



## Vanessa Ann Johnson

June 22, 1955 - October 11, 2016

### Obituary of Vanessa Johnson

Vanessa Ann Johnson, 61, was born June 22, 1955 in Elizabethton, TN and died Tuesday, October 11, 2016 in Tavares, FL. Vanessa is survived by her husband, Bill of Mount Dora; sister-in-law, Peggy Church of Tennessee; brothers, Bob Church and Vance Church both of Elizabethton, TN, Gary and wife, Jo Anne, Church of Winter Garden, FL.

Some of Vanessa's passions in life were being involved with Clermont Baptist Church; singing in music; going to yard sales and besides loving Bill, the enjoyment and love of their two Yorkies.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, November 12th at 1:00 pm at Clermont Baptist Church, 16115 Old County Road 50, Clermont, FL 34711.

# Tribute Wall

NR

“ Love to Vanessa ❤️ May she be at peace.

Nancy Rudman - November 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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JH

“ My heartfelt condolences. I have had the pleasure of calling her a friend for many years and she will be dearly missed. Jeanne Harris-Lively

Jeanne Harris-Lively - November 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ I am so sorry to have been so late in posting this. I guess it felt like if I didn't write anything it wouldn't be real. First off, I want to offer the family of Vanessa Church Johnson my condolences. I knew she had health issues and I remember her just wanting to hang in there, teaching, to continue working with the children she loved. It saddens me that she and Bill did not have more retirement time together. As one of Vanessa's workmates at Bushnell Elementary, I wish to boldly proclaim that she made a difference in the lives of thousands of children, not only as a brilliant music teacher but also as a Title One reading specialist. Her talent was only to be outdone by her compassion and dedication to each child, which she viewed as a unique individual. Vanessa sought to build upon their strengths, shore up their weaknesses, and help them attain self-confidence and proficiency. She, along with Bill, spent countless, non-compensated hours preparing the wonderful PTO music concerts, that the community looked forward, and the Lake Sumter Chorus. She strived to showcase the talents of the children under her care, providing encouragement and assistance to foster independence. She made the hard work look easy. My 16 year old granddaughter remembers being in the combined Lake-Sumter Chorus. She was visibly upset and blurted out. "She was the best teacher." when she learned of her death. I am forever indebted to Vanessa for a kindness I had no way of ever repaying. My son struggled in school. Thanks to Vanessa, administering, on her own time, a visograph screening assessment on my son, she was able to pinpoint a physical anomaly that impacted my son's ability to read. His eyes did not track together. As a result of her selfless act, my husband and I contacted a vision specialist who provided much needed therapy for our son. Every time my boy, now 25, excitedly shares information about another book he has enjoyed reading, I praise the Lord for allowing Vanessa to have touched his life.

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**Barbara Northcutt** - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Vanessa Ann Johnson

tonyia Dawson - October 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ I am so sorry...with my sympathy.

Lucy Ancona - October 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Bill, My heart goes out to you in this time of sorrow. God has you in the palm of his hand, and he will get you through this. I will always remember how lovingly you spoke of Vanessa over the years. Hugs and prayers, Beth Thornton

Beth Thornton - October 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Bill: I pray for you and your families during this difficult time for comfort & peace; Vanessa will be missed. As you reflect back on your life together, I pray that the memories will turn your sadness & grief to joy. God bless. Lana

Lana Payne - October 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TD

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tonyia Dawson - October 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Bill, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I have fond memories of time spent with both of you. She will surely be missed.

Linda Delaney - October 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Vanessa Ann Johnson*

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**Patty Biggerstaff** - October 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HB

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**Helen Blevins** - October 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our prayers are with you. Vanessa was a treasured friend. he will be missed by all. Helen*

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RM

“ *Her light will always shine on in the people who loved her.*

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**Rosemary Mowrey** - October 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**Gary L. Church** - October 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**Gary L. Church** - October 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**Jo Anne Bright-Church** - October 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“*My thoughts and prayers are with all of Vanessa's family and friends. She was a wonderful sister-in-law to me. I am going to miss her. She had a passion for music and was such a wonderful teacher to her many students that she taught over the years. She loved butterflies. When I see a butterfly, I will think of Vanessa and think of her fondly.*”

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**Jo Anne Bright-Church** - October 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SM

“*Vanessa is about as genuine as it gets; such a thoughtful, kind-hearted lady. She used to pick things up she thought I could use at those yard sales she loved going to. She kept me stocked up in magazines in my class too. Always enjoyed our talks about anything and everything. I can't say enough how much I thought of her. I'll miss you, my sweet friend. Many prayers to Vanessa's family. We were very lucky to know her and have her in our lives.*”

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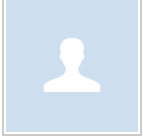
**Sandi Maggert** - October 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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