



Mrs. Johnnie Mae Gardner Lightner

November 18, 1927 - March 23, 2014

Mrs. Johnnie Mae Gardner Lightner died March 23, 2014 in Gainesville, FL. She was born 89 years ago in Dothan AL., to the late Mr. Auther Gardner and Mrs. Mary Eliza Mills. In 1951 she married her late husband Reuben Lightner. In 1952 her family moved to Wabasso FL., where she raised her children and grand children. Her doors were always open to the kids in the neighborhood. Johnnie was a housewife, devoted mother and loving grand, great-grand, and great-great grandmother. Mrs. Lightner joined Faith Temple Evangelistic Church where she served faithfully until she moved. Mrs. Lightner and her late husband Reuben Lightner moved to Gainesville in 1998 to live with their daughter Carolyn.

Left to cherish their memories are: Two sons Jerome Lightner of Melbourne, FL., Lamar Lightner of Vero Beach, FL., Six daughters Johnnie Lee Thomas of Vero Beach, FL., Annie Bea Crocton of Melbourne, FL., Sharon(Jerome) Bishop of Vero Beach, FL., Valara Lightner (Martinello) of Melbourne, FL., Valardine (Harold) Jukes of West Palm Beach, FL., Carolyn Lightner of Gainesville, FL., Judy Lightner Mulins and Anglee Lightner (deceased), Two sister

Dorothy McElroy of New York and Charlie Mae Williams of Connecticut. A host of grands and great- grands . Also special caregivers Pamela Clark Cohen and James Hines.

Previous Events

**Country Inn & Suites has rooms Available. King-\$122.18,
Studio-\$134.48, Suites-\$138.58 .772-257-0252**

MAR 27 (ET)

Country Inn & Suites
9330 19th Lane
Vero Beach, FL 32966
zakmccarron@oplhoteles.com
<http://www.countryinns.com/verobeachfl>

Visitation

MAR 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hortense & Mills Memorial Funeral Home
4301 US Highway 1
Vero Beach, FL 32967
(772) 569-4626
<https://www.hmmemorials.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthews Baptist Church
8550 64th Avenue
Wabasso, FL 32970

Tribute Wall

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“ *Christel Myrick lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Mae Gardner Lightner*



Christel Myrick - March 28, 2014 at 11:08 AM

“ *A Resolution of Commemoration and Condolence
Offered by*

The Reverend Victor Michael Singletary, Pastor

On Behalf of

*The Congregation of Cambria Heights Community Church
Queens NY*

*On the Occasion of The Celebration of
The Life, Love and Service of
The Late Johnnie Mae Gardner Lightner*

Whereas Almighty God in His infinite providence and unerring wisdom has called to eternal rest, the late Johnnie Mae Gardner Lightner, we find comfort and assurance in the promise and teachings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ who says immortally, “I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.” (John 11:25-26) Furthermore, Saint John the Revelator triumphantly declares, “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.” (Revelation 14:13)

Whereas Almighty God graciously blessed Johnnie Mae Gardner Lightner with an earthly journey of many rewarding years, we rejoice in the unique gift of her life, love and service. We thank Almighty God for the singular revelation of His love through her ministry as a wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great-great grandmother. We believe she left many pearls of wisdom within their minds and hearts. Her faithfulness teaches us how to leave an enduring and eternal legacy. In addition, her example of love for her siblings instructs us on the blessings of being a good sister and a committed servant of our Lord.

Whereas the late Johnnie Mae Gardner Lightner was the sister of our very own, Sister Dorothy McElroy, the family of Cambria Heights Community Church joins Carol Joy and me in extending to our

beloved Sister and Brother James McElroy and the extended Gardner and Lightner Family God's comfort through the genuine expression of our heartfelt prayers, favorable thoughts and genuine words of condolences. In this hour of bereavement, we weep with them as they mourn the loss of such a special person in their personal and collective life.

