



## Virginia Johnson

April 11, 1924 - October 13, 2008

ARLINGTON -- Virginia Ruth Johnson went home to be with the Lord on Monday, Oct. 13, 2008. Funeral: 12:30 p.m. Thursday at Arlington First Church of the Nazarene, 1301 W. Green Oaks, Arlington. Visitation: 10 a.m. to noon Thursday at the church. Memorials: Contributions may be sent to the Church of the Nazarene Tonga Mango Tree center for disabled children. Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Edith Freeman, and five sisters. Survivors: Husband of 62 years, Elwin M. Johnson; children, Mary Loewen and husband, Rodney, James Johnson and wife, Joy, and Shawn Hanley and husband, Ted; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and sister, Alta Thomas.

# Tribute Wall

SU

“ I know it has been almost a year. I still miss her wonderful smile and good hugs.

*I will love and miss her always.*

*I know it is still hard on the family. May God keep and bless you all.*

*Love,  
Susie*

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**Susie** - August 26, 2009 at 04:12 PM

GC

“ VIRGINIA WAS SO SWEET AND KIND. I WILL MISS HER BEAUTIFUL SMILE. SHE IS WITH HER SAVIOR AND REJOICING!! SHE WAS IN MY CROSS TRAINING CLASS AND WILL BE MISSED. SHE WAS LOVED BY ALL. HER SIGNING SKILLS WILL BE MISSED AS WELL. GOD BE WITH HER WONDERFUL FAMILY.

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**GERRY CAUSA** - October 17, 2008 at 05:12 PM

TG

“ Virginia was a wonderful, cheerful, virtuous woman of God and she will be dearly missed. I am sorry that I cannot attend the funeral but my prayers are for you. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. (Matthew 5:4) May it be a source of inner strength to know that there's a loving God watching over you, and that, throughout this time of need, He'll stay close by your side.

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**Tresa Graeber** - October 16, 2008 at 11:31 AM

BE

“ There are so many special memories and just not enough space but the one most special to me is a recent one. A couple of weeks ago I was able to spend a week with grandma and as I was going into my bedroom I glanced into her room and saw her on her knees by the bed praying. To me, that is how I remember grandma. She was my sweet prayer warrior. Everyday, list in hand, she would talk to her Lord, tears streaming, singing to him. I will miss most knowing that I had someone that interceded daily on my behalf. She was a spiritual inspiration to me and will be missed deeply. However, I am joyful as well because I know that my grandmother LOVED music and is hearing it for the first time in years. PRAISE GOD!

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**Becky** - October 16, 2008 at 10:17 AM

RH

“ Yes Elwin, Virginia clearly hears the Master's voice and the angel choirs singing HIS praise.  
Your Michigam family is meeting at Maralenes, including Doris, Ruth, and Everett, Maralene, Jerry & Carol, and Kay (Bob's Kay). We shall share scriptures and prayer, singing and memories.  
Love you all dearly.  
Ruth

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**Ruth & Everett Herberger** - October 15, 2008 at 09:43 PM

EB

“ I have so many wonderful memories as I think of Virginia -- most of them are times of laughter. Even when she could no longer hear, she still had so much joy to share. I count it all a blessing to be called her friend.

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**Ev Burton** - October 15, 2008 at 06:50 PM

PM

“ I shall always remember Virginia for the sweet smile and joyful spirit that were hers. Even tho she could not hear with her ears, I believe she DID hear with her heart.

*I always felt she was MY family and I loved her.*

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**Patricia Mitzman** - October 15, 2008 at 05:32 PM

CS

“ What a sweet soul! I remember having Virginia teach me and a group of teens some sign language (just enough to sign Via Dolorosa)so we could perform it.

*She will be truely missed!!*

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**Cathy Sabin** - October 15, 2008 at 05:22 PM

TF

“ You will be greatly missed Virginia. It was such a blessing to be part of your church family. You are so blessed to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. What a wonderful homecoming! You did a great job leaving a legacy of faith in your children, grand children and great-grand children. We love you and your family and will miss you greatly!

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**The Stratton Family** - October 15, 2008 at 04:32 PM

MS

“ My fondest memory is Aunt Virginia teaching me and ecouraging me in Sign Language. A skill I still use today. I hope you can take comfort in knowing that the thoughts and prayers of people who care are with you now and in the future.

