



Ourelia "Rhea" Johnson

April 2, 1945 - December 13, 2013

The Obituary

Ourelia 'Rhea' Johnson

Ourelia 'Rhea' Johnson, age sixty-eight, a beloved mother, grandmom, sister, aunt and friend, transitioned into eternal life in the comfort of her Dartmouth Street, Harrisburg, PA, home with her family by her side on Friday, December 13, 2013. Rhea was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Ada Seawright Johnson; brothers, Lessie and Robert Johnson; sisters, Zula and Eloise Jennings; and son-in-law, Maurice Burston.

Rhea was born April 2, 1945, in Cope, Orangeburg County, South Carolina. After moving to Harrisburg, she attended Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) majoring in Business Administration. Additionally, she received several continuous educational certificates including a Master Compliance Officer Certificate in Contract Compliance.

Rhea was the family matriarch with a zest for life, loving to laugh and make you laugh. She was the organizer, historian and enjoyed her family, especially her grandchildren. Foremost, she truly loved being a mother and grandmom as well as singing, listening to music, driving, reading, cleaning and traveling throughout the United States and abroad. Rhea was cook extraordinaire when it came to her lemon pound cakes, sweet potato pies and potato salad.

As an active member of Camp Curtin Memorial Mitchell United Methodist Church for forty-plus years, Rhea served as the communications liaison, member and past president of the Gospel Choir and in numerous other capacities. She felt blessed to have been surrounded by such a loving and caring church family. In the community, she gave of herself as an active member and past president of the American Legion Auxiliary, Post 733. Professionally, she was a member of the National Association of Professional Women and several other professional and academic associations where she held various offices and served in various capacities.

Ourelia 'Rhea' Johnson is survived by her son, Gregory L. Antley (Crystal); one daughter, Alonda Bailey Burston (Jonathan Gross), all of Harrisburg; five grandchildren, Camillio Branch of California, Gregory Antley Jr., Na`ilah Burston, Nia Burston and Anyae Parks, all of Harrisburg; three sisters, Bessie Franklin, Evelyn Harvey and Ada Evans; one brother-in-law, Shellie Evans, all of Harrisburg; one special cousin/brother Jervey Daniels of Orangeburg, SC; several nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends.

Rhea was very kind-hearted and will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Lovingly Submitted, The Family

Service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, December 20, 2013, at Camp Curtin Memorial Mitchell United Methodist Church, 2221 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg, PA with viewing from 9 to 11 a.m. and interment at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Trust in The Lord with all thine heart; lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thine ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs: 3 verses: 5-6*

We share in the loss of your dear love Ourelia. Know that God is with all of you. Continue to trust him and he will see you through this time of sorrow.

With Love, Your cousins

The Baker Family

Ethel Green, Rev. Dr. Johnnie Louise Shuler & Jo Helen Baker

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