The Reverend Victor M Singletary - March 28, 2014 at 11:01 AM

“Whereas Sister Dorothy McElroy faithfully and meticulously attended to the care and well-being of her beloved sister during the twilight years of her extended illness, we pray she finds comfort and peace in her incredible example of steadfast love. The Cambria Heights Community Church family, generally, and the attendees at our Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Meeting greatly admire Sister McElroy’s character, grace, generosity and service as both a sister to Mrs. Lightner and a sister in the Lord. We further pray the Holy Spirit will flood her mind and hearts with countless pleasant memories of joyous times of conversation and laughter. The Apostle Paul assures disciples that death is powerless to separate anyone from Christ’s love. I affirm it is equally incapable of nullifying the mystical and enduring love of siblings. We accordingly pray the Holy Spirit will transform Sister McElroy’s sorrow and tears into healing periods of reflection upon the love she still shares with her beloved sister.

Also, we rejoice with them in Mrs. Lightner’s transition to eternal life. We are grateful to Almighty God for the special favor the late Johnnie Mae Gardner Lightner’s love and how it extends to us through the relationships that we share and treasure with Sister McElroy.

Whereas the death of a dearly beloved sister is most grievous to the heart and often wounds the soul, the Lord promises to reveal Himself as “the God of all comfort.” He appears in the midst of our trials to sustain us with His unfailing love, enduring faithfulness and abiding presence. We pledge as Sister McElroy’s church family to be the messengers of God’s love, grace and peace.

Whereas our faith teaches us to rejoice when a saint and servant of our Lord has been called home to her eternal rest and reward, we join with the extended Gardner and Lightner Family as well as our brothers and sisters at St. Matthew’s Baptist Church in Wabasso, Florida in celebrating the life of our dearly departed sister, the late Johnnie Mae Gardner Lightner. We jubilantly and boldly affirm the

words of the apostle Paul. "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O grave is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Corinthians 15:54-57)

*Faithfully submitted,
The Reverend Victor Michael Singletary, Pastor*

*The Congregation of Cambria Heights Community Church
Queens NY*

The Reverend Victor M Singletary - March 28, 2014 at 11:00 AM

AJ

“ *Whereas, in the providence of God, He has brought to a close the life of Sister Johnnie Mae Lightner we the officers and members of Showers of Blessings Harvest, Inc., feel that it is befitting to express our sympathy to the family, you have our sincere prayers. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we bow in humble submission to Him who never makes a mistake and remind the family to be encouraged.*

The Officers and Members of the Showers of Blessings Harvest Center, Inc, Gainesville, FL; Apostle Willie & Prophetess Linda King, Pastors

Apostle Willie L. King, Jr - March 28, 2014 at 08:59 AM

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“ *Sherry And Anthony Council lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Mae Gardner Lightner*



Sherry and anthony council - March 27, 2014 at 04:42 PM

AG

“ *Alma Green lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Mae Gardner Lightner*



Alma Green - March 27, 2014 at 03:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Johnnie Mae Gardner Lightner.*



March 27, 2014 at 08:15 AM

MH

“ *Mara Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Mae Gardner Lightner*



Mara Harris - March 27, 2014 at 05:08 AM

JP

“ *Julie Parker purchased the Cheeseboard Complete for the family of Mrs. Johnnie Mae Gardner Lightner.*



Julie Parker - March 26, 2014 at 03:23 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Johnnie Mae Gardner Lightner.*



March 26, 2014 at 03:12 PM



“ *Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Mrs. Johnnie Mae Gardner Lightner.*



March 26, 2014 at 10:40 AM



“ *Hortense & Mills Memorial Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Mae Gardner Lightner*



Hortense & Mills Memorial Funeral Home - March 24, 2014 at 05:17 PM



Our Prayers Are With The Family. To Our Dear Sister In The Lord Vanessa Ross May Our Good Lord Continue To Strengthen You In Your Heartbreaking Moment. I Know Your Grandma Means The World To You. As We Pray God Continuous Strength In Your Life And His Manifested Peace In Your Heart. We Want You To Know WE Love You And We Are Here For You. Everton Miller and Family?

Pamela Shea Williams- Miller - March 27, 2014 at 05:35 AM

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To the Lightner Family,

I pray that God's love will bring you peace and comfort. My sincerest condolences for the loss of your beloved family member. Rest in Paradise, Mother Lightner. We love you, but God loves you more.

christel Myrick - March 28, 2014 at 09:11 AM

NB

I love u grandma...I will miss u so much. ..there will never be another like u...nomore pains ,nomore stuff...u are in a better place. ..I love u ...Love Kan brinson,and family ,u will always be with me everywhere u go..

nevin brinsonn - March 29, 2014 at 11:46 PM