



Doris Johnson

May 17, 1934 - September 26, 2019

Doris Drake Johnson began her journey of life on Thursday, May 17, 1934 in Lafayette, Alabama. In the early morning of Thursday, September 26, 2019, angels came to usher Doris to sweet eternal rest.

Doris was the second of two children born to the late Aubrey Drake and Pennie Finley Drake. Doris began her education in Tennessee's public schools before moving to Maryland in the early 1940's. At an early age, she accepted Christ and was baptized into the faith at New Pilgrim Baptist Church. She attended Carver Vocational Technical High School, where her passion for sewing began. Upon graduating from Carver in 1953, she continued her formal education at Morgan State College (now known as Morgan State University).

In the late 1950's, Doris moved to Buffalo, New York. It was here that her skill in design in design and her artistry in sewing were full display. She was well known for creating unique Easter ensembles and Halloween costumes for her three daughters. As a parent volunteer for Public School No. 39, she made all of the costumes for the school's theater productions. Doris was never idle and was a tireless entrepreneur, fondly known as the "Avon Lady" in the Fruit Belt Community of East Buffalo.

Doris and "her girls" returned to Baltimore in the mid-1960's to help build family enterprises including Pennie's Grocery, the Pagoda, and the Basement Thrift Shop. When these ventures had ran their course, Doris' entrepreneurial spirit carried on as she was again known as the "Avon Lady" at the Hanover Square Apartments.

Doris became a member of New Gethsemane Baptist Church. She used her myriad culinary talents on the Pastor's Aid Committee. After New Gethsemane closed its doors, she joined the New Psalmist Baptist Church where, until declining health prevented her, she was a regular fixture at Wednesday services.

"Momma" as she was affectionately known, was an excellent cook. Her Southern roots

equipped her with the ability to prepare incredible special occasion and holiday meals. Family members craved her delicious cornbread dressing, garden-fresh string beans, Oh-So-Sweet sweet potatoes and to-die-for sweet potato pies. For Doris, life revolved around her family. She enjoyed treks to family reunions in Alabama. Doris was also fiercely devoted to "her girls" and to her sister-in-law, Alene Harding-Drake, who preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory her three daughters: Yverne "Pat" Moore (Douglas); Pennie "Pam" Brooks, and Charmaine Johnson; one brother, Alfred Drake, one aunt, Adella Finley; eight grandchildren: Charlisa Moore; Brittany Fleming (Charles Wise); Justin Moore; Jessica Brooks; Jesire' Brooks; Brandon Moore; Jimmy Brooks, Jr., and Aubrey Fleming; twelve great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends.

Cemetery

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.

Baltimore, MD, 21244

Events

OCT 2 Viewing 08:30AM - 08:00PM

March Funeral Homes - West
Baltimore

4300 Wabash Avenue,
Baltimore, MD, US, 21215

OCT 2 Family Hour 05:00PM -
07:00PM

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OCT 3 Wake 10:30AM - 11:00AM

New Psalmist Baptist Church
6020 Marian Dr., Baltimore, MD,
US

OCT 3 Service 11:00AM

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US

Comments



“ Remembering Aunt Doris for her beautiful smile and joyous laughter! Both of your parents are once again united and resting in God’s Peace! My sincere condolences to each of you experiencing her loss. I pray for your strength in God during this time. Please know that many others also mourn your tremendous loss.

Aliceia (West) Mitchell



Aliceia Mitchell - October 03 at 01:19 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - September 27 at 01:26 PM