

~ Active Pallbearers ~

Stephen Gage
Christopher Gage
Jason Harrison

Deverrick Johnson
Myles Johnson
Antonio Polk

~ Honorary Pallbearers ~

Montrel Surgent Sr.
Montrel Surgent Jr.
Montrel Surgent III
Gary Birden

Thomas Scubbs
Samuel Washington
Terrance Washington
Irvin Wooden III



Celebration of Life
Joan Marie
Washington-Surgent

Alpha
April 15, 1960

Omega
July 9, 2023



~ Acknowledgements ~

The Family of Joan Marie Washington-Surgent would like to express our sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks for all the love, prayers, words of comfort, and acts of kindness.

The Surgent and Washington Family

~ Professional Services Entrusted To ~

Davis Mortuary Service Inc.
230 Monroe Street
Gretna, Louisiana 70056

~ Interment ~

Woodlawn Park Memorial Cemetery
9820 Nine Mile Point Road W.
Westwego, Louisiana 70094

~ Repast ~

V.I.P. Hall
2439 Manhattan Blvd., Suite 202
Harvey, Louisiana 70058



~ Printer ~

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~ Funeral Service ~

Saturday, July 15, 2023

Visitation 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Service: 10:00 a.m.

True Vine Baptist Church

249 Sala Avenue
Westwego, Louisiana 70094

Pastor Leander Johnson - Officiating

Her Story
Joan Marie Washington-Surgent
1960-2023

Our Beloved Wife, Mother, Sister, Aunt, Cousin, and Friend.

JOAN MARIE WASHINGTON-SURGENT was born to the late Ethel Mae Washington and the late John Rubit. She was a native of Avondale, Louisiana and a resident of Zachary, Louisiana.

JOAN, who was affectionately known as Joanie and loved by her family and friends. She grew up in Avondale where she attended Avondale Garden Elementary, and a proud graduate of John H. Martin High School class of 1978. She retired from Ochsner Workers Compensation Department of New Orleans, other employment she held for many years, were Ciba Vision and Bruel-N-Kjaer North American Inc.

JOAN accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at a young age, she was baptized by the late Rev. McNeely at Second St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Avondale, Louisiana. She was a faithful member of the Junior Choir.

JOAN had a loving spirit, devoted to every task, and kind to every person she would meet until she departed this life. She slept away peacefully surrounded by family on Sunday, July 9, 2023.

JOAN was the devoted mother to Nikita Pierre, and Montrel Surgent Jr. She met and married the love of her life Montrel Surgent Sr. on March 17, 1984. She enjoyed attending Festival throughout New Orleans such as the French Quarter Fest and Lundi Gras. She loved traveling and exploring the world, her favorite time of year to cruise with family and friends was during the month of April, her birthday season.

HER grandson affectionately called her "THE BEST NANA EVER", and she loved him dearly.

JOAN was preceded in death by her parents: Ethel Mae Washington and John Rubit, grandmother; Beatrice Smith, grandfather; Samuel Washington Jr., 3 sisters; Anasthesia Marie Johnson, JoAnn and Lavina Rubit, nephew; Daruis Johnson, niece; Consuella Washington, great-nephew; De'Vonte Lewis, aunt; Louise Weber and cousin Arthur Weber Jr., father-in-law; Leroy Surgent.

JOAN leaves to treasure her wonderful memory to her devoted husband of 39 years Montrel Surgent Sr., daughter; Nikita Pierre, son; Montrel Surgent Jr., step-daughter; Keisha Bruce, grandchildren; Montrel Surgent III, Angel and Allison Bruce, (1) brother; Terrance Washington, (6) sisters; Charmaine Washington, Adrian Kelly, Iris Ponson, Marie Sigler, Joan Michelle (Nelson), Pearl Ann Rubit, nieces; Dashona, Chanda, Rhonieka, Terryaki, Terrion, nephews; Myles, Damien, Terrence, Terrance, Deverrick, Stephen and Christopher, Courtney, Glenn, Randy, Robin, and Royce, mother-in-law; Joyce Patterson, sister-in-law; Donna Gage, devoted friends Sharon Simmons, Delynn (Dee-Dee) Bell and Sonya Walker. A host of great nieces, great nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

JOAN'S absence is felt by all who knew and loved her. She can never be replaced. When we all get to Heaven, oh what a day of rejoicing it will be. Until we meet again...

To My Family and Friends

Safely Home

I am home in heaven, dear ones;
oh, so happy and so bright!
There is a perfect joy and beauty
In the everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,
every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in heaven at last.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand,
Do it now, while life remaineth—
you shall rest in God's own land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting
oh, the joy to see you come!

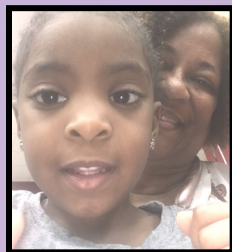
Love, Joanie

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

II Timothy 4:6-8

Order of Celebration

Forever In Our Heart



Organ Prelude Chariess Mason

Processional Pastor Johnson and Family

~ Viewing of the Beloved ~
Joan Marie Washington-Surgent Funeral
Director In Charge

Selection Chariess Mason

~ Devotional Period ~
Sis. Patricia Patterson
Old Testament Psalms 23:1-6 New Testament Matthews 5:4-5

~ Prayer ~
Bro. Timothy Holmes

Selection Chariess Mason

Mistress of Service Sis. Betty Jackson

Solo Sis. Johari Jade Smith

Words of Encouragement Bro. Thomas Scubbs

Selection Chariess Mason

Obituary and Acknowledgments Sis. Wendy Firven-Smith

~ Reflections ~

Solo Bro. Frank Williams



~ Eulogy ~

Pastor Leander Johnson



Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Acknowledgement of Visiting Clergy

Recessional

Benediction *And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13 NIV*

Precious Memories



Forever Treasure

