CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

Catherine Ann Holmes Johnson

HERTFORD - Catherine Ann Holmes Johnson, age 90, passed away peacefully on May 26, 2022. Kate (known as Cathy in her earlier years), was born on March 30, 1932 to Hannah and Carroll Holmes in Hertford, North Carolina. Kate's childhood friends and the Hertford community were dear to her. She had fond memories of playing basketball in high school and marching as chief majorette of her drill team. Kate was a proud graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she was captain of her debate team. Always an adventurous and independent young woman, she left the South to pursue a career and experience the culture of 1950's New York City. There she worked at a brokerage firm, made many lifelong friends and met her future husband. For the rest of her life she enjoyed investing in the stock market. Kate married Robert Hains Johnson (deceased, ex-husband), and they raised their four children in Princeton, New Jersey. Kate had a personality that was bigger than life. She could and would talk to anyone and everyone, often embarrassing her children, but just as often helping them get to know the humanity of those around us. To Kate, there were no strangers, only people that she had yet to meet and to delight with her wit and friendliness. Kate was famous for putting people at ease and making them so comfortable with her that they often shared their life story. She would always start with "When's your birthday?" and then launch into an analysis of their personality based on their astrological sign. With her lovely Southern drawl, her warm personality and desire to truly know people, she forged wonderful, lifelong relationships. Kate was empathetic and generous and sought ways to make a positive difference in peoples' lives. She was a feminist and a long-term supporter of and volunteer for Planned Parenthood. With an abundance of common sense and practical know-how, Kate worked at her children's schools and many non-profits over the course of her life. She was a self-described 'tomboy' but also a Southern Belle – able to give advice on everything from how to avoid a water moccasin snake while fishing, to baking an award-winning lemon meringue pie. Kate spent many summers in Little Compton, Rhode Island, where she introduced her children to two of her favorite sports -- tennis and sailing-- and enjoyed epic family croquet matches and long walks on Brigg's beach. Kate's curiosity was boundless – she was an avid reader, lifelong learner and world traveler. Although she would often travel by herself, she would always return with new friends she had made along her journey. While raising her family she went back to school for her Masters in Counseling and provided free counseling to single mothers. She also became a substitute teacher and later became a successful real estate broker. Kate always had time for a long conversation with her family and friends, or, a willing stranger. In her later years she moved to Sandpoint, Idaho to be closer to family. Kate immediately became a part of the community by volunteering as a teacher's aide and working with other charitable organizations. She loved the outdoors and was able to share it with her dear friend, Fritz Holz, while traveling, camping, boating and fishing. She adored her kids and being 'Grandma Kate' – she was always there to cheer us on, or cheer us up, or just curl up on a sofa and talk. Kate, with her optimistic outlook, supportive nature, and comforting aura, will be missed by all of us who loved her.

Our family extends our deepest thanks to Kate's caregivers at Luther Park who took such good care of her in her final years.

Kate is survived by her children: Carol Johnson (and husband David Schindler and grandchildren Nicki Schindler and Alex Schindler); Bruce Johnson; Neil Johnson (and wife Rosemary and granddaughter Julianna Johnson); and Paul Johnson (and wife Sera and grandchildren Hains Johnson, Grace Johnson and Charlie Johnson).

Please share your memories on coffeltfuneral.com. In lieu of flowers, Kate would have loved a donation to www.plannedparenthood.org or www.heifer.org.

Thomas F. (Tommy) Jones

SUN LAKES, AZ - Thomas F. (Tommy) Jones (87) of Sun Lakes, Arizona passed away May 23, 2022. Tommy, the son of the late Doward A. Jones and Addie Mae Nixon Jones, was born March 25, 1935, in the Harvey Point area of Perquimans County, North Carolina.

Tommy graduated from Perquimans County High School in 1953, and entered the military in 1954, retiring from the United States Air Force in 1981 at the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. In his Air Force Career Tommy served as an Aviation Medicine Technician for eight years and subsequently served as a Titan II Missile Systems Analyst for 18 years. In the Titan II Missile System, he worked in maintenance, troubleshooting and repairing the Titan II, its facilities and support equipment, and then was assigned to a Combat Ready Launch Crew as a trainer of other crews and subsequently as a standardization crew evaluating other crews' performance. Upon retiring from the military, Tommy worked for McDonnell Douglas (Boeing) for 13 years as a Launch Operations Engineer launching Delta Rockets at Vandenberg AFB, California and then worked as a Construction Superintendent and Facilities Manager for a NASA subcontractor for six years before retiring and moving to Chandler, Arizona in 2001.

