



Mardella Mary Johnson

June 2, 1922 - March 21, 2023

Mardella Mary Johnson, was born on June 2, 1922. On Tuesday, March 21, 2023, God Called her from her labor on earth to her heavenly home.

“Della” or “Mar” as she was addressed by her family and loving friends, was the daughter of the late Tindley “Poppop” and Violet “MomMom” Johnson. Lewis “Teddy” Hayward, her oldest son, lost his life while serving in the United States Army in Vietnam. Russell Hayward preceded “Della” in death in 1982.

Mardella’s education began in a one room school at Tindley’s Chapel in Somerset County. She completed her education at Stephen Long as a salutatorian and graduated from Snow Hill High School in Worcester County.

To know Mardella was to love her. She was feisty and a no nonsense person. She loved her family and the Tindley’s Chapel Community. Mardella loved people and never met a stranger. She was very generous, enjoyed cooking and providing care for others.

“MAY THE WORK I’VE DONE SPEAK FOR ME.” Mardella was dedicated to serving the Lord through her discipleship. She worked in New York City for 15 years as a homecare giver, before returning home to Pocomoke. She was employed by Pocomoke Convalescent Home (Hartley Hall Nursing Home). During a 30-year period, she continued to pursue her career in the field of

nursing. One of her greatest achievements was being named Nursing Assistant of the Month on several occasions and recognized for her dedication to the job.

An active member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church, Mardella loved to sing. Some of her favorite hymns included Battle Hymn of the Republic, Amazing Grace, Going Up Yonder, Great Is Thy Faithfulness, When the Saints Go Marching In and One Day At A Time.

As long as her health permitted, she was a member of the choir for 25 years. Mardella also served as the Spiritual Growth Leader for the United Methodist Women and the Prayer and Self-Denial Ministry which included writing resolutions and sending cards to the sick. As a young Christian, she was also the pianist and music director for Tindley's Chapel Church. Mardella was an active participant of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW #10048.

Precious memories of Mardella's life and legacy will be cherished by: her daughter, June Johnson of Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania and son, Lawrence "Hank" Hayward (Paula) of Pompano Beach, Florida; godchildren, Edison and Miriam Golden, Shirley White, Kadovia Waters, Irene West and Tim Revels; grandchildren, Teresa Gardner (Daryll) of Delaware, Lewis Miller of Pennsylvania, Jason Hayward, Sr. (Geneva) of Delaware, Rochelle Hayward of Delaware, Otiesse Jones (Derrick) of Pennsylvania and Janelle Hayward of Delaware; 11 great grandchildren; 17 great-great grandchildren; her longtime best friend/sister from childhood to adulthood, Mrs. Beatrice Jones of Pocomoke, Maryland; special friends, Helen Johnson of Pocomoke, Maryland and Diane Taylor of Chester, Pennsylvania and other loving family members and friends.

In addition to her parents and sons, Mardella was preceded in death by two brothers, Morrison Tindley and Raymond Johnson.

SUBMITTED WITH LOVE ~ THE FAMILY

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church (Pocomoke)
407 Oxford Street
Pocomoke City,, MD 21851

Visitation

APR 15. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

APR 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JT

“ *Jeanie Mason And Malinda Tull lit a candle in memory of Mardella Mary Johnson*



Jeanie Mason and Malinda Tull - April 14, 2023 at 04:44 PM

TG

“ *Teresa Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mardella Mary Johnson*



Teresa Gardner - April 14, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *Paula Hayward lit a candle in memory of Mardella Mary Johnson*



Paula Hayward - April 14, 2023 at 11:20 AM

FT

“ *Faith Tull-Church lit a candle in memory of Mardella Mary Johnson*



Faith Tull-Church - April 13, 2023 at 08:51 AM

RH

“ *Grandma Mardella,*

What a Blessing to see 100 years of life! Im going to miss our conversations. You asking me how everyone is doing, and make sure I send them your love.

Rest well grandma, tell mommy and daddy I said Hi

*Love always,
Rochelle Hayward*



Rochelle Hayward - April 11, 2023 at 08:52 PM

GT

“ *I thank God our path met while I care for my cousin in Pocomoke. On my weakness day, Miss Mardella would visit with very encouraging words for me and a touch of love for her friend, Christine. She wouldn't stay long.. just a quick visit as she would say.*

I thank God for meet Miss Mardella. RIP



Geradine Thomas - April 10, 2023 at 08:11 AM

LF

“ Love, Cristie, Eddie, Shawnette and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mardella Mary Johnson.



Love, Cristie, Eddie, Shawnette and family - April 07, 2023 at 04:16 PM

SM

“ Shawnette M MATTHEWS lit a candle in memory of Mardella Mary Johnson



shawnette M MATTHEWS - April 07, 2023 at 03:39 PM

SP

“ son Hank and daughter-in-law Paula purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mardella Mary Johnson.



son Hank and daughter-in-law Paula - April 06, 2023 at 06:17 PM

VJ

“ We always called you aunt Mardela because you and mother were as close as sisters. Mother loved you and you loved her. Just the other day, I learned that aunt Mardela let my mother move in with her when mother said she had no where else to live. That's the kind of friendship we all need. Take your rest aunt, and we'll see you on the other side. God's blessings to the family. ❤️

Vanessa Jones - April 01, 2023 at 08:07 AM

SP

“ I'm saddened to hear the loss of a wonderful lady, Ms. Mardela. She was a lovely person to know, her quite sweet spirit will not be forgotten ❤️. I will miss you.

Prayerfully
Sheila Palmer

Sheila Palmer - March 31, 2023 at 04:45 AM



“ Deborah Baines lit a candle in memory of Mardella Mary Johnson



Deborah Baines - March 26, 2023 at 10:03 PM



MomMom Mardella, you will be missed. Loved seeing you ❤️ and Talking to you!! Now Choose Your Seat And Sit Down!!!

Deborah Baines - March 26, 2023 at 10:06 PM

CB

“ Cassandra Bailey lit a candle in memory of Mardella Mary Johnson



Cassandra Bailey - March 25, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ Miss Mardela I'm glad we celebrated your 100 Birthday and you were so happy. So get your well deserved Rest, I will miss you but I know God has bigger plans for you in Heaven!!! Love Tim



Tim Revels - March 24, 2023 at 11:53 AM