



Mattie Clay Johnson

June 22, 1931 - March 27, 2019

Frankfort – Mattie Clay Johnson, born June 23, 1931, in Mount Sterling, Kentucky, passed away peacefully and surrounded by loved ones on March 27, 2019, in Lexington. Though she had no children of her own, Mattie was the quintessential Kentucky mama and grandma to all those blessed to know her well. She had a quick wit and an insatiable appetite for adventure, as well as for sweets. She was happiest with a cat or two in her lap and a book at the ready, and she was rarely far from her beloved husband, Vernon L. Johnson, until his death in January 2014.

Mattie will be remembered for her generosity, her huge heart, and her zest for life. She was an avid photographer and a voracious reader, never missing the latest from her favorite authors. She volunteered for years with the Kentucky Historical Society and had an infamous soft spot for animals, especially of feline variety. She and Vernon kept a menagerie of house cats over the years and their house was a prime destination for neighborhood strays who knew Mattie would never fail to leave out a bowl of food.

She is survived by her nephews, Robert (Wanda) Carpenter, Donald (Joyce) Carpenter, and Harold (Vickie) Carpenter; numerous great-nephews and great-nieces; as well as two beloved cats.

She was preceded in death by Vernon, her husband of 49 years; parents, Bramblet and Bessie Cartmill; sister, Christine Carpenter; brother, Harold Cartmill; and niece, Peggy Profumo.

Services will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Monday, April 1,

2019, at 11:00 a.m. with Minister David Eakin officiating. She will be laid to rest at Machpelah Cemetery in Mount Sterling, next to Vernon and her parents. Visitation will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. service time on Monday.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Woodford County Humane Society.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Machpelah Cemetery

600 East Locust St
Mount Sterling, KY 40353

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home
312 Washington Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 227-4526
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mattie Clay Johnson*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of getting to know Mattie and spending time with her, she was surely a lovely lady. My Granddaughter Ivy and I loved Mattie so much. She as so kind and generous. We are going to miss her terribly.*

All our Love to Mattie's family and James Gray

Shirley Lewis

Ivy Lewis



Shirley Lewis - April 01, 2019 at 11:47 AM



“ *Your love, and Vernon's love, extended so selflessly to so many, was a blessing to all who were fortunate enough to know you. Wanda and I shall miss you dearest friend. Thank you for bringing so much joy into our lives.*

Jim and Wanda Wallace

jim wallace - March 29, 2019 at 09:54 AM

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“ Even though I did not know her, I was so touched by the loving remarks in her obituary. She leaves a lasting imprint on all those who crossed her path. My sympathy. Duanne Puckett, Shelbyville Ky.

Duanne Puckett - March 29, 2019 at 06:40 AM



Shannon Shope

“ Mattie and Vernon both were sweethearts! They took me in like a grandchild back in 2001! We had many great adventures and many laughs together! I will miss you greatly! Thank you for all the times at Christmas teaching me to make fudge and candy!

Shannon Shope - March 29, 2019 at 12:34 AM

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“ Thank you Mattie for being in my life. You opened your home and heart to me for 47 years of my life, many times when I needed someone just like you to feed and heal my heart. I will never forget all of the times I spent the night at your house, ate your wonderful home cooked meals, celebrated life's big moments - good or bad, went for hikes and scenic drives, and explored the wonders of nature with you. You always gave your full attention to the people in the room. You gave more than you received to everyone around you including the neighborhood stray cats, dogs, and kids. I'll miss our conversations and your humor. You will never be forgotten. Our world was a better place because of you. Stephanie Connolly

Stephanie - March 29, 2019 at 12:23 AM



“ A wonderful Lady .thankYou for being in my Life , love you , my prayers to Family and friends,

Ramona Ramey - March 28, 2019 at 01:04 PM