



Donetta Grace "Harper" Johnson

December 3, 1939 - August 4, 2025

Donetta Grace Johnson, 85, of Nitro, West Virginia went home to be with the Lord on Monday, August 4, 2025 at English Meadows, Scott Depot.

She was born in South Charleston, WV to the late Monroe Harper and Bessie Nicholas Harper, step-mother, Gladys Harper. She was also preceded in death by her son, Robert H. Johnson, Jr.; sisters, Pauline Halstead, Helen Armstrong, Sharon Miles and Karen Lovejoy; brothers, Gary Harper and Joe Harper.

Donetta was retired from Suddenlink. She was a member of Mt. Tabor Church of God, St. Albans and sang with a Gospel Group. She was also a Cub Scout Den Mother.

Surviving is her loving husband of 68 years Robert H. "Bob" Johnson, Sr.; sons, Philip Johnson (Susan) and Steve Johnson (Tina); daughter-in-law, Margaret Johnson; foster-daughters, Sindy Carte and Sandy Collins; sister, Gloria Jean Norvell. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Daniel, Brooke, Zachary and 5 great grandchildren and multiple nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, August 7, 2025 at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans with Pastor Mark Thaxton officiating. Burial will follow in Teays Hill Cemetery, St. Albans.

The family will receive friends from 12 to 1:00 p.m. prior to the funeral service.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Hospice Staff of Charleston and the Staff at English Meadows Memory Care.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to; HospiceCare, In Memory of Donetta Johnson, 1606 Kanawha Blvd. W., Charleston, WV 25387 or Alzheimer's Association, In Memory of Donetta Johnson, West Virginia Chapter, 1111 Lee Street, East, Charleston, WV 25301.

You may visit Donetta's tribute page at BartlettNichols.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans is honored to serve the Johnson family.

Cemetery Details

Teays Hill Cemetery

Coal River Road
St. Albans, WV 25177

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
Saint Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325

Funeral Service

AUG 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ES

“ *Donneti was one of the nicest women i have ever known. She was sweet and charming when I first met her after Cousin Bob married and brought her into the Johnson family. She was always the same through the years, and I loved talking to her. So sorry for your loss and may her memory be a blessing. RIP precious cousin. Love, Edna*

Edna Johnson Saltzman - August 11, 2025 at 11:13 PM

ES

Loved scrolling through all of the pictures!

Edna Johnson Saltzman - August 12, 2025 at 02:16 AM

GH

“ *We know you children have suffered a great loss. Susie and I are sorry for your loss. We grew up in the same neighborhood.* 🇺🇸 🙏❤️🥺

gayle miles hill - August 08, 2025 at 11:39 AM

DB

“ *Bob --*

My sincere condolences on the death of your dear wife. Know that I will be keeping you in my thoughts and prayers in the days ahead. God bless you and your family.

Deb Austin Brown, Teays Hill Cemetery Board

Deb Austin Brown - August 07, 2025 at 01:45 PM

JS

“ A beloved friend, neighbor and co-worker. We had many hours of conversation and fun, especially at work and fun weekend trips with each of her sisters and family members. She will be missed by all that had the privilege of knowing her.

Jane Sanson - August 07, 2025 at 06:55 AM

SC

“ I will cherish all the great and wonderful memories I spent with you when I was a child. I am thankful that you guided me in the right path. I learned a lot from you and taught me a lot by teaching me a lot you were an amazing foster parent.

Love you forever,
Sindy Carte

Sindy Carte - August 06, 2025 at 02:46 PM

HR

My heart is with my beautiful family in West Virginia. I know your hearts are hurting, and I'm praying for each and every one of you.

My precious Aunt Donetta, or Aunt Dodie as I called her, was an absolute gift. Funny, loving, thoughtful, and so good to me. Who would think that only having physically been together just a handful of times, the love between an aunt and niece could be so strong? But it can, and it was. When we talked, it was as if we hadn't been apart—this is a Harper thing. Long distance calls between California and West Virginia never seemed that long. We are so blessed to come from such a beautiful and strong family. Distance or miles didn't matter. Over the years, she and Uncle Bob have been constant encouragers and a loving support to me.

I'll always remember the precious way she'd wake me up on those summer mornings, asking, "How did you sleep? Are you hungry, Sugar?" with her soft southern drawl. I can still hear it. I always felt like I was at a restaurant; whatever I wanted, she was willing and ready to make for me.

I can't count the number of delicious egg sandwiches she'd make for me, which are still a go-to for me to this day. She'd always stop everything just to sit and talk with me while I ate. Or the time she tried to convince me to spend my senior year of high school out there. She almost had me!

She had a wonderful sass and spunkiness, like all Harper women do. She always showed it in the most kind, loving, and funny way possible. I'm so grateful that Dad made it a point to send me to his home because Dad knew family is everything. He and my Mom wanted me to know and connect with his family and where he came from.

Over the years, I always knew I could call at any time and hear, "Hey Sugar" or "Hey sweetheart, how are you?" It was always comforting. This is hard, real hard. My heart is with you all, especially Uncle Bob and my cousins. I love you, and I loved your beautiful Mama. God bless you all, may He continue to hold each and every one of you. Cling to your memories and cling to Jesus. This isn't goodbye, it's "we will see you again." I'm so grateful for the promise of heaven.

Heather Rodriguez - August 07, 2025 at 02:25 AM



“ 136 files added to the album LifeTributes



Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home - August 06, 2025 at 01:33 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Donetta was such a sweet lady. Love to all! Mel

Mel Smith Faulkner - August 06, 2025 at 12:30 PM



“ Love Ruben & Heather Rodriguez (Harper) purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Donetta Grace "Harper" Johnson.



Love Ruben & Heather Rodriguez (Harper) - August 06, 2025 at 12:25 PM



“ Love Ruben & Heather Rodriguez (Harper) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donetta Grace "Harper" Johnson.

Love Ruben & Heather Rodriguez (Harper) - August 06, 2025 at 12:25 PM

JC

“ *Bob, I was so saddened to learn of Donetta’s death. I have fond memories of both of you and the entire Harper family from our years at Mt. Tabor. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. In Christ, Joyce (Davis) Caudle.*

Joyce Caudle - August 06, 2025 at 12:10 PM

AC

“ *To the Johnson family,our thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time.May the good Lord see you through this difficult time.Art& Jackie Christensen*

Art & Jackie Christensen - August 05, 2025 at 08:25 PM