



## Mrs. Johnnie Auter Downing

July 31, 1947 - July 16, 2020

Johnnie Auter Downing, 72, of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away on Thursday, July 16, 2020, at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare.

A daughter of the late John Pearse Auter, Sr. and the late Lola James Roberts Auter she was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi on July 31, 1947. She is also preceded in death by a brother, John Pearse Auter, Jr.

A dedicated homemaker, she was also employed as a Secretary at NASA, Department Secretary in the Radiology Department at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare and also worked at Tall Timbers Research Station. She was a member of Tallahassee Bible Church and enjoyed quilting, sewing, traveling, antiques and crafts.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Lawrence Edward Downing, Sr.; son, Lawrence Edward Downing, Jr. (wife, Rebecca); daughter, Catherine Elaine Downing Wolf (husband, Peter); grandson, Brandon Wolf; brothers, James Auter (wife, Nancy), Chris Auter (fiancé, Stacey Crawford); sister, Barbara Dial (husband, Alan); half-sister, Patsy Martin; sister-in-law, Deborah Ann Auter; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A private funeral service is 9:00 AM, Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at Abbey Funeral Home, with an interment following at 11:00 AM at Tallahassee National

Cemetery. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 guidelines, face masks and social distancing will be required. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Joe Griffin Media Ministries, 1821 South River Road, St. Charles, Missouri, 63303-4124. The online guestbook and the funeral service will be available on livestream at [www.abbeyfh.com](http://www.abbeyfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, FL 32311  
(850) 402-8941

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Auter Downing*



**Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens** - July 22, 2020 at 08:57 AM

GW

*Nice to have be able to watch from Peter's Uncle Gerhard*

**Gerhard Wolf** - July 22, 2020 at 09:46 AM

ND

*God bless Johnnie and her family. But you couldn't hear.*

**natalie dawson** - July 22, 2020 at 11:57 AM

AR

*Beautiful service for Johnnie, Larry. Allan told David how he could watch the service,too. It is unfortunate that Allan and David both have compromised immune systems and have to be so careful considering what is going on in our community right now and couldn't be at Johnnie's service. We have all of you in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Allan Ragsdale** - July 22, 2020 at 08:43 PM

DN

“ Don And Nanct lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Auter Downing



Don and Nanct - August 04, 2020 at 04:29 PM

BR

“ Larry,  
I am so very sorry for your loss. My sincerest thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless.

Bob Richardson



Bob Richardson - July 21, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Johnnie Auter Downing.



July 21, 2020 at 02:55 PM

BZ

“ Bobbie Zeigler lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Auter Downing



Bobbie Zeigler - July 21, 2020 at 02:49 PM

JD

“ Larry and family,  
I knew Johnnie from Cobb band thru Leon band. One of the kindest,  
sweetest people I've ever known. Like most high school friends, we  
lost touch. So sorry to hear of her passing.

*Jim Durham*

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**jim durham** - July 21, 2020 at 01:12 PM

DM

“ I am going to miss my dear, sweet friend.  
We kept in touch by phone over the years  
and got together for a visit with she and  
Larry when it was possible. I was so very  
blessed to have her for a friend.  
Sending love to Larry and family,  
Kay Marine

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**Diana K Marine** - July 20, 2020 at 08:52 PM

WM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers at this  
difficult time.  
Wendy Marine

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**Wendy Marine** - July 20, 2020 at 08:49 PM

SS

“ Remembering the outgoing, bubbly personality of Johnnie. Praying  
for Larry and family.

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**Sara Moore Singleton** - July 19, 2020 at 04:56 PM

RC

“ *Johnnie and I were high school buddies. We dated some and were true friends. She was and still is a wonderful and caring soul. All of our memories together and from afar are among the most cherished in my life.*

*I will miss her posts on facebook. Rest in peace my dear Johnnie..*

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**ronnie cail** - July 19, 2020 at 01:40 PM

BF

“ *I will miss her smile the next time Leon Girls 65 get together. God needed another good one. Peace and Prayers to family and friends*



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**Beverly Ferrell** - July 19, 2020 at 12:45 PM

NA

“ *Johnnie Marie, my Sister,  
I will always love you! I cherish our time together, chats and memories.  
I know that our family will be reunited again with Jesus, our Lord and Savior.*

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**Nancy Auter** - July 19, 2020 at 11:45 AM

JA

“ I love you Johnnie, you were always there for everyone and I always enjoyed our conversations we had and the great times that we all shared. I am a better man for having you as a sister. I believe that we will all be together again as a family with Jesus. Amen!

Love Always  
Bubba

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**James Auter** - July 19, 2020 at 11:38 AM

AR

“ God be with you, Larry and family. We were shocked in disbelief when our Robert told us about the passing of Johnnie. We are so sorry. We always loved running into you both and trying to catch up with all our family news. We sure made lots of fun memories being band parents with our children, not counting the neighborhood memories made with David, you and Allan. Sending our love to you, as well as Cathy, Lawren and your grandson, Brandon. Allan and Ann Ragsdale

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**Allan Ragsdale** - July 19, 2020 at 11:33 AM

ZC

“ Larry and family,  
I am so sorry.

Zach Cobb

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**Zach Cobb** - July 19, 2020 at 11:13 AM

AH

“ Anna B Highsmith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Auter Downing



Anna B Highsmith - July 19, 2020 at 10:50 AM

PW

“ I am thankful I was blessed with such a wonderful mother in-law. She was always very caring and wanted every occasion to be so special. I will her dearly. Her son in-law, Peter Wolf

Peter Wolf - July 18, 2020 at 11:33 PM

CW

“ My dear mother, I will truly miss you. I still can't imagine my days ahead being without you, my best friend. I will always cherish all our memories. Until we meet again one day in heaven. Love you mom! Cathy



Cathy Downing Wolf - July 18, 2020 at 11:11 PM

JW

“ It is with much sadness to our family to learn of Jhonnies passing, although we did not keep in close touch over the years ,we still have many fond memories of our family,s children as Band students with fund raisers and chaperoning trips out of town for performances or just getting together for family events in later years as time went by. she was a wonderful friend to us all and will be missed greatly

With regards,  
Jimmy, Pat, & Ray &  
Stephanie Wilder

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**Jimmy & patricia Wilder** - July 18, 2020 at 01:53 PM

MW

We will truly miss your smile, generous spirit and willingness to help others .

Joe and Maxine Wenzinger

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**Maxine Wenzinger** - July 22, 2020 at 09:19 AM

LD

Johnnie Marie, I love you. They say time heals these wounds but right now I can't believe that will happen. My life is so empty without you. Thank God for His saving grace, our children and Brandon and for family and friends who have surrounded us with their love. They all love you very much. I'm just so happy that you are at peace and face to face with our Lord Jesus now enjoying the homecoming you are having with everyone there. I could not bear seeing you in pain any longer. It was horrible what you went through, but you fought the good fight. There will be a void in my heart until we see each other again in Heaven. Love Ya Babe, Larry

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**Larry Downing** - July 25, 2020 at 03:36 PM