



Bertha Barbara Johnson

February 27, 1938 - July 23, 2024

Bertha Barbara Johnson, 86 of Middletown, NY, went home to be with the Lord on July 23, 2024.

Bertha was born at home in Harlem, NY, she was the daughter of Bertha Elizabeth Johnson and Robert Lee Johnson who met his untimely death due to his heroic efforts of saving his family from a fire. Her Mother later remarried Ernest Shipp who lovingly took the role of Father.

Bertha graduated from Central Needle Trades High School (High School of Fashion Industries) and attended Hostos Community College and City College.

Bertha was a member of Trinity Baptist Church and was baptized in 1996. She was employed as a clerk for the Legal Aid Society retired after over 30 years of service. Bertha was a member of SNO-Burners Ski Club, a group of Black Americans who shared a love of adventure.

She loved to sew her vacation wardrobes for her travels to the Islands. Bertha also loved to cook, especially soul food, and often catered parties for friends. She even won a medal at a chili cook-off from Transformation Church in Middletown, NY. While living in Middletown, Bertha furthered her education by taking writing classes and produced a couple of short stories about her life here.

Bertha will be remembered for her faithfulness in prayer, praying nightly for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be known for her generosity and kindness to those in need, as well as her oxtails and potato

salad!

Bertha is survived by her daughter, Donna; son, Tyrone; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ernestine and Lillian; she was preceded in death by her sisters Dolores Jenkins (Naughty); and Roberta Wilson (Teenie) as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and close friends.

“I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me.”

~Philippians 4:13 NKJV

Cemetery Details

Slate Hill Cemetery

Goshen, NY

Previous Events

Service

JUL 31. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Grace Community Church
443 East Main Street
Middletown, NY 10940
<https://graceoc.com/>

Graveside Service

JUL 31. 1:30 PM (ET)

Slate Hill Cemetery
Goshen, NY

Tribute Wall

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“ Momma was my mother in law and she was one of the strongest women I know. I won't pretend to sit here and say I knew everything about her, but I will tell you that she was there for some hard moments in my life that I will always be grateful to her for. Her cooking was second to none!! OMG how I loved her cooking! My first taste of real southern cooking. And holidays at her house were always full of the best smells. I also vividly remember a Kwanza celebration at her apt. It was great for this Puerto Rican girl to feel that kind of family energy and togetherness. I know she fought so hard to stay with us for as long as possible. Again, she was one of the strongest women I know. Sleep in peace Momma. You deserve the rest.



Nancy Rodriguez - July 31, 2024 at 08:40 AM

RW

“ Hi Aunt Barbra
Thank you for the many memories while growing up in the Bronx, Traveling back n forth to Harlem, to Momma and your house 🙏
You and Teenie worked it out so that we lived with you for a while before we move down to 154th street. You always had that calm spirit and cared for all of your Nieces and Nephews.
We will miss you as Teenie shared so many stories about you all growing up and Meeting Tony and Nick both of your husbands to be ❤️
You have gained your wings, go Rest In Heaven
And say hello to our Mother 🙏❤️🌹
WE ARE FAMILY always 🗑️🌹❤️🙏
Love you
Robert Wright and Family

Robert Wright - July 30, 2024 at 11:34 PM

RW

“ *My favorite as I often told Teenie! Thank you for the criminal court access days and you as an example of working 30 years in the system. Rest well. Kiss Teenie for us. Love on the family, you are now an Ancestor 🙏❤️ , Renée*

Renee Wilson - July 29, 2024 at 06:11 PM

Merton
Jenkins

“ *Aunt Bertha, I love you. I remember the times when you helped me move to become the person I am. Rest in peace.*



Merton Jenkins - July 29, 2024 at 02:12 PM