



## Johnnie M. Grissom

August 19, 1950 - August 19, 2010

Johnnie Grissom

Frankfort" Dr. Johnnie McLaughlin Grissom, 60, of Frankfort passed on Thursday, August 19, 2010 at St. Joseph Hospice Care Center, Lexington. A memorial service for Dr. Grissom will be held at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at St. John A.M.E. Church. Rev. Robert Strode will officiate. A former resident of Red Springs, NC, she was born August 19, 1950. She was a member of St. John A.M.E. Church. As a member of the church, Dr. Grissom was head of children's church, a lay officer, a missionary officer, Sunday school teacher, member of all choirs, former steward and anything else St. John asked her to do. She loved St. John and her church back home, Rhyne Memorial United Methodist Church.

Dr. Grissom was an Associate Commissioner of the Office of Special Instructional Services, Department of Education-Kentucky state government. In October 2009, the Kentucky Board of Education established an annual award in her honor. The award is "The Dr. Johnnie Grissom Award " Strive for Achievement Through Instructional Equity. She was named the first recipient of this award.

She is survived by her loving husband of 17 years, Norman Grissom; her mother, Dorothy Mae Powell McLaughlin, Red Springs, NC; three sisters, Carolyn McLaughlin Quick, Rockingham, NC, Linda McLaughlin McKeithan, Red Springs, NC, Donna McLaughlin Williams, Red Springs, NC; aunt, Flora

J. McLean, Red Springs, NC; mother-in-law, Mattie Grissom, Raleigh, NC; two brothers-in-law, Murray McKeithan, Red Springs, NC, Anthony Williams, Red Springs, NC; two nieces, Nekia Shaw, Red Springs, NC, Jessica Williams, Red Springs, NC; a nephew, Jaylon Williams, Red Springs, NC; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Dr. Grissom was preceded in death by her father, Daniel McLaughlin.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory are suggested to JAM, c/o St. John A.M.E. Church, 210 W. Clinton Street, Frankfort, KY 40601.

There will be a funeral service held later at Rhyne Memorial United Methodist Church, Red Springs, NC and a committal service in Community Rest Cemetery, Red Springs, NC.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to L.E. Floyd Funeral Home, 115 Buie Street, Red Springs, NC 28377.

Online condolences may be shared via [www.harrodbrothersfuneralhome.com](http://www.harrodbrothersfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Johnnie M. Grissom*

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October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Dear Bro Norman and Family,*

*I send condolences from Southern Maryland on behalf of myself and my children (Travers, Kierre and Whitley Brown). We spent alot of time at J.A.M (Jesus And Me) and other St. John programs while in Kentucky. Sis Grissom had a way with children that was beyond words. Her love and patience for them is yet to be matched. Please know that many share in your loss, she was angel on earth! I pray that god will give you the strength to bare through these times.*

*~ Sabrina (Morton) Anderson*

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**Sabrina (Morton) Anderson** - August 25, 2010 at 03:25 PM

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“ To the family of Johnnie Grissom,  
I came to know Johnnie while working to serve students of the Commonwealth while on the KBE 2004 - 2008. I sought her wisdom and knowledge about the education of Kentucky's students many times as we were making decisions. However, it was her North Carolina charm, smile, and hospitality that drew us together. She knew a "home girl" when she saw one. We laughed many times together and we definitely prayed together.

*It is always good to be in the company of someone who loves the Lord. Johnnie I will miss you.*

*To her family, my prayers are with you. Don't let NO one tell you how to grieve! She was loved by many.*

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**Bonnie Lash Freeman** - August 24, 2010 at 11:52 AM

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“ My dear sister Johnnie we will miss your unselfish yielding to help others achieve their goals. All prayers go out to your family and long list of friends.

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**Ron Hayden** - August 23, 2010 at 04:34 PM

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“ Dear Norman and Family,

*Harp Enterprises wishes to express our sympathy to you and your family. Johnnie was a wonderful woman with many, many talents. She was always a joy to be with and a blessing to all that knew her.*

*We at Harp were fortunate to have known her. Our sincere condolences go to you and your family from all of us.*

*Peggy, Roger, and all the rest at Harp*

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**Harp Enterprises Inc.** - August 23, 2010 at 03:12 PM