*Dan and Mary Streeter*

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**Mary Streeter** - October 15, 2008 at 02:54 PM

LB

“ *Elwin-In the short time I knew Virginia I discovered quickly that she was such a sweet lady and I loved her.*

*Lula Mae*

*Mary we are so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother.*

*Love and Prayers Gary and Linda*

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**Lula M Sullenger/Gary & Linda Buckner** - October 15, 2008 at 12:56 PM

NS

“ *I had the great pleasure of being part of Virginia and Elwin's life while they were living at Bonita Park. I have such sweet and funny memories of Virginia. When she and Elwin left us to move to Arlington it left a big hole in my heart along with everyone else. What a joy to have known her and shared some of her life with her. My prayers are with you Jim, Mary and Shawn. You were blessed with a wonderful Mother.*

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**Neva Smith** - October 15, 2008 at 12:53 PM

DB

“ *We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Virginia. We have many good memories of the time we shared at Bonita Park.*

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**Donald and Marilyn Brown** - October 15, 2008 at 12:07 PM

RH

“ *Elwin & family,*

*What a preciuos lady Virginia was. Her life was a beautiful testimony to the love of Christ that shown through her. Our prayers are with you and please know that you are loved very much.*

*Rick & Sue Hutchison*

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**Rick Hutchison** - October 15, 2008 at 11:56 AM

TW

“ *Mary,  
Just wanted to let you know that my thoughts and prayers are with  
you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss.*

*Love you,  
Tonya*

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**Tonya Wheelington** - October 15, 2008 at 10:18 AM

TM

“ *We didn't get to see you enough. From your extended family in  
Michigan.*

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**The Millers** - October 15, 2008 at 10:12 AM

LM

“ *Through your giving life we have come to know your Mom, Mary. I  
did not know her too well and am grateful to have met her; but even  
more grateful that because of her I have known you. She must have  
been a most wonderful giving lady for you are a reflection of that. I  
am praying for you.*

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**Lyn McDonald** - October 15, 2008 at 07:47 AM

GB

“ *We cherish the inspiration that Virginia brought to us every time we  
saw her. It was such a joy to see her at Dennis's celebration of life  
not too long ago - she seemed to enjoy the computer technology  
that enabled her to "hear" and appreciate the service. We will  
always remember her and the devoted love of her family.*

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**George and Marie Burke** - October 14, 2008 at 11:55 PM

HB

“ We will never forget the strength and positive outlook of our friend, Virginia. It's wonderful to know that she is able to hear the angels singing right now. We wish we could be at the funeral, but will be praying for God's peace for the family.

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**Herb & Chris Burton** - October 14, 2008 at 10:01 PM

KH

“ we are praying for you and for your sweet family Mary...what a great blessing to have had your mother with you for so very long...may the memory of your precious mother and the comfort of our Lord fill you to overflowing.  
karen h.

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**Karen Hargrave** - October 14, 2008 at 09:13 PM

JW

“ We sat by Virginia in church and enjoyed her sweet spirit especially during our friendship time. Jon and I both noticed the last Sunday she was in church how she was really singing even more than she normally does. She certainly had the joy of the Lord in her heart!

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**Jon and Emily Whatley** - October 14, 2008 at 08:23 PM

JO

“ your mom was one special lady, always with a smile for everyone...may you find comfort in the loving memories you have of her!

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**josie** - October 14, 2008 at 08:18 PM

CD

“ Wonderful lady. She will be missed.

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**Charles, Angie Dillon** - October 14, 2008 at 08:18 PM

MJ

“ *It was such a pleasure to get to know your Mom while she was living with you. She was a special addition to the neighborhood.*

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**Mar yJo Jameson** - October 14, 2008 at 08:09 PM

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“ *Thanks for the info!*

*May God bless and comfort during this time of earthly parting!*

*Thinking of you!*

*Alma*

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**Alma Regier** - October 14, 2008 at 07:47 PM

SP

“ *Dear Elwin, Mary, Kristi, Erica and families,  
Our prayers are for peace as you remember a life rich in love and look forward to a heavenly reunion so full of blessings we cannot comprehend it in our earthly minds. God bless you all.*

*Love,*

*Ronnie and Susan*

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**Susan Phillips** - October 14, 2008 at 07:15 PM

CC

“ *Our love and prayers are with you all. Stay strong and know that she lives in each of our hearts. We will miss her but she is rejoicing with her God!!*

*Much Love!!!*

*Chet & Bev*

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**Chet & Bev Cohagan** - October 14, 2008 at 07:01 PM

MP

“ We have fond memories of a week we spent in New Mexico with Virginia and Elwin several years ago. They also spent several days with us in Ohio, and we enjoyed showing them the Buckeye state. Virginia was a talented and wonderful Christian lady who will be sadly missed by family and friends.

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**Mike and Martha Parsons** - October 14, 2008 at 06:48 PM