



Johnnie Henderson

November 20, 1939 - February 15, 2022

Johnnie Hannah Henderson, 85, of Greer, South Carolina, passed away on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at The Phoenix at Greer.

Johnnie, a lifelong resident of Greer, was born to the late John Ervin Hannah and Nancy Corene Dill Hannah. She was an established member of Fairview Baptist Church and the James Crocker Sunday School Class.

Johnnie married the love of her life and best friend, the late Walter Morann Henderson, Sr. The two were married for 60 years.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Walker Wiley Hannah and sister-in-law, Cathie Louise Smith Hannah; a son-in-law, Dr. Mitchell Fields Hollon; and one grandchild, Philip Lewis Byrd, Jr.

After graduating from Taylors High School, Johnnie worked for Carolina Steel for 15 years. After retiring from Carolina Steel, she accepted the position as Senior Congregate Dining Coordinator for Greer Community Ministries.

Johnnie's vibrant personality and her love for seniors allowed her to excel in serving those at Greer Community Ministries.

Many family members were blessed by Johnnie's God given talent of detailed caregiving. She was a loving caregiver for JoHannah Joines while her mother was on duty as head nurse at Greenville General Hospital. She loved JoHannah as if she were her own daughter.

Johnnie was blessed with many joys in her life, one of her greatest was her grandchildren. She was affectionately known as Mama Johnnie, Ja-Ja and MJ. She spent countless hours entertaining them and delighted in all aspects

of it. She enjoyed involving them in making crafts each Christmas for their classmates, baking homemade cookies, decorating Easter eggs, and going on shopping sprees. Every Easter she would bake a bunny cake complete with all the trimmings and would adorn an Easter basket full of goodies for each grandchild. Each grandchild has many fond memories of their adoring grandmother.

Johnnie was a talented seamstress, spending countless hours at her Bernina sewing machine. She enjoyed multiple forms of needlework such as crochet, knitting and cross-stitch. Some of her special work included a cross-stitch of her childhood home, draperies, and beautifully smocked and monogrammed dresses for her granddaughters.

Her kitchen was the heart of her home where she made many loaves of sourdough bread and delicious Christmas treats. She and Walt worked side by side as she always delegated the dipping of the peanut butter balls in chocolate to him. This was an annual tradition as they shared their gifts of food throughout the community.

Johnnie and Walt were passionate campers. They enjoyed adventures in the Western North Carolina Mountains to the Carolina Coast.

Left to cherish Johnnie's memories are her daughter, Patricia Hollon Byrd and her husband, Philip Lewis Byrd, Sr. of Charleston, SC; her son, Walter (Randy) Morann Henderson, Jr. and his wife, Sandra Farmer Henderson, of Richmond Hill, GA; grandchildren, Dr. Hannah Fields Hollon of Richmond, VA; Makenzie Elena Henderson and Maggie Adair Henderson, of Richmond Hill, GA; Jeremy Edward Byrd and his wife, Kristie Cantley Byrd, of Saint George, SC; and great-grandchildren, Landyn Elizabeth Byrd of Holly Hill, SC; Philip Lewis Byrd, III of Summerville, SC; and Baker Lee Byrd of Saint George, SC. Memorials may be made to Fairview Baptist Church Foundation for the Future, 1300 Locust Hill Rd., Greer, SC 29651 or Greer Community Ministries, PO Box 1373, Greer, SC 29652.

The family wishes to thank the staff of The Phoenix at Greer for their professional and loving care.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery conducted by Reverend Gene Lockaby. Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery

1400 Locust Hill Road
Greer, SC 29651

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LT

“ Randy, Sandra and girls, we are sorry to hear of Johnnie's passing. We have sweet memories of our Sunday lunches. Vic, Lynn and Marilyn Thompson.

