



Vera Johnson

November 20, 1945 - September 18, 2023

Vera Johnson, a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, and friend, peacefully passed away on September 18, 2023, in Fresno, California, where she spent her later years. She was born on November 20, 1945, in Firebaugh, California, and her early years were shaped by the close-knit community there.

Vera's life was a testament to love, commitment, and a spirit of adventure. She was married to her beloved husband, Perry Johnson, for an incredible 39 years, a union that exemplified devotion and partnership. They journeyed through life together, residing in various communities, including Mendota and Turlock, embracing new experiences and friendships. She and Perry shared a passion for adventure, often taking to the open road on their Harley motorcycles, making cherished memories together.

Throughout her career, Vera was known for her dedication and passion. She worked in food production and bartending, leaving a mark on the industry with her unwavering work ethic and warm hospitality.

Vera pursued various hobbies and interests outside of work that reflected her vibrant personality. She enjoyed the thrill of casino trips, the excitement of travel, and the creativity of painting and woodworking. Her creative spirit knew no bounds.

Vera was preceded in death by her loving husband, Perry Johnson, and her parents, Raymond and Emelia Escalante. Her children survive her: Rodia Montgomery-Gentry, Lafayette Montgomery, Michael Montgomery, Regina Montgomery-Wattle, and Steve Johnson. Vera leaves a legacy of love and family, with 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She was one of 13 siblings, a testament to the strong bonds of family that she held dear.

Known as the "Life of the Party," Vera lived life to the fullest. She had an infectious love for family and friends, and her presence could light up any room. Vera was a dedicated hard worker, a sassy and humorous soul, and a woman with a strong spirit. She had an unyielding love for dancing and cherished every moment on the dance floor.

As she peacefully departed this world on September 18, 2023, at 2:49 a.m., Vera held onto the promise of eternal life in her heart, as expressed in John 11:25-26 and John 16:22.

As we bid farewell to Vera Johnson, we celebrate a life well-lived, filled with love, laughter, and unforgettable moments. She leaves a legacy of warmth, resilience, and a zest for life that will continue to inspire us all. May her spirit continue to dance, and her memory forever brighten our hearts.

Rest in Peace, Mom. You will be deeply missed, but your love and laughter will forever echo in our hearts.

Services: September 29, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery 32053 McCabe, Santa Nella.

Cemetery Details

San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP **29**. 10:30 AM (PT)

San Joaquín Valley National Cemetery
32053 McCabe Rd
Santa Nella, CA 95322
(209) 854-1040

Tribute Wall

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“ There are sometimes in our lives when people pass through and leave a mark that becomes embedded in our hearts and remains the rest of our lives. You Reggie are one of those people. I will always remember your Mom as this ball of fire that always made sure that I had some of her delicious tamales with black olives in them!!!!
You will always be a part of me and I love you dearly. Sending you our deepest sympathy to you and your family.
Momma Sue & Daddy Joe

Susan Perry - September 25, 2023 at 02:29 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vera Johnson.



September 24, 2023 at 04:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Vera Johnson.

September 22, 2023 at 01:02 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vera Johnson.*



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“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Vera Johnson.*



September 20, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vera Johnson.*



September 20, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Vera Johnson.*



September 20, 2023 at 03:52 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vera Johnson.* ”



September 20, 2023 at 02:24 PM