmouth, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 23. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave.
Portsmouth, VA 23703
(757) 484-3373

Committal Service

JUL 24. 10:00 AM (ET)

Olive Branch
City Park Ave. & Clifford Street
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall

KB

“ So sorry to hear of Mrs. Johnson’s passing. She was my government teacher at John Yeates HS. She was passionate about her subject and I always enjoyed her class. She was a lovely person.

Kathy Bariteau - July 25, 2020 at 10:14 PM

KB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mrs Johnson passing I hope that you find comfort in knowing how many lives that she touched and helped through knowledge. Relish in the memories



Karen Wright Bailey - July 22, 2020 at 12:42 PM

WB

“ I had the pleasure of working with Clarice at John Yeates from 1970-78. She was an excellent teacher and mentor to her students. I am very proud to have known her and her family. Wilson Barnes

Wilson Barnes - July 22, 2020 at 10:54 AM

SC

I am sorry to hear of Mrs. Johnson’s passing. She was my government teacher at John Yeates. She was a very nice person, and a good teacher. One of my favorite teachers. I am so sorry for your loss!

Susan Creekmore - August 01, 2020 at 08:44 PM



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Loving Funeral Home - July 19, 2020 at 09:27 PM

AG

Going to Miss You Grandma will remember the good times I had with you. Love always Your Granddaughter April.

April Gardner - July 20, 2020 at 10:53 PM

LT

Mrs. Clarice Johnson was a wonderful teacher. I have many memories of her that I will cherish. I will never forget how much you stressed the importance of making sure you do your best. I often wondered about you during the years after leaving JYHS. You gave us your best Mrs. Johnson, and for that we are truly thankful for your service. Rest in peace for a job well done.

Lurna Taylor

Lurna Taylor - July 23, 2020 at 03:09 PM