



Johnny A. Dunahoo

July 19, 1933 - July 8, 2020

On July 19, 1933, Johnny A. Holloway came into this world kicking and screaming in Altus, Arkansas. On July 8, 2020, she left this world peacefully in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Mom was born to, in her own words, “The best looking couple in Franklin County,” Arthur and Lorene Harbottle Holloway. She was named for her maternal grandfather, John T. Harbottle, Sr., or as he was lovingly called, ‘Daddy Bottles’. Eighteen months later she was joined in life by her best friend, her sister, Ethel, “Sissy” Holloway. Mom and Aunt Sissy grew up in Altus with a loving and unforgettable group of family and friends. Born with a naturally outgoing and engaging personality, as well as an unbelievable amount of energy, mom never met a stranger.

In early 1951, she began dating the love of her life, Bill C. Dunahoo. They would marry on April 4, 1952 in Altus. Together, over the course of their thirty six year marriage, they would raise four very lucky children, Billy, Jan, Sherry, and David. They remained devoted to each other until Dads passing on April 23, 1986. Throughout her life, Mom held a variety of jobs: Housewife, Beautician, and Store Clerk; but the job she enjoyed most was her final job, working as a Para-Professional at Ozark Elementary. Mom, still bursting with energy and enthusiasm, loved working with little children. She always tried to make each child feel special and loved.

Mom was preceded in death by her hero and role model mother, Lorene, by her best friend and sister ‘Sissy’; and by the true eternal love of her life, husband Bill. She leaves behind with a lifetime of wonderful memories, her

four children, son Billy C. Dunahoo, Jr. and wife Kathy of Altus; Daughter Jan Miller and husband Gene of Newton, North Carolina; daughter, Sherry Peterson and husband Kevin of Houston, Texas; and son, David Dunahoo and wife Rebecca of Fayetteville.

Left with wonderful memories of 'Grandma Johnny' are her nine grandchildren, Andrea Dunahoo, April Dunahoo Roberts, Dr. Elizabeth Miller, DE Miller, Sydney Peterson, Trey Dunahoo, Shelby Peterson Boggan, Delaney Dunahoo, and Kenna Dunahoo; six great grandchildren, Rowan Schamburek, Reece Medlock, Deidra Roberts Elder, Adrian Roberts, Braxton Dunahoo, and IV Miller; one great-great grandson, Ethan Schamburek; and a nephew, John Musgrove; she also leaves behind her beloved "Peterson Girls", sister cousin, Earlene Jennings, brother cousin Dale Vaught, cousin Jimmy Harbottle, and a truly countless number of dear friends and extended family.

Funeral service will be held 10:30 AM Monday, July 13, 2020 at Shaffer Funeral Home with burial at Nichols Chapel Cemetery with Brother Kendall Ross officiating under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home. Serving as pallbearers are the Grandsons, DE Miller, Trey Dunahoo, Brandon Roberts, Fred Goss, and Sean Boggan, Great Grandsons, Reece Medlock, Adrian Roberts, Braxton Dunahoo, IV Miller, Benny and Ethan Schamburek, Jonathan Elder, David Kendrick, and Nathaniel Lem. Honorary Pallbearers are Jim Rofkahr, Bill Young, Don Burns, Lonnie Turner, Dale Vaught, Newt Shaffer, Don Ed Shaffer, David Shaffer, Jack Shaffer, Dale Trotter, Bobbie Eveld, Peggy Bartlett, Linda Oldham, Ladies of F.O.E. Auxiliary, John Musgrove, Gene Miller, Kevin Peterson, Tyler Everett, Bill Gossage, Jimmy Pledger and Jimmy Harbottle.

Open visitation will be held from 2:00 PM until 9:00 PM Sunday, July 12th at Shaffer Funeral Home, 2315 West Commercial St. Ozark, Arkansas.

In lieu of flowers you may donate in memory of Johnny to:

Nichols Chapel Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 215, Altus, AR 72821

Due to Covid-19, the Family is planning a Celebration of Life next July in Altus, with more details at a later date.

