



Johnnie "Joni" Magdalene Stoutt Gary

November 15, 1941 - April 30, 2019

Johnnie (Joni) Magdalene Stoutt Gary unexpectedly went to be with the Lord on April 30, 2019.

Joni was born November 15, 1941 in Alcoa, Tennessee to John MacDonald Beets and ULela Smith Beets. She graduated from Everett High School. She married Bobby Howard Stoutt in 1960 and after the birth of their first daughter, they relocated to Oak Ridge, Tennessee where Bobby worked for Union Carbide. The family became members of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Oak Ridge, where Joni was a devoted member and held numerous leadership roles for more than fifty years.

Joni's greatest joy in her life were her grandchildren and children. Known as MoMo to her grandchildren, she loved to attend dance recitals, ball games, and other activities that they were involved in. While her three daughters were growing up, Joni was actively involved in the community as a Sunday school teacher at their church, a Camp Fire Girls leader, Linden Elementary volunteer and was very involved with the girls' dance company, the Contemporary Dance Ensemble.

In her later years, Joni continued to be engaged with the community. She began a mat-making circle with the women of her church who came together each Monday afternoon to create mats that would be then given to the homeless. Service was her greatest gift, as she enjoyed giving and volunteering to many non-profits within the community and her family.

Joni was preceded in death by her first husband Bobby Howard Stoutt, and her second husband James Edward Gary. She is preceded by her parents and all three siblings Clyde Beets, Wanda Lynn, and infant sister Helen Beets.

She is survived by her three daughters Greta Stoutt Ownby (Jim), Tamara Stoutt Rogers (Keith), and Annette Stoutt Cacherio (Ron) and her grandchildren Jacob, Jasmine, Bobby, Marcus, Mateo, and Maria.

Joni dearly loved her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who were her family through marriages. She is survived by Mike Gary (Cheryl), Kathy Gary Murphy (Dean), Laura Lynn Roland (Todd), Jay Ownby (Meaghan), Andrew Gary (Julia), Rachel Gary Riley (Ben), Ryan Gary, Alex Roland, Avery Roland, Ava Gary, Jenna Gary, Sara Gary, Nate Ownby and Iris Ownby.

Many friends, cousins, nephews, nieces, and extended family are left to cherish her memory and smile.

If a donation is desired in lieu of flowers, the family requests it be made to a charity of choice in Joni's memory.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, May 7 from 4 to 6 pm at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 127 Lafayette Drive, Oak Ridge. A Celebration of Life service, officiated by Rev. Dr. Larry Blakeburn, will be held at 6 pm followed by internment in the church's memorial garden. There will be a second internment service at Oak Ridge Memorial Park on Wednesday, May 8 at 11 am.

Martin Funeral Home of Oak Ridge is in charge of arrangements.

Comments



“ Prayers to you and your family, Tamara. May God wrap his loving arms around you and keep you in his loving care through the loss of your Mother; now and days forward.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted” (Matthew 5:4).



Brenda Wallace Hatfield - May 10, 2019 at 10:17 AM



“ I met Joni and Jim when I was the director of the Arc of Anderson County. We became fast friends. She was such a kind and loving spirit. I'm so saddened to hear of her passing and I extend my love to all of the family. She was indeed a treasure.

Melanie Stanley - May 07, 2019 at 08:10 AM



“ Our hearts are heavy knowing of the loss of this wonderful mom and grandmother in your lives. I remember Johnnie and Bob and their beautiful daughters as Newport neighbors in the 70s. Such a loving, caring mom as you girls were growing up.

Donna Reichle - May 06, 2019 at 09:06 PM



“ Leadership Oak Ridge Advisory Committee, CLCD purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Johnnie "Joni" Magdalene Stoutt Gary.



Leadership Oak Ridge Advisory Committee, CLCD - May 06, 2019 at 06:57 PM



“ Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Johnnie "Joni" Magdalene Stoutt Gary.



May 06, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ Didn't know my cousin very well but I'm sorry for the family's loss. Rufus Beets daughter Wilma Woodby.

Anita Woodby - May 05, 2019 at 02:10 PM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Johnnie "Joni" Magdalene Stoutt Gary.



May 04, 2019 at 10:31 AM



“ Johnnie was best Aunt ever. She was only 6 years older than me. Her mother Ulela when my mother Wanda and Johnnie were small, started having Church service on their front porch in Alcoa Tn. Ulela noticed that a lot of children weren't going to Church on Sunday so she started holding Sunday school on her front Porch. The services grew to form a Church. Central Baptist Church of Alcoa. The church still continues today. They have a commemorative every year in her name. I am proud of my Grandmother ULela, my Aunt Johnnie and my Mother Wanda. Now they are together again in Heaven. God Bless this family. Ronald & Renee' Lynn

Ronald Lynn - May 04, 2019 at 04:05 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Johnnie "Joni" Magdalene Stoutt Gary.





May 03, 2019 at 07:22 PM



“ Joni & Bob were our neighbors the 1st time we moved to Oak Ridge. We were so sorry to hear of Joni's death. She was beautiful inside and out. God has received another angel. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. Deepest sympathy...Wanita & Cal Pepper

Wanita Pepper - May 03, 2019 at 04:30 PM



“ Oh Greta, my heart breaks with you. I'll be remembering you and your family in this time of loss. She was a beautiful lady!

Laura Paschal - May 03, 2019 at 04:22 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Johnnie "Joni" Magdalene Stoutt Gary.



May 03, 2019 at 03:19 PM