

Faith Hope Love



Forever In Our Hearts

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Funeral Service

2 p.m., December 20, 2023
Munden Funeral Home, Morehead City, NC

Order of Service

Processional, "How Great Thou Art"	
Reading of the Obituary	Craig Hearne
Song, "Amazing Grace"	
Comments & Scripture Reading	Craig Hearne
Song, "Where the Roses Never Fade"	
Comments	James Clark
Closing Prayer	Craig Hearne
Recessional, "I'll Fly Away"	

The service will conclude at Amariah Garner Cemetery.

Please turn on bright lights and hazards in procession.



Juanita J. Garner, 87, of Newport, North Carolina, passed away on Saturday, December 16, 2023, at Carteret Health Care.

A funeral service to honor Juanita's life will be held at 2 p.m., December 20th at Munden Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Amariah Garner Cemetery in Newport. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Juanita was born on May 21, 1936, in Newport, North Carolina, to the late Willie and Elsie Johnson. She was a unique, kind-hearted woman who was always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. You never had to wonder what she was thinking because she would happily tell you just where you stood with her and what she thought about you.

Juanita bestowed her love and care upon her family, ensuring their well-being and happiness. Her nurturing spirit extended beyond her immediate family, as she would often selflessly assist friends and neighbors during times of illness or hardship.

Education held great importance to Juanita who enjoyed her role as a substitute teacher. Her firm yet fair approach to discipline was for the sole purpose of helping nurture their young minds. Juanita also worked at her son's plant stand where she enjoyed interacting with the customers. Her nurturing nature permeated every aspect of her life, be it caring for her loved ones or interacting with friends and acquaintances.

Juanita had an incredible talent for landscaping, enjoying the seasonal holidays the most. She worked on numerous cheerful Christmas designs to whimsical Halloween decorations for yards where her creative touch brought joy to all who passed by.

In her free time, Juanita took every opportunity she could to travel. Exploring new places and broadening her horizons. Whether it was a road trip to a nearby town or an exciting adventure, she embraced each experience with enthusiasm and an open heart.

Those remaining to cherish her memory are her sons, Dennis Garner and wife Inez and Greg Garner and wife Jacki, all of Newport; sisters-in-law, Paula Johnson and Becky Hopkins; brother-in-law, Ralph Simmons; grandchildren, Shaun Keith Garner and fiancé Kyrstle Waddell, Michael Paul Garner and companion Rebecca Rosemond, Breanne Garner and fiancé Bradly Fullen, and Ryan Garner; and great-grandchildren, Megan Garner, Matthew Garner, McKenzie Garner, Layla Garner and Kayla Garner.

In addition to her parents, Juanita was preceded in death by her husband, Jack K. Garner in 2001; son, Randy Garner; sister, Anne Simmons; and brothers, Bobby Johnson (Frances), and Arthur Johnson.

The family would like to especially thank her caregivers, Ellen Gray and Rebecca Rosemond.

Footprints In The Sand

One night I dreamed a dream.

As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.

Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.

For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,

One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,

I looked back at the footprints in the sand.

I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,

especially at the very lowest and saddest times,

there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,

You'd walk with me all the way.

But I noticed that during the saddest

and most troublesome times of my life,

there was only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why, when

I needed You the most, You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child,

I love you and will never leave you

never, ever, during your trials and testings.

When you saw only one set of footprints,

It was then that I carried you."



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