To leave online condolences visit: www.shafferfuneralhomeozark.com

Previous Events

Open Visitation

JUL 12. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home
2315 West Commercial Street
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Funeral Service

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Burial

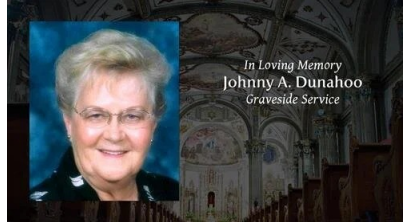
JUL 13 (CT)

Nichols Chapel Cemetery
Pond Creek Rd.
Altus, AR 72821

Tribute Wall



“ *Shaffer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Johnny A. Dunahoo*



Shaffer Funeral Home - July 10, 2020 at 05:48 PM

DF

Such a sweet tribute to a great woman, she is definitely gonna be missed!

Darlene Flores - July 12, 2020 at 03:59 PM



“ *Johnny A. Dunahoo*

January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM

SS

“ *I always remember Johnny Dunahoo as lighting up any room she entered. Hers was a joyful, energetic, warm presence that is unforgettable. She made the world a better place for having been in it. My heartfelt condolences to Jan, Sherry, David and Billy and their families. The world is dimmer without Johnny Dunahoo in it. Love and warmest wishes to you,
Sally Shedd*

Sally Shedd - July 27, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ I am so sad to hear of Johnny’s passing. She was a really wonderful lady. I lived right down the street from her in Altus when I was young. She always took an interest in me, and when I graduated from high school, she sent me a graduate figurine that I kept and will always treasure. Johnny was a very caring person who made a difference in the world. My deepest condolences to her family. May memories of Johnny bring you lasting peace and comfort

Tish Hawkins - July 17, 2020 at 09:56 PM

EH

“ Mrs. Johnny was a wonderful lady. She made you feel special. She would always sing happy birthday to you and make you laugh.

Elizabeth Hardister - July 13, 2020 at 01:03 PM

AR

“ It was such a great pleasure to work with Johnny. She was a true gem. Always telling me great stories of her Momma and her husband. Even in hard times she made things look better. Praying for Billy and Kathy and the rest of your family. Johnny will be missed!!!! 🥺

April (Parrish) Richard - July 13, 2020 at 08:39 AM

MS

“ *Johnnie was one of a kind. She was always dancing and making others feel good. Giving them the will to get up and dance with her. She loved life, her family and all her friends. She also had great stories to tell about friends and family. Always smiling. She always enjoyed showing me pictures of her kids and grand kids when I visited her. I can not remember Johnny not being a part of my life! From going to schools it's my older sis and brother to she and Bill at Mother and dads playing cards. To spending time with her in her beauty shop. To visiting her at her retirement apartment and dancing in the lobby. We always had a blast. She was a hoot. She will be missed but always in my heart. Fly high with the Angels and say hello to everyone from me. I'm sure you will have a party and have them all dancing. Love you Johnnie.*

Marilyn Armstrong Sharum - July 12, 2020 at 10:40 AM

TT

“ *I had the pleasure of substituting at Altus Elementary with Miss Johnny. She loved those kids like her own. She made things fun and I always looked forward to the days I got to work with her. Praying for comfort for all of her family. I know she will be missed.*
Therese Timmerman

therese timmerman - July 12, 2020 at 12:09 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Johnny A. Dunahoo.*



July 11, 2020 at 12:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Johnny A. Dunahoo.*



July 10, 2020 at 06:44 PM



“ *So many wonderful memories of Johnny, our cousin. She was in the same generation as our two older sisters, Wanda & Pat. We loved to come to Altus to visit the family, and always made sure that we would see Johnny and her family! She loved life and loved her husband and all of her kids with her whole heart! I hadn't seen her in many years, but think about all the fun we would always have when we were with her! Praying for all of her family for peace and comfort. 🙏❤️🙏*



Susan Hopkins Collie - July 10, 2020 at 04:28 PM



“ *She always had a smile and love for everyone. I felt so special when around her*

Jane Leggett Gibbons - July 10, 2020 at 03:46 PM



“ *Ms Johnny treated me like a son when we worked at Altus. She gave everything to her community and would go the extra mile for her kids. She is dearly missed. Prayers for the family.*

Mike Van Dyke - July 10, 2020 at 01:58 PM



“ So sorry to hear that she is gone she was a wonderful person who will be missed greatly.