Lynn Thompson - February 23, 2022 at 07:47 PM

LO

“ Patty and Randy,
Sincere condolences to you and the entire family. We know God's peace and comfort will sustain you in the coming months of loss and sorrow.
Johnnie Lou was always kind and loving with a gentle spirit that was compassionate and sincere.
Harry and Linda (Fleming) Ott

Linda F. Ott - February 19, 2022 at 10:47 PM

MM

“ Much love, Will and Maria purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Johnnie Henderson.



Much love, Will and Maria - February 19, 2022 at 11:22 AM

AB

“ *Patti and Randy, I'm so sorry and wish I was able to be with you. I have many very special memories of Johnnie and Walter. Our cousin parties were so much fun!
Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.
Love,
Ann Balding*

Ann Balding - February 19, 2022 at 10:22 AM

LL

“ *Love, Rosemary,Patrick, Tradd and Logan purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Johnnie Henderson.*



Love, Rosemary,Patrick, Tradd and Logan - February 18, 2022 at 02:56 PM

JH

“ *Johnnie and I were close friends from early childhood first as neighbors on Suber Rd., at Fairview Church, Fairview Elementary School and most recently at her Dentist office. She was one of the sweetest and kindest ladies I have ever known. Patti & Randy my prayers are with you as you grieve her loss. I grieve along with you.*

Joan Harbin - February 18, 2022 at 12:11 PM

JH

“ *Joan Harbin lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Henderson*



joan harbin - February 18, 2022 at 11:58 AM

TF

“ Tina Fowler lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Henderson



Tina Fowler - February 18, 2022 at 10:00 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Johnnie Henderson.



February 18, 2022 at 08:23 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Johnnie Henderson.



February 18, 2022 at 06:56 AM

BC

“ Always was such a sweet and kind lady. My condolences to you and your family. Always my best to you all.

Buddy Corn

Buddy Corn - February 17, 2022 at 08:56 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Johnnie Henderson.*



February 17, 2022 at 07:56 PM



“ *I met Johnnie through the GCM when she asked me to come entertain for the seniors at their lunch program. She was always a joy to be with and her love for people and the Lord shone through all she did! It was my privilege to have been acquainted with this lovely and delightful lady!*

Frances Southerland - February 17, 2022 at 07:39 PM



“ *Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Johnnie Henderson.*



February 17, 2022 at 04:07 PM



“ *Patti and Randy. I loved your Mom so much. She was always so special to me. Working with her at GCM was some of the best times together and after I left she would always call me and check in. My heart aches for you both. I know she is rejoicing right now.*

Glaldeane Lee

Glaldeane Lee - February 17, 2022 at 04:07 PM

TL

“ I met Johnnie years ago while I was on the board at GCM. She was so great to work with and such a precious soul !! I still have her Black Bean soup recipe (in her handwriting)!! I make it often in the winter !! Prayers for you all . Terri Wood Long

terri long - February 17, 2022 at 03:43 PM

MT

“ Mertie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Henderson



Mertie Taylor - February 17, 2022 at 12:38 PM

AG

“ Patti and Randy I was so sorry to hear about Johnnie passing away. We have shared a lot of good times at Taylors High School and then we worked together a long time at Greenville Steel. Have also missed our long telephone conversations that we use to have.

Ann Gay

Ann Gay - February 17, 2022 at 12:20 PM

BS

“ Brenda Strange lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Henderson



Brenda Strange - February 17, 2022 at 11:59 AM

AA

“ Patti, I am saddened to hear about your mother’s passing. She and your daddy will always be two of my most favorite and special people that I had the privilege to help look for houses. I remember her sweet smile, gentle hugs, and joyful laugh. May you feel Gods grace, comfort and love during this difficult time.
Love, Angie Ashmore Kruse



Angie Ashmore - February 16, 2022 at 10:44 PM

BP

“ Patti and Randy, So sorry to hear about your Mom. I know that it’s bittersweet, you’ll miss her but yet your so glad that she’s with Jesus and so many family members and friends. I know that they’re all rejoicing together in heaven, and that someday we all have that to look forward to. You’re in our prayers as you go forward. Beth Patterson 🙏

Beth Patterson - February 16, 2022 at 02:56 PM