



Sarah Ellen Johnson

March 11, 1943 - August 6, 2022

On August 6, 2022, SARAH ELLEN JONES JOHNSON of Kermit, West Virginia passed away at the age of 79. Sarah was born to George D. and Mamie Lone Jones on March 11, 1943 in East Point, Georgia. She received her bachelor's degree in mathematics from Emory University in 1963. Three days following her college graduation a telegram from NASA arrived at her home extending a job offer to work on the RCA Missile Test Project being conducted at St. Patrick's Airforce Base in Cocoa Beach, Florida. She accepted the offer and moved to Cocoa Beach the very next week. Sarah's assignments were divided into segments for security reasons and many times she would only see the result of her work when the development was moved into production. She was particularly excited to see her work being integrated with the programs that managed the missile launch arch and pivot as they were launched into space. Her second contribution where she was able to see the result of her work was when she was assigned to the team tasked with developing the program to capture the first images of the moon.

As exciting as it was to work at NASA, it would be a trip to the local minute mart and a bottle of baby aspirin that would link her heart forever to the handsome store clerk who said, "I am sorry your baby is sick". Her response, "I don't have a baby". One year later, Sarah married Raymond Johnson, the handsome store clerk (and returning US Navy Seaman), who gave her a wink when she realized that she had mistakenly picked up the baby aspirin. She then relocated with her husband to Jacksonville, FL, which is where her math

skills landed her the first teaching job. Eight years later, they moved to West Virginia, and she continued to work as a math teacher for the Mingo County Board of Education, while also obtaining her master's in education from Marshall University in Huntington, WV. In June of 2003, she retired. Known for her intelligence and excellent teaching skills Sarah nurtured and impacted the lives of many students.

Sarah was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Raymond Johnson on August 6, 2011; father and mother-in-law, Dave (Dorothy) Johnson; sister and brother-in-law's Mary (Guy) Parker, Leonard (Betty) Johnson, Linwood (Jeannie) Johnson; brother-in-law's, Dave Johnson Jr. and Herschel Johnson. She is survived by her children Janet (Stephen) Cantees, Roger (Heather) Johnson, and Rhonda Johnson (Brice Eck); grandchildren Stephanie Cantees, Lyndsey Cantees and Railey Johnson; sister-in-law's Barbara Jones, Jean Johnson, Carol Johnson; and her brother and sister-in-law Jerry Johnson (Barbara); Sarah also has numerous nieces, nephews, cousins all of which she loved dearly.

Visitation with the family will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2022, beginning at 11:00AM at the Callaham Funeral Home in Warfield, KY, with a memorial service beginning at 1:00PM. The burial will immediately follow at Mountain View Memorial Gardens, Maher, WV.

The family would like to express their deepest appreciation to Dora Rose for the loving care she provided to our mother over the last several months of her life. Arrangements are under the direction of the Callaham Funeral Home, Inez, KY.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Callaham Funeral Home, Warfield Location
51 Riverfront Rd.
Warfield, KY 41267
(606) 298-3501
kellycallaham@yahoo.com

Memorial Service

AUG 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Faculty & Staff at Oak Park School purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sarah Ellen Johnson.*



The Faculty & Staff at Oak Park School - August 12, 2022 at 08:35 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sarah Ellen Johnson.*



August 11, 2022 at 01:54 PM

JF

“ *Joan and Ron Robinson and family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Sarah Ellen Johnson.*



Joan and Ron Robinson and family - August 10, 2022 at 10:34 PM

BJ

“ *Barbara Jones and Glen Jones purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Sarah Ellen Johnson.*



Barbara Jones and Glen Jones - August 10, 2022 at 04:03 PM

CC

“ *I just loved to sit and talk with her and Raymond. Such a nice lady. R.I.P.*

chip Canterbury - August 10, 2022 at 12:54 PM

AW

“ *I always admired this lady , so happy to have share some of her wonderful friendship*



Anna Mae Sartin Wellman - August 09, 2022 at 09:57 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Sarah Ellen Johnson.*



August 09, 2022 at 07:59 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sarah Ellen Johnson.*



August 09, 2022 at 04:59 PM



“ *Dr. Ricky & Joy (Jones) Hurst purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sarah Ellen Johnson.*



Dr. Ricky & Joy (Jones) Hurst - August 09, 2022 at 02:59 PM