



Martha Johnson

December 23, 1923 - November 29, 2013

Martha Dumas Johnson of Milledgeville died November 29, 2013. The daughter of T.B. and Annabel Dumas, she was born at home in Maypop Cottage in Milledgeville on December 23, 1923. She attended Peabody High School, and was graduated from Georgia State College for Women in 1944. In 1946, she married architect John Elwyn Johnson of West Chester Pennsylvania, and over the next 60 years, the couple made their home in Macon, and after 1961, in Milledgeville.

Best remembered as a devoted educator, Mrs. Johnson taught hundreds of kindergarten children for over 50 years in Macon and Milledgeville. She started the preschool programs at First United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church and was the director and a teacher. A member of First United Methodist Church for over 70 years, Mrs. Johnson served as president of the WSCS, chairperson of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, member of the Board of Trustees, and as a member of the Relocation Committee for the new church facility in 2003. She was the Baldwin County Mother of the Year in 1975, regent of the Nancy Hart Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a candidate for County Commissioner in 1980, and was active in the Baldwin County Democratic Party. A survivor of polio, Mrs. Johnson remained committed to the Mothers' March Against Polio and the March of Dimes throughout her life and served as chairperson of the 1962 Mothers' March for Bibb County. In 1966, when the historic 1825 Brown-Stetson-Sanford House was threatened with destruction, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson raised

money to relocate the house and worked to ensure its renovation. She was an avid bridge player and a member of local bridge and duplicate bridge clubs. Mrs. Johnson was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by her daughters Dr. Amy Johnson Wright (Joe) of Milledgeville and Beth Johnson Salet (Mike) of Atlanta; five grandchildren Dr. Beth Wright Cooper of Macon, Taylor Wright (Melanie) of Smyrna, Ashley Wright Dolce (James) of Augusta, Windsor Salet Adams (Richard) of Atlanta, and Lindsay Salet Mumm (Donovan) of Prairie Village, Kansas; and nine great-grandchildren Madison and Sophia Wright, Trip and Harrison Cooper, Turner Dolce, Fuller, Reid, and Merriwether Adams, and Anabel Mumm.

Family Visitation will be Wednesday, December 4, from 5-7 PM at Williams Funeral Home. Her funeral, a service of celebration, will be at 11AM Thursday, December 5, at First United Methodist Church on Log Cabin Road. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the First United Methodist Church Building Fund, Georgia's Old Capital Museum for the preservation of the Brown-Stetson-Sanford House, or to the Mothers' March of the March of Dimes.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville
1670 N. Jefferson St.
Milledgeville, GA 31061
(478) 452-2148
staff@williamsfuneralhome.net
<https://www.williamsfuneralhome.net>

Funeral Services

DEC 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Methodist Church of Milledgeville
366 Log Cabin Drive
Milledgeville, GA

Tribute Wall

SR

“ I would like to send my deepest sympathy to the family of this wonderful lady. She touched more lives then you will ever know, she was a wonderful teacher and loved by many. Sydney Callaway' Reed a former student.

Sydney Reed - December 05, 2013 at 06:05 PM

TJ

“ Psalm 90:10 states that a normal life span is 70 years but if because of special mightiness 80. Ms. Johnson certainly lived a long life and I'm sure was dearly loved by her family and friends. May you all find comfort and hope in our Heavenly Fathers promise to very soon bring about a changed condition to this earth where sickness and death will be done away with (Rev. 21:4,5) and there will be a bringing back to life instead of losing. (John 5:28,29)

TJ - December 04, 2013 at 05:04 PM

MJ

“ I will miss Martha. She was one of my Aunt Ellen Foster's best friends. Milledgeville has lost a great lady.

Myles jones - December 04, 2013 at 11:06 AM

SL

“ I am writing for my mother, Ann Pennington Martin, who was one of Martha's good friends since the first grade, if I remember correctly. Not only did they share a wonderful friendship all these years, but their birthdays were just 2 days apart. I am so sorry to learn of Martha's death. Mom is in a rehab facility trying to improve from a small stroke. At this time I am not going to tell her about Martha's death. She had asked just this last month about her. She was a special lady and I am sure will be missed by many.