Tommy is survived by his wife, Darlene F. Jones; son, Thomas F. Jones Jr. and his wife Diane of Sun Lakes, Arizona; daughter, Gloria A. Moore and her husband Philip of Queen Creek, Arizona; grandchildren: Michael and Stephanie Jones of Austin, Texas; David Moore and Marni Fecteau of Chicago, Illinois; and Samantha Lake of Irvine, California.

Tommy was predeceased by wife Alicia V. Jones and his brother, Doward N. Jones of Plymouth, NC.

Funeral Services will be held in Chandler, Arizona on June 9th with interment in Phoenix National Cemetery on June 10th with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Arizona Chihuahua Rescue at azchihuahuarescue.org.

OBITUARY POLICY

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EIC

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"Five hundred gas cards at $50, that is $25,000 we are going to give out today."

And while the gas cards were a bonus, every family received at least one pair of shoes.

"Samaritan's Feet is giving out 800 pairs of shoes and orthopedic shoes and they are also donating another 150 pairs to a Title 1 school in Chowan County," Mason said, adding, "Samaritan's Feet is a wonderful organization and a huge supporter."

Sharon Goodson, state executive director of the North Carolina Community Action Association, had the opportunity to ride along with Mason in his golf cart as he cheered and encouraged volunteers just before the Thursday, June 2 event began.

Goodson, explained Mason, oversees 34 activities in North Carolina leveraging over $500 million in funds. Currently the EIC oversees $22 million spent across 13 counties for Head Start and the Early Head Start programs.

"We were just awarded $100,000 from Dominion Energy to put toward our programs," Mason said.

By 11 a.m., a line of cars for the EIC event stretched from the Parks and Recreation parking lot to Harvey Point Road. When the event began, the cars began moving slowly past eight tents manned by more than 100 volunteers.

REID

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said Hertford Town Councilwoman Connie Brothers. "He loved his community dearly."

Reid worked for 47-plus years with the Edenton-based Economic Improvement Council.

Brothers noted Reid was a trustee emeritus at Hertford's First Missionary Baptist Church and had a long history of service through the church.

Brothers said Reid had been sick for a while prior to his death. She said she is saddened at his passing but is glad he is no longer suffering.

"He was a dear friend," Brothers said.

Mayor Earnell Brown, who succeeded Reid as the town's top elected official, described him as both a "gentle giant" and "pillar of the community." She said she sought his advice before she ran for mayor in 2019.

"He supported me when I ran for mayor," she said. "He was a strong supporter and for that I am grateful."

Hertford interim Town Manager Janice Cole said Wednesday that Reid served the community well both as a town official and in his dedication to church and community activities.

"He was just a super person, first of all," Cole said. "He represented the town well and did many positive things."

The Perquimans County Branch of the NAACP honored Reid in 2015 as part of its first class of honorees, according to Brothers.

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The Washington County Library is proud to announce the lineup for the 2022 Grassroots Arts Series, sponsored by the North Carolina Arts Council. This grant is offered to local institutions and allows them the opportunity to bring in artists from all over the state to share their crafts within the greater community. Months of preparation and contact with artists from all mediums has been truly rewarding and we are ecstatic to bring these wonderful acts to Washington County!

2022 "GRASSROOTS ARTS" SCHEDULE:

JUNE 3: JAZZ BAND THE STANLEY BAIRD GROUP
Opening Act at Plymouth Black Bear Festival

JUNE 20: 2 DAY COMIC BOOK CLASS FOR TEENS AND ADULTS WITH L. JAMAL WALTON
at Washington County Library - 1 PM to 5 PM
(There are a limited number of spots for the comic book class so contact the library to register at 252-793-2113 and ask for Brandy).

JUNE 22: DR. MELINDA RATCHFORD'S TITANIC SHIP OF DREAMS
at Washington County Library - 5:30 PM

JUNE 24: STORYTELLER DONNA WASHINGTON
at Washington County Library - 12 PM

For more information, contact the Washington County Library. A special thank you to the North Carolina Arts Council and our performers for their generosity in helping spread a love for the arts!

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