



## Velma M. Johnson

June 24, 1938 - March 15, 2021

Velma Marie “Prett” Johnson was born June 24, 1938 in Hazlehurst, MS. She was the sixth and youngest child born to Sally Ann Shannon Rembert. Velma gained the nickname “Prett”, which was short for “Pretty Girl”, most her life she was known and called that name by family and friends.

Prett left Mississippi in 1955 and went to St. Louis, MO to live with her older sister Jessie Mae and her husband Bernard Edwards. She attended Summer High School for her 10th grade year and then returned to MS. During her break wrote her cousin Prosine in Detroit, MI and asked if she could live with her and attend school there, Prosine agreed. Prett left Mississippi around August, 1956 in route to Detroit. In 1957, Prett graduated from high school in Detroit, by that time her mom had moved to New Orleans, LA so she joined her there.

Through a chance encounter, Prett’s mom Sally (Shannon) Rembert met Leroy Johnson, Jr. of Jena, LA, after showing him a graduation picture of her daughter Prett, Leroy said “Mrs. Sally, I’m going to marry that girl”. After meeting Velma and several years later, he did just that.... they married in December 29, 1964. Velma was married to the love of her life for 42 years. Leroy was a lifelong United States Air Force serviceman (MSGT Ret). Military life afforded them the opportunity to travel around the world and live in many different places. They spent time living in the countries of Istanbul, Turkey and London, England and various US states. In November, 1979 they choose to settle down in Denver, CO. During their travels they met many wonderful people and developed many meaningful lifelong relationships.

Velma worked as a civilian employee for the Department of Defense for many years in Denver until she retired to give her undivided attention to Leroy during his convalescence and eventual demise in December 29, 2006, their 42nd wedding anniversary.

Although Leroy and Prett didn’t have any biological children of their own, however, they always had an active interest and involvement in the lives of their many nieces, nephews

and cousins, even allowing them to stay in their home throughout the years.

Family was important to Prett, whenever she was able, she would attend the Shannon Family Reunion in Hazlehurst, MS. Velma was a devoted and loving wife, aunt, sister-in-law and friend who was dedicated to her family and friends. Velma wrote concerning her life along with Leroy "We tried to live our lives in a way that we would not be ashamed to write home about it...and God blessed us to do that". She will be greatly missed by all. Velma was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Johnson, Jr.; mother, Sallie Ann (Shannon) Rembert; sisters, Jessie Mae (Rembert) Edwards and Thelma (Shannon) Magee; brothers, James Thomas Rembert, Leroy Shannon, and Eddie Lee Shannon.

She leaves to cherish her memories her sister-in-law, Mattie Shannon, a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends. All of whom she loved dearly.

Picture of full: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/4U9Uio5DgtapAudd8>

PDF Copy: <https://1drv.ms/b/s!AqqrW9i0vdLgvkPYoBCRGZYhk4XUw>

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Logan National Cemetery

4400 W. Kenyon AVE  
Denver, CO 80236  
(303) 761-0117  
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/ftlogan.asp>

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 26. 11:00 AM (MT)

Ballard Family Mortuary, LLC  
6700 Smith Rd  
Denver, CO 80207  
(303) 963-5779

# Tribute Wall

TS

“ So Sorry to hear of the passing of Velma. She was a very sweet lady. I worked with her at ARPC for years. I will keep the family in my prayers.

Tom Sorg - April 07, 2021 at 06:10 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear that Velma has passed away. I worked with her for several years at ARPC. She was always a kind gentle person. I pray for comfort and peace for your family.

Wendy Hnat - April 07, 2021 at 05:07 PM

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“ My Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy ti the Family and Famailies of Mrs Velma Johnson . I helped to take care of Mrs Velma Johnson for about a Month and She was always so Kind and Sweet to me and Always said Thank You ! She will live on in My Heart forever and 🙏 for You All Mr Jamal Mrs Debra and Mrs Gail and Entire Famaly

Kaywashington-Green - March 29, 2021 at 07:36 PM

GE

“ Every Christmas aunt Prett and Uncle would send Christmas presents to us They brought love and laughter to our lives...I still remember the silver Christmas tree with the turning light. I will never forget their love and generosity...I love and miss you Aunt Prett

Gertrude - March 27, 2021 at 12:00 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Velma M. Johnson.



March 26, 2021 at 02:21 PM

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“ There's a special love that brightly shines and stays as beautiful as ever..Deepest Sympathy from the Reese and Shannon Family. Hazlehurst,Ms.

Barbra Reese Shannon - March 26, 2021 at 12:15 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Program



Ballard Family Mortuary, LLC - March 26, 2021 at 08:39 AM

BJ

Thank you for the life of my aunt Prett, Velma Marie Shannon Johnston. Peace be with the family. Bernard Edwards family, Jennifer, Robert,Alexander, Kayla, Ezra and Nova.

Bernard F.Edwards Jr. - March 26, 2021 at 02:11 PM

KA

My Sincere and Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy to The Family and Families of Mrs Velma Johnson ! Mrs Velma trully was so kind and so Sweet when i met her and was helping to take care of her Etc; and She will live on forever in My Heart ! I am 🙏 for All of You Mr Jamal Mrs Debra and Mrs Gail and Entire Family and Families!!❤️❤️❤️❤️

Kaywashington-Green - March 29, 2021 at 06:02 PM

YJ

“ Love You Yogi  
NOLA

Yolanda Johnson - March 26, 2021 at 06:49 AM



“ 31 files added to the album Memories



Ballard Family Mortuary, LLC - March 25, 2021 at 10:45 AM

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“ *Sister-In-Law Mattie & the Shannon Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Velma M. Johnson.*



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**Sister-In-Law Mattie & the Shannon Family** - March 24, 2021 at 02:59 PM