

# HEAVEN'S DOOR

We sit here and ponder how very much  
We'd like to talk with you today,  
There are so many things  
That we didn't get to say.

We know how much you care for us  
And how much we care for you,  
And each time that we think of you  
We know you'll miss us too.

An angel came and took you by the hand and said,  
"Your place was ready in Heaven, far above ...  
And you had to leave behind all those you dearly loved".  
It still seems impossible that God was taking you.

And though your life on earth is past,  
In Heaven it starts anew  
You'll live for all eternity,  
Just as God has promised you.

And though you've walked through Heaven's gate  
We are never far apart,  
For every time we think of you,  
You're right here, deep within our hearts...

Faith is what is hoped for, things we cannot see.  
Heaven is promised to all of us if only we believe.

We love you even into eternity,  
*Your loving family*



## FLOWER LADIES

Nieces, Family and  
Friends of the family



## PALLBEARERS

Nephews, Family  
and Friends

*Many times in my life,  
I've come through the storms and rain,  
And time after time in my life  
I've overcome heartaches and pain,  
But I always kept faith in God  
Because I knew somehow He'd make a way,  
Kept trusting, kept believing and always pray.*

Johnnie May Calhoun  
July 12, 1954 - January 21, 2022

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THANK YOU

The family of Johnnie May Calhoun would like to thank friends and family for all acts of kindness, love, support, and especially your prayers during our time of sorrow. Special thanks to the St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Neuble Monument Funeral Home and wonderful doctors and nursing staff at Sumner Regional Hospital in Gallatin, TN. May the Lord bless you and please continue to keep us in your prayers as we keep you in ours.

-The Rickman Family-

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# Johnnie May Calhoun

JULY 12, 1954 - JANUARY 21, 2022

**O**n July 12, 1954, a true born rebel entered this world. A feisty, courageous, determined and yet with all that charisma, a sweet and full of life little girl was born to the late James and Beatrice Rickman. Johnnie May as most of her friends called her was one of sixteen children who was loved dearly by her siblings. Willie Bell Rickman, Annie Bell (Robert) Hickman, the late Sadie Rickman, Mary (Larry) Stewart, Bertha Claiborne, the late James A (Ruby) Rickman, Alvin (Leeann) Rickman, Katie Carter, Gladys Rickman, the late Charlie Rickman, David Rickman, Carol (Christeen) Rickman, Noel Rickman, Patricia Rickman, and Betty Rickman.

Johnnie entered into eternal rest Friday morning, January 21, 2022, around 11:00 am as her doctors and nurses reported, she transitioned peacefully in her sleep at Sumner Regional Medical Center in Gallatin.

Johnnie loved many things but her true passion was nice clothes and jewelry to get all dressed up, fishing, Christmas and her Yellow Jackets football. She was a hard worker and believed it took hard work to have nice things in life until her health failed, and she was no longer able to work. She battled with her health for years going through dialysis for over 20 years and after many years of prayer, the Lord blessed her to receive a kidney transplant. This strengthened her faith even more and she valued her relationship with God. As she would often pray and declare her feelings on Facebook even when her health was challenged. Johnnie's last Facebook post in her words- Dec 27, 2021 "Good morning to the Whole World hope everyone is well, I feel good with God blessing. "Hallelujah" I promise God if he let me live and I kept my promise my life is for Jesus Christ, I am happy, rejoicing and praying God gave me a place to live watching over me at night and day. I want to thank Kendra Stafford, she's a good Holy Godly woman. She came to visit me and brought me a Christmas box, she did not have to bring anything that was God in her, she came in and prayed with me, I felt God's Spirit, she said you been through a lot God let me live one more time. I made a promise to do what he wanted me to do, I can walk, I can breathe. I can dress myself and live by myself. God, me and Penny praise him. The Lord changed my life, Thank you lord for Betty Rickman, Patricia Rickman and David Rickman and prayers. Hallelujah and my Father in HEAVEN. AMEN."

She was a character in her own right but loved life, her family, friends and we all know her PASTORS. Many of you that knew Johnnie, remember she was married many years ago to Ricky Calhoun which we all still love even after their divorce, but never had any biological children. God knew she had a desire and loved children that he brought a little boy into her life, "Tarvaris Lamont Claiborne" who was the love of her life until the end. You could see her love for Tarvaris and the Yellow Jacket Football team as she wore yellow/purple war paint on her face at his games. Everything revolved around what fulfilled her life, Tarvaris and her cat "Penny" that she loved and adored who now lives with Tarvaris which you know Johnnie is rejoicing and smiling in heaven. Johnnie was loved by many and encouraged others with laughter and joy. She leaves to cherish her memory: A loving god son, Tarvaris Lamont Claiborne and Penny; siblings: Willie Bell Rickman, Annie Bell (Robert) Hickman, Mary (Larry) Stewart, Bertha Claiborne, Alvin (Leeann) Rickman, Katie Carter, Gladys Rickman, David Rickman, Carol Christeen Rickman, Noel Rickman, Patricia Rickman, and Betty Rickman. Many special family friends, a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and devoted friends. Johnnie lived a happy life in spite of her health, rich in family, friends and love.

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

JOHNNIE MAY CALHOUN

### ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiant, Pastor Denzil A. Bryant

Processional

Welcome and Prayer.....Elder Dr. Robert L. Spickard, Sr.

Scripture.....Old Testament.....Reverend Thomas Staten  
Hickory Grove Baptist Church

Praise and Worship Selection....St. John Missionary Baptist Church

Scripture.....New Testament.....Pastor Robert Bell  
St. John Baptist Church, Hendersonville

Acknowledgement and Resolutions.....Yvonne Johnson

Solo.....Minister Martha Brinkley Lang

Obituary.....(read aloud).....Gloria McDonald

Words to the Family.....Elder Dr. Robert L. Spickard, Sr.  
Hamilton Chapel Church

Words of Comfort.....(2 minutes please).....Visiting Ministers

Solo.....Deacon James L. Neuble, Jr.

Eulogy.....Pastor Denzil A. Bryant  
St. John Missionary Baptist Church

Benediction/Recessional.....Ministers, Flower Ladies, Pallbearers,  
Neuble Monument Funeral Home Staff, The Family

### Final Resting Place

Templow Cemetery



The **LORD** is a REFUGE FOR THE OPPRESSED, a  
**STRONGHOLD** in times of trouble.

- Psalm 9:9 -

## MEMORIES of JOHNIE MAY

