



Sandra Johnson

December 10, 1939 - August 9, 2015

Alexandra Love Wilson Johnson

Murrells Inlet

Family and friends, as well as the Murrells Inlet community, lost a beautiful loved one Sunday morning with the passing of Alexandra Love Wilson Johnson. She was known by her family and friends as Sandra, and affectionately called “Big Mama” by her late husband, Bitsy, because as he would explain, “she’s the boss,” but she was most proud and fond of the name her grandchildren called her, Muzz.

Sandra was born December 10th, 1939, and raised in Quincy and Deland, Florida. Her parents were Sara Shaw and Alexander Love Wilson, as well as stepfather Clyde C. Bennett (after the death of her father). After marrying, Sandra and Bitsy made Varnville, South Carolina their home and later moved to Manning, South Carolina before settling in Murrells Inlet in 1988 where they lived in the Live Oaks Community. Sandra was a member of The Church of the Resurrection in Surfside and loved the special relationships she enjoyed with everyone there, especially with Father Ron Greiser. She worked at florists in Hampton and Manning as a bookkeeper and flower arranger and was involved in volunteer work through both the church and community. Among many other attributes, Sandra will be remembered and missed for her sweet

smile, her steel-trap mind, and her ability to wrap up any conversation or topic with a concise one-liner.

In addition to her parents, Sandra was predeceased by her loving husband of 39 ½ years, Emmett E. “Bitsy” Johnson, and her wonderful father-in-law and mother-in-law, Billy and Elizabeth Bowers.

Sandra is deeply loved, and will be forever missed, by her son and daughter-in-law, Ed and Laura Johnson, and her grandchildren Lyle, Yesica, DaVeed, and Guy. She is survived by her adored sister and brother-in-law, Olive and Roby Robinson; her three beautiful nieces, Sara Robinson, Trigg McLeod, and Eleanore Robinson, as well as their families; and by her caring mother-in-law, Joyce Newman Bowers.

Visitation will be held at Goldfinch Funeral Home in Murrells Inlet on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Services will be held Thursday, August 13, 2015 at Church of the Resurrection in Surfside at 2:00 p.m., followed by the burial at Belin United Methodist Church Cemetery in Murrells Inlet.

Memorial donations may be made in Sandra’s name to the Church of the Resurrection, 8901 Hwy 17 Bypass S. Surfside Beach, SC 29575 or to the Children’s Bureau of SC, 1001 Harden St, Columbia, SC 29205.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Melissa M. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Sandra Johnson.*



Melissa M. - August 13, 2015 at 12:16 PM

VM

“ *So sorry for you loss you will be missed always. RIP fine lady. Vivian Mancuso*

Vivian Mancuso - August 12, 2015 at 10:19 AM

MR

“ *Maggie And Tommy Ruffin lit a candle in memory of Sandra Johnson*



maggie and tommy ruffin - August 12, 2015 at 09:34 AM

MR

big mama you will be missed by sooo many lives that you touched--

maggie and tommy ruffin - August 12, 2015 at 09:37 AM

WH

We've been missing Sandra for some time now here in Murrells Inlet but her spirit and the feeling of her presence is in so many places around here...and it will be forever!! Our thoughts and prayers for comfort are with her family at this sad time. Even though we'd all like her to be with us here, we can all smile just knowing that she and Bitsy are back together and to be sure they are having fun!
Bill and Whitney Hills

Whitney & Bill Hills - August 12, 2015 at 01:56 PM

KV

“ *We will all miss Big Mama! We spent almost every day with her for over 20 years. She loved everyone and did whatever she wanted to. Sandra is an icon in Murrells Inlet!*

Karen Vereen - August 11, 2015 at 10:40 PM

AW

“ *Please accept my condolences at this most difficult time. I am the Resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life. Earthly Resurrection. (John 11:25).*

Ana Williams - August 11, 2015 at 07:23 PM

BY

“ *Bunny Yeargin purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Sandra Johnson.*



Bunny Yeargin - August 11, 2015 at 09:32 AM

BY

“ *Sandra and I met in college and have been best friends for 56 years. She was so much fun to be with, so talented and artistic, and the best mind and memory of anyone I know.*

It is hard to imagine my world without her. To my God Son, Ed, and wife, Laura, thank you for making Sandra's last months so blessed. Both your dedications were awesome.

It was always a joy to visit Sandra, you and the children in your home and see her contentment there. You are all very special people. All my love, Bunny

Bunny Yeargin - August 11, 2015 at 09:10 AM