



Marion Esmee-Aletta Jeffers

February 20, 1943 - September 17, 2021

Marion was the third child of Hubert Henry Jeffers and Sarah Christine Jeffers (nee Francis). She was born in Devonshire, Bermuda. Growing up, Marion was known for being very nervous and fearful. We had a pet name for her, “nervous ninny”. She was afraid of so many things and experiences, including blood, that the family did not take her serious when she declared that she wanted to be a nurse.

Marion did not have the privilege of going to high school, as was the case with many children in Bermuda at that time. However, at a young age, she was determined to make her way in life. Sometime after Marion turned 16, she learned how to ride a motor assisted bike called a moped, much to the family’s surprise and concerns for her safety. Her main job before she started on her nursing journey was as a waitress in a small restaurant.

It was around the age of 20 when Marion heard that the local hospital was going to start a training program for Nursing Aids. She applied and was accepted. She found the going rough, but Marion was determined to succeed. You can imagine her pride when she discovered that she was at the top of the class in the biology course she had to take as a part of the program! Sometime around 1963, Mrs. Margaret Nichols, her twin sister, Mrs. Margie Davis, and Mrs. Mary Walker visited Bermuda from the USA. They met Marion who, we believe, told them about her dream to become a nurse. Fast forward to 1964 when Marion was off to Chicago to fulfill her desire and calling.

Marion would be forever grateful for “foster parents” who ensured that she had a home while attending school in Chicago. Special and grateful thanks to Sis. Theresa Connor and Bro. Thomas (Uncle Fontaine) and Sis. Alonza Ladner. Within three years, Marion had completed her high school equivalency. She then enrolled into the University of Chicago, College of Nursing and, after four years, graduated with a B.S. degree in Nursing. Not satisfied with her level of education, and, after a number of years spent working in hospitals in Chicago, Marion made the decision to move to Detroit to enroll in the Master of Science in Nursing at Wayne State University. She was successful, as expected, and spent many years in nursing and related activities in the Detroit area.

Although Marion moved to the USA at age 22, she stayed connected to her Bermuda family. No matter what the special occasion, birthdays, graduations, weddings, funerals, or any other important event, if it were possible and/or practical, Marion would be there.

Her affection for her nephews, great-nephews, nieces and great nieces was clearly demonstrated with the birthday cards, personal phone calls and, in the last year or so, WhatsApp calls. All the children in the family knew Aunt Marion. In addition, she did not forget her siblings as she touched base with each of us on a regular basis.

Precious memories: Our brother Francis recalls how thorough Marion was after ironing washed and starched shirts. No matter what our mother said, she insisted on buttoning every button. Our sister Sylvia recalls Marion's making lemon pies for a bake sale at the Bermuda church. This was probably her first experience of mass producing pies and the kitchen was a mess! I have many memories. However my favorite is that of throwing a bucket of water over Marion's head and scaring her. I did this because I heard that scaring someone who stammered was a cure. Marion had a very bad stammer but, in a short time after the dousing, her stammering virtually ceased.

We don't know when Marion began her Christian journey, but we do know that she was on that journey to the end. Pastor Jack Perkins, her church pastor, recalled: "Sister Marion served for years as Sunday school teacher; she served on the church nursing staff, and served as Senior Youth Sunday School teacher. She was also an active member of the singles ministry. Marion was a positive source of inspiration to all in our congregation. She loved much and was greatly loved. She will be greatly missed and her work will never be forgotten. She served exceptionally."

Marion was predeceased by her parents, brothers-in-law, Leroy Simmons, Sr. and James Edwards, niece; Leisa (Lisa) Smith, and nephew; Leroy Simmons, Jr. She is survived by her siblings; Sylvia Edwards, Charles Jeffers, Francis Jeffers, sisters-in-law; Juneia and Phyllis, nephews and spouses; Charles Jeffers, II (Antoinette), DeVon Jeffers (Georgia), Jermaine Jeffers, Eugene (Brenda) Simons, niece-in-law; Yvonne Simmons, great-nephew and spouse, Daamian (Catarina), other great-nephews and nieces; Courtney Jeffers, Arrington Jeffers, Zyun Smith, Nikaylah Clarke, Rae'chelle Webster, Jah'Shon Jeffers, Danae Jeffers and Kyra Jeffers. Marion had so many friends, godchildren and "adopted" children, that it would be a very difficult and almost impossible task to list them all. Never-the-less, we say thank you to; Della Wilson, Theodore (Teddy) Landry, Jr., Mother Wyatt, Gwendolyn Brooks, Scheryce Brooks, Nancy Furr, Valerie Robinson, Karen, Krystal, Kaitlin, Kimberly Day, Linda Bennett, and Heather Benson. To those, who counted themselves as Marion's special friends and whose names do not appear, we apologize and say thank you for being friends to our sister.

