



Bernice Griggs

July 8, 1919 - July 10, 2005

Funeral services for Bernice Johnson Griggs, 86, will be held at 3:00 P.M. Tuesday, July 12, 2005 at Central Baptist Church. The Revs. Tim Coker and Danny Holleywill officiate with burial in Bethlehem UMC Cemetery directed by Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. The family will receive friends Monday, July 11, 2005 from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Griggs died Sunday, July 10, 2005. Born in Chesterfield, Co., SC, she was a daughter of the late Clarence Alvin and Emmie Rhodes Johnson. She was a member of Central Baptist Church and the Sue Blackmon Sunday School Class. Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd. St., Suite 1100, New York, NY 10016 or to the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 1131, Fairfax, VA 22038.

Surviving are her son and daughter-in-law, James C. and Jackie Griggs of Florence; daughters and sons-in-law, Laura and Mike Burns of Douglas, GA, Nancy and Steve Chorney of Greenville, SC, Jane Stephens of Darlington, SC; granddaughters, Jennifer Newton, Ashley Stephens, Julie Shealy, Jessica Griggs, Whitney Anderson, Leslie Anderson, Summer O'Neal, Chapell O'Neal; great-grandchilds, Fifth Newton, David Newton, Sullivan Shealy. She was preceded in death by her father Clarence Johnson, her mother Emmie Johnson, and her spouse James Griggs.

Tribute Wall



“ Well, I could copy and paste Paul's heartfelt posting because we share those memories and feelings.

I remember being with my family visiting Aunt Bernice's and dad saying that it was just a timely convenience to visit at mealtime... especially at Aunt Bernice's where he would be fed the best meal in the state no matter what time of day. And those biscuits in the metal container wrapped in a clean white dishtowel.. hmmm.. More recently, I hold dear Aunt Bernice's voice when I called to say hello.. She'd say "Well, I declare Sherralyn, it's so good to hear your voice." I wonder if she had any idea how much it meant to me to hear hers when I was missing my own mom.

*It hurts that I'm not there to celebrate her life at services with family & friends. Laura, Jimmy, Nancy & Jayne know we NY cousins are right there beside them and look forward to being with them in August. See ya'll soon.. Love & Hugs,
Sherralyn Camp Longyear, Walworth, NY##imported-begin##Sherralyn##imported-end##*

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“ To the family of Aunt Bernice,

Our entire family sends our love and condolences to our cousins and their families on the passing of Aunt Bernice. Along with my sister Sherralyn and brother Doug, I visited with Aunt Bernice just a few weeks ago at her home. In my mind's eye that afternoon I saw the Aunt Bernice of my childhood. I remembered back to all the visits to Uncle JC and Aunt Bernice's home. There, Aunt Bernice prepared delicious home cooked meals, exchanged kind words and always displayed a keen and loving interest in our family, sharing stories, jokes and general family news. This is the Aunt Bernice that I loved and will miss. What a timeless legacy she has left us all in the many wonderful memories of her and her beautiful children and their families. In them we see the warmth, grace and kindness that characterized Aunt Bernice.

Love, Paul##imported-begin##Paul Camp##imported-end##

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