Donald Shaffer - July 10, 2020 at 10:21 AM



“ Oh how I loved Mrs. Johnny. She was sure to tell me she had known me all my life but I got to know her so much better when she worked with the children in my classroom. My favorite quote (or speech) she would give kids is when she didn't think they were writing their name neat enough. She would say, “Your name is something you carry all our life so let's try and write it better.” She would work with them until she thought they were doing the best that they could. Her smile was contagious and her dancing brightened all of our days. Family - thank you for sharing her with us. Prayers for comfort.

Tiffine - July 10, 2020 at 10:09 AM



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Euticha Hawkins - July 12, 2020 at 11:13 AM

KB

“ *The memories of Johnny will strengthen you at this time. She was one of a kind. The planet is a little dimmer now.
much love, Karen Smith (Bradney)*

Karen Smith Bradney - July 10, 2020 at 12:03 AM

CF

“ *Sending you all love, prayers and tight hugs. So sad for your (our) loss. Johnny was such a big part of our family's lives and a dear friend to all. I have such wonderful and treasured memories of her... her smiling face, that laugh and jolly personality! God bless!! Cindy Frye*

Cindy Frye - July 09, 2020 at 11:32 PM

NS

“ *I love her. She always had a hug and a smile.
She will be missed*



nancy campbell sinyard - July 09, 2020 at 11:25 PM

BP

“ *Billy, Jan, Sherry, David , your Mom loved you all so much! I have been thinking about your Mom for the last couple of weeks. You can not think of her without smiling. She was without a doubt one of a kind! She lit up the room . Our whole crazy extended family is lucky to have wonderful memories growing up. Will be looking forward to us all getting together again to celebrate her life and share those wonderful memories when we can. Love you cousins , Brenda*

Brenda Patterson - July 09, 2020 at 11:06 PM

JV

“ Loved how she loved life!!❤️ I have so many wonderful memories of your Mom and loved her so very much...I'll never forget ALL the baby showers she gave...lol I was her olive eater. Dance on Johnny
❤️

Janice Vaught-White - July 09, 2020 at 10:41 PM

RB

“ Ms. Johnny was one of a kind. I have such fond and treasured memories of working with her! She was such a joy to work with and truly loved the children of our community. I will never forget her dancing on the tables! That woman loved to dance! She made me smile every day. I miss her all the time and I pray for comfort for her family.

Rozanna Brown - July 09, 2020 at 10:06 PM



“ Cathy Jordan lit a candle in memory of Johnny A. Dunahoo



Cathy Jordan - July 09, 2020 at 09:16 PM

BE

“ Ms. Johnny and I had so many great years together during our time at Altus Elementary. The students loved her and she loved them. I can't begin to count how many times she would say “ Bobbie you know that little boy or girl needs some extra love this year or maybe a pair of shoes, coat or even a haircut. She was my right arm and my biggest fan. I knew she had my back . I loved her dearly. On the days she missed Bill the most she would bring pictures and tell me stories. What a great love they had. I was truly blessed to have shared so many days with her. Love you forever

Bobbie Eveld - July 09, 2020 at 08:50 PM

GE

“ I loved Mrs Johnny she was a great lady never a dual moment, she loved her family. She lived being a very important person to many. She will be missed. Gwen English

Gwen English - July 09, 2020 at 08:24 PM

DH

“ Definitely one of my fondest memories of your sweet Momma was when she was on crosswalk duty at the Elementary school! I would Drive up on my bus & she would always do a little jig & have the biggest smile! She would hug every child that walked into the school building! She definitely spread the love! Randy & I love you'll very much & are keeping you in our prayers! We both loved your Momma ❤️🙏

donna hillard - July 09, 2020 at 08:22 PM