Sarolyn Loner, for my mother

sarolyn Loner - December 04, 2013 at 08:42 AM

WF

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. Please accept our sincere condolence for the loss of your loved one. Life will be quite a challenge without them in our lives. Please, know that Jehovah God is a strong refuge for those grieving because of the loss of a family member. He is near to those who are experiencing distress (Psalms 9:9). May you have strength and peace during this time of great loss.

White Family - December 04, 2013 at 08:11 AM

MM

“ So sorry for the loss to the family and community. It was a joy to tour Europe with her.

Molly Torrance Miller - December 03, 2013 at 07:17 PM

NB

“ *Amy and family, what an angel here on earth and now in heaven. Our family loved her so. Our sincere sympathy to all of you. Nancy & Tonny Buchanan, and her students...Justin & Cory Seymour*



Nancy Buchanan - December 03, 2013 at 04:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martha Johnson.*



December 03, 2013 at 03:14 PM

CC

“ *Amy and Beth and families, Your mother was a blessing to all who knew her and she will be greatly missed here on earth but I know heaven is rejoicing.*
Carol & David

Carol Cardoso - December 03, 2013 at 02:40 PM

MW

“ *Amy, I am so sorry for your loss. Your mother was always so kind to me. May the Lord comfort you and your family.*

Mike Wood

Mike Wood - December 03, 2013 at 11:05 AM

RS

“ Beth and Amy, Martha was such a sweet lady to be around. We are sorry for your loss and rejoice in Heaven's gain.

Love,
Rocky, Robin, Ashley & Brooke Salet

Rocky Salet - December 03, 2013 at 09:24 AM

AR

“ Amy, your mother was such a sweet lady. I always enjoyed being with her and Aunt Francis. Take care and God bless you all,
Alisa Wynens Rehberg

alusa wynens rehberg - December 03, 2013 at 08:43 AM

KF

“ May Jehovah God continue to comfort your family during this trying time.

Knox Family - December 03, 2013 at 05:48 AM

JJ

“ Amy , I was so sorry to hear about your mother . She and I were friends for almost fifty years .

Jack Wright , Jr. - December 03, 2013 at 05:44 AM

EC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Martha was a beautiful, sweet lady and such a pleasure to be around. She will truly be missed by her family and friends.

Sincerely,
Elaine Carpenter
Eatonton, Ga.



Elaine Carpenter - December 02, 2013 at 03:07 PM

LM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Luther & Berta and friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery.



LUTHER MINOR - December 02, 2013 at 12:11 PM

KM

“ Amy, Your precious Mom was my kindergarden teacher in 1968-1969. I have many fond memories of our gingerbread house as we called it, including Mrs. Martha and her help sneaking me into the kitchen and letting me help bake cookies and other goodies. We also had prayer and thanked God every day for our blessings. Please rest assured that our Heavenly Father now has her taking care of a multitude of children and bringing joy to their hearts! God Bless You and yours at this time. Ken Mills

Ken Mills - December 01, 2013 at 07:49 PM

RP

“ I offer my condolences. Those who care for parents in their winter years know a season of life others may only imagine. There are blessings and lessons learned in the effort. May the days ahead be warmed with fond memories of good times shared with your mom.

Rev. Dr. Thomas Peavy - December 01, 2013 at 07:30 PM

BS

“ Mrs. Martha always asked about my mother when I saw her at church as they were childhood friends. Now they will be reunited in heaven. Also Johnny and her took several of us to Europe in the 70s. I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the funeral as I will be in Boston.

She was a remarkable lady.

Burton Smith

Burton Smith - December 01, 2013 at 12:47 PM

KF

“ Amy, my children loved your mom. She taught them in pre-K. Your Mom was a great person. We all, in Milledgeville, loved her. Their will never be another Martha Johnson. She loved all the children, her little school house, I think we will all remember it. I could go on, and on. There is so much about your mom, we will always remember. Our prayers are with you and your family.



Ken & Shirley Filley - November 30, 2013 at 04:34 PM

KI

“ *Martha was a beautiful woman, so interesting and intelligent. She was a pleasure to be around and will be missed. Our sympathy to all the family.*

Kathy and Lew Iuliucci

Kathy Iuliucci - November 29, 2013 at 06:11 PM