



SO LONG AGO IT WAS THAT YOU BECAME A FAMILY MEMBER,
THAT MY BROTHER WITHOUT HIS DOT I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER

GRAFTED INTO OUR TREE ON YOUR WEDDING DAY

A CAPABLE WIFE WHO WAS HERE TO STAY.

THE TIME WITHOUT YOU WILL BE HARD TO BEAR
TINGED WITH SADNESS THAT YOU'RE NOT HERE TO SHARE.

FAITHFUL AND LOYAL THROUGH TEARS AND LAUGHTER,
JEHOVAH WILL STILL GIVE YOU "HAPPILY EVER AFTER"

SEEING YOU AGAIN AS THE PICTURE OF HEALTH
WILL BE A TREASURE GREATER THAN ANY WEALTH.

UNTIL YOU AWAKEN YOU WILL BE GREATLY MISSED

REST FOR NOW, DEAR FAITHFUL SIS.



Acknowledgements

Because you cared, you came to share beautiful flowers and words of prayer. Because you cared enough to give words of comfort and cards came, too. Because you cared we were rarely alone, calls and visits reached our home. Because you cared, we were grateful indeed, you've been a comfort and a friend in need. Thank everyone of you. - *The Family*

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
Dorothy Louise Blakes Johnson

Alpha
April 19, 1938

Omega
November 14, 2018



Sunday, November 18, 2018
2:00 P.M.



KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
39 Star Road
Edgefield, South Carolina

Memorial Reflection

DOROTHY LOUISE BLAKES JOHNSON fell asleep in death peacefully on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, surrounded by family. Dottie, “Dot!” as her husband called her, was a dearly loved wife, mother, and servant of Jehovah.

Her life began in Sussex County, Virginia on April 19, 1938, as the second of five children born to Ethel Freeman Blakes Hobbs, and William Blakes, both of whom preceded her in death as did her brother, Willard Hobbs. Dottie graduated from Sussex County Training School before making a life-changing move to Plainfield, New Jersey.

The most dramatic change in her life began with her Bible study, which led to her dedication to Jehovah God and baptism as one of his Witnesses on October 16, 1963. It was in the Plainfield, New Jersey Congregation that she met the love of her life, Reynold Johnson. They were married over 52 years ago on February 19, 1966. The adventurous and self-sacrificing newlyweds made themselves available to serve where the need was greater for Kingdom preachers in Edgefield, South Carolina. Her next major life change came soon thereafter when they discovered that she was pregnant. In those days before ultrasounds, they were pleasantly surprised with the birth of not one, but two bouncing baby boys! – Reynold Jr. and Ronald, who came to be known as Pip and Ron. It was as a mom that Dottie enjoyed her most cherished role as she cared diligently for her family, even pitching in to supplement the family income for many years by working 12-hour factory shifts. She exemplified the Bible’s counsel to younger women to “love their husbands, to love their children, to be sound in mind, chaste, working at home, good.” (Titus 2:4,5).

Dottie shared the Kingdom message in the community for more than five decades as a faithful member of the Edgefield Congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses. She always gave her best and was able to spend more time in the ministry, volunteering as an auxiliary pioneer many times over the years. One long-time pioneer (full-time minister) related how Jehovah used her to support them on a day when they were low on gas and food when Dottie volunteered to drive in the ministry and then gave them a surplus of fried chicken from her house.

Among the many who will miss her are: grandchildren, Quanytta Johnson of Raleigh, North Carolina, Jasmine Johnson of Atlanta, Georgia (mom Jackie) and Queenie Johnson; great-grandson, Rayland of Darlington, South Carolina; sisters, Frances Brown of Petersburg and Emilie Moring (Willie) of Chester, Virginia; brother, Marvin Hobbs (Linda) of Prince George, Virginia; mother-in-law, Frances H. Johnson; sisters-in-law, Deborah Johnson; daughter, Karole, Dayna Johnson, Pamela Johnson of Richmond and Saluda, Virginia; and relatives and friends too numerous to recount.

The Great Enemy Death may have won this battle, but she looked forward with eyes of faith to continuing her many loving friendships in the Paradise earth through the resurrection provision. She will get to experience the fulfillment of her favorite song when “He Will Call”, and ‘Dottie’ will answer.



The Order of Service

SONG #38
“He Will Make You Strong”

PRAYER
George Byrd

READING OF OBITUARY

DISCOURSE
Thomas Jackson

SONG #151
“He Will Call”

PRAYER
Thomas Jackson

