



Carmen Johnson

June 1, 1928 - July 3, 2019

Carmen Johnson was born on June 1, 1928 in Oviedo, Spain to loving and adoring parents. Her father was a successful Mine Engineer and her mother was a Homemaker. Throughout her life, she maintained a sweet, quiet, and reserved demeanor that won the trust and hearts of many who were changed by her witness of nurturing love, strength, kindness, and compassion. During her childhood and adulthood journeys, she learned four languages and was a skilled swimmer and ping pong player.

In 1949, Carmen married Maj. Rufus R. Johnson, USA, Ret, who passed away in 1990. Married for 41 years, the couple raised five children who were blessed to have a very loving and caring mother. Due to various Permanent Change of Station (PCS) tours, her children were all born in different locations both stateside and overseas. After raising her children, Carmen worked as a Department of Army Civil Service employee for 16 years. In 1991, she moved to Herndon, VA, and resided there until her passing. Upon retirement, she became a volunteer at Fair Oaks Hospital and was actively involved in various senior community activities/events/groups. Additionally, she maintained a very healthy lifestyle and enjoyed spending quality time with close friends and family. As a caring and devoted person, Carmen always put the needs of others before her own.

Carmen, who loved to go on tranquil countryside drives, is now residing in God's Kingdom surrounded by her beloved family and friends. We were blessed to have learned many valuable lessons from our mother during her 90 years, among them: enjoying and appreciating the small things in life, being kind to others, the power of prayer, and being humble and compassionate. We were given life's best gift - our mom. Until we see you again - We love you, cherish you, and miss you dearly mommy.

Carmen was preceded in death by her beloved parents, five siblings (three sisters and two brothers), and her husband. She is survived by three daughters, Micheline Johnson of Herndon, VA, Jacqueline Johnson of Paris, France, and Cindy Johnson of Herndon, VA, two sons, Don Johnson of Round Rock, TX, and Dean Johnson of Royal Oak, MI; five grandchildren, Austin Bailey, Melvin Amega, Audrey Johnson, Christopher Amega, and

Cinque Johnson.

A Memorial Mass will be held at the Fort Myer Old Post Chapel (adjacent to Arlington National Cemetery) at 2:45 p.m. on Thursday 5 December 2019. Interment will follow at Arlington National Cemetery.

Poem: You Can Only Have One Mother

You can only have one mother,
Patient, kind and true;
No other friend in the world;
Will be the same to you.
When friends forsake you,
To mother you will return,
For all her loving kindness;
She asks nothing in return.
As we look upon her picture,
Sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine,
And a smile for one and all.
Sweet Jesus, take this message,
To our dear mother up above;
Tell her how we miss her,
And give her all our love.

Cemetery

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Drive

Arlington, VA, 22211

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Jefferson Funeral Chapel - November 11 at 12:11 PM



“ The Roevs purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carmen Johnson.



The Roevs - October 31 at 08:43 PM



“ Jeanne Stephens purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carmen Johnson.



jeanne stephens - October 25 at 08:31 PM



“ Cindy lit a candle in memory of Carmen Johnson



Cindy - August 24 at 11:36 PM



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