



## Thelma Jean Updike Johnson

October 23, 1938 - March 12, 2020

Thelma Jean Updike Johnson, 81, of 902 Seventh Street, Altavista died Thursday, March 12, 2020 at Autumn Care of Altavista. She was the wife of the late Clay "C.D." Dewey Johnson, Jr.

She was born October 23, 1938 in Pittsylvania County, a daughter of the late Emmett Hamilton Updike and Leona Dalton Updike. She was a member of First Southern Baptist and a retired employee of Burlington Industries. Thelma was a chair person for the March of Dimes, she taught Sunday school and was a member of the choir. She enjoyed fishing, baseball, The Yankees and gardening. Thelma was an Awana Leader and organized the senior meal at the church monthly.

She is survived by many friends and loved ones.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Green Hill Cemetery by the Rev. Sam Knaus and Rev. Bobby Brumfield.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m., Friday at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider First

Southern Baptist Church, 708 Prospect Road, Hurt, VA 24563.

# Cemetery Details

## Green Hill Cemetery

300 Westwood Drive  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 13. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista  
809 Main St.  
Altavista, VA 24517

## Graveside Service

MAR 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Green Hill Cemetery  
300 Westwood Drive  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Tribute Wall

AC

“ So very saddened to learn of *Thelma's* passing. What a kind, caring and fun lady. We enjoyed our visits to *Alta Vista* from California for many years. She will be greatly missed.

*Arlene Johnson Cici and Family*

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**Arlene Johnson Cici** - April 09, 2020 at 06:34 PM

BC

“ *Thelma was a really sweet person!*

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**becky clay** - April 07, 2020 at 05:07 PM

LF

“ Sorry to hear about *Thelma's* passing. She was a very sweet and kind-hearted lady. Got to know her when we spent many years at *Burlington Industries*. May God give comfort to her loved ones, as only He can do. May *Thelma Rest In Peace Her work on earth is done.* 🙏



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**Linda Falls** - March 14, 2020 at 09:47 AM

SG

*I just saw that Thelma passed away! I worked with her at Klopman and saw her at ballgames. She was a sweet person! I am so sorry! Love, SusanN Gilliam*

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**susan n gilliam** - March 21, 2020 at 01:02 AM

CD

“ *Thelma was a very nice person. Enjoyed getting to know her through the church luncheons once a month. She will be missed by all.*

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**Carlton-Linda Dalton** - March 14, 2020 at 12:28 AM

PD

“ *Phyllis Dalton lit a candle in memory of Thelma Jean Updike Johnson*



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**Phyllis Dalton** - March 13, 2020 at 08:37 PM

LR

“ *Larry And Nadine Roach lit a candle in memory of Thelma Jean Updike Johnson*



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**Larry and Nadine Roach** - March 13, 2020 at 05:16 PM

FA

“ *Thelma, you were a wonderful friend and will miss seeing you and the phone calls every night. I will take care of missy and you rest in peace my friend.*



*Faye*

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**FAYE** - March 13, 2020 at 01:34 PM

GW

“ Sorry for your loss. Prayers



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**Gwenda Willard** - March 13, 2020 at 12:41 PM

SO

“ *Thelma was so nice. She was always a part of the local sports scene. You would expect to see her anywhere there was a local team playing. She really will be missed by those who knew her and by those who just knew her by sight. Shirley Orrell*

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**Shirley Orrell** - March 13, 2020 at 09:37 AM

IK

“ *Thelma has been a dear friend to me and my family for many years. Her and CD were always kind and caring. I will miss meeting her at Main St. Buffet for dinner and talking about her cats she loved.*



*Thelma is at peace now in Jesus hands and still caring by watching over us all in Heaven.  
Prayers for all that loved her.*

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**Iris Regina Keesee** - March 13, 2020 at 06:26 AM



“ *Ralph Woods lit a candle in memory of  
Thelma Jean Updike Johnson*



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**Ralph Woods** - March 12, 2020 at 11:57 PM



“ *I just ran into her at Scoops it seems. We spent many hours doing  
her hair over the years. She was a kind and thoughtful friend. There  
was no doubt she loved her church family very much. She will be  
greatly missed.*

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**Debbie Crews** - March 12, 2020 at 11:39 PM



“ *Ronald And Linda Johnston sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Thelma Jean Updike Johnson*



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**Ronald and Linda Johnston** - March 12, 2020 at 08:59 PM



“ *Thelma was a nice and caring person and will  
be missed by so many. Prayers for the family*



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**Shirley Forloines** - March 12, 2020 at 04:22 PM

ME

“ *A Dear, Sweet, & Loving Lady! God has took away your pain, & now you are a wonderful place called Heaven.*



Mary Edmonds - March 12, 2020 at 03:51 PM

NR

“ *NANCY ROLFE lit a candle in memory of Thelma Jean Updike Johnson*



NANCY ROLFE - March 12, 2020 at 01:53 PM

RC

“ *Thelma was one of the most sweetest ladies that I have ever know. Always smiling no matter how bad she felt and so sincere. I will truly miss her smile and the laughs and sweet memories of her, CD and Jerry. My thoughts and prayers to her love ones.*



Ray and Kay Caldwell - March 12, 2020 at 12:08 PM

GA

“ *Thelma was a wonderful person and enjoyed so much preparing the senior lunch every month and the wonderful fellowship. She will be sadly missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her. Loving Memories of a Dear Sweet Lady, Friend and Relative.*



Gracie Adams - March 12, 2020 at 11:59 AM

WJ

“ Will remember your kindness and the good food you cooked for the church dinners. In our thoughts and prayers. Wayne Walden Jr.



Wayne Walden Jr. - March 12, 2020 at 11:44 AM

SB

“ Thelma was the sweetest, kindest and most caring lady in the world. I worked with her at Burlington years ago and have always remained friends. To know her was to love her. She will be missed by all. She is now with her precious Lord Jesus and her loved ones.



Love & Prayers,  
Sue Blackstock

Sue Blackstock - March 12, 2020 at 11:41 AM

PW

“ Thelma , You will always be thought of and missed. You did so much for others. Rest now in the arms of Jesus till we meet again, my friend. Love, Paula Walden & Wayne Jr.



Paula Walden - March 12, 2020 at 11:41 AM

JS

Thelma was a very sweet lady and always had a smile for everyone. So Sorry for your loss. Judith Shelton

Judith Shelton - March 13, 2020 at 12:22 PM

BM

*Thelma was one of the best we went thru school together at Gretna and we both just happened to work together at Klopman Mills. Thelma Jean Updike was a wonderful friend. After I quit working at Klopman I would see her once in a while in Altavista and we would always talk. She was a very sweet and friendly lady. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. Im sure she is in Heaven with our loving savior Jesus Christ.*

*In Loving Memory Bobby McBride*

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**Bobby McBride** - May 14, 2021 at 12:21 PM