Cemetery Details

Lincoln Memorial Park

21661 E. 14 Mile Road
Clinton Twp., MI 48035

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The House of Johnson, Inc.
12540 Hayes
Detroit, MI 48205
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<https://www.thehouseofjohnsonfuneralhome.com/>

Family Hour

OCT 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Southwestern Church of God
3032 S. Fort Street
Detroit, MI 48217

Funeral Service

OCT 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The House of Johnson Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Marion Esmee-Aletta Jeffers*



The House Of Johnson Funeral Home - October 05, 2021 at 10:12 AM

AF

The Flood family sends special and heartfelt condolences to a very special person - Mariam!!!

Antwanette Flood - October 05, 2021 at 11:25 AM

JC

Thanks Antwanette and Flood family. We appreciate your heartfelt sentiments. God is always near.

Juneia C. Jeffers - October 05, 2021 at 01:44 PM

EJ

Condolences to the Jeffers family from the Joell family, Bermuda and the USA.

Eleanor Joell - November 01, 2021 at 06:16 PM

JJ

Thanks Eleanor and Joell family near and far. We appreciate you always. 💕

Juneia Jeffers - November 02, 2021 at 07:01 AM

CI

Marion was a kind-hearted person who will be missed dearly. She was passionate and loved her family and friends deeply. Knowing her faith, we know she is in a better place now.

Charles Inman - December 10, 2021 at 11:56 AM

JJ

Thanks Bro. Inman for your words of comfort. Be blessed.

j c j - February 22 at 08:38 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Obituary



The House Of Johnson Funeral Home - November 02, 2021 at 02:50 PM

KR

“ Godmom,

You will truly be missed. I will never forget all the times you called me to check on me. I will never forget you pushing me to go to college and to follow my dreams. You were always proud of me and the woman I've become and it definitely showed. You genuinely cared about us. I still have all of your birthday cards you sent me. I will cherish them forever. Along with all the fond memories. I love you!

Krystal - October 06, 2021 at 04:05 PM

NF

“ Nancy Furr lit a candle in memory of Marion Esmee-Aletta Jeffers



Nancy Furr - October 05, 2021 at 07:13 PM

NF

*Today is the day you will be laid to rest, But you know what they say,
God only takes the best .
Everything happens for a reason,
Even if we may not agree.
The thought of never seeing you again brings tears to my eyes,
And even more so,
Because all of this was a surprise.
But we should never question what God has planned.
Sometimes it's not meant for us to understand.
So as I sit here and mourn the loss of my dear beloved friend,
I have to keep telling myself that we will meet again.*

Nancy Furr - October 05, 2021 at 07:33 PM

KD

“ Godmom Jeffers was a phenomenal woman of God. She always made sure to remind me of the greatness within myself and that I was loved. She encouraged me from the tender age of six up until twenty-five. Those memories will live with my sister's and I forever. You will be greatly missed Godmom.



Kaitlin Day - October 05, 2021 at 11:37 AM

FD

“ Deepest Sympathy to our cousins, The Jeffers Family. Our thoughts, prayers and love are with you across the water as you lay Marion to her well deserved rest for all of her contributions she made in that part of GOD’S earth. Sorry we can’t support you physically, but know that our ‘Family Bond’ is with you no matter where you are.....LOVE...The Dowlings, Thomas, Cartwrights & Simmons.



Freida Dowling - October 05, 2021 at 10:19 AM

VR

“ Marion was a very important part of my entire family getting to have a bright start. We will never forget your loving, brave efforts at caring about my family and your friendship with my mother. I will always love you and remember you always. Furr-Robinson Family

Valerie Robinson - October 05, 2021 at 10:08 AM

DS

“ To Cousins Charles & Juneia, Sylvia and the entire Jeffers family, we know there are seemingly no words to express the full range of feeling at the loss of our beloved Marion. But may the word and promises of an Almighty and powerful God bring help, comfort and strength to each one of you at this very difficult time. May the good memories of cousin Marion cheer, encourage and counsel you all the days of your life...and may the great and unfailing promises of the LORD God provide an anchor for your souls in the midst of these perilous times.



With all our love, support and prayers, from
Cousins Danny & Doreen in memory of
Howard & Maxine and on behalf of the entire Simmons family.

Southampton, Bermuda.

Danny & Doreen Simmons - October 05, 2021 at 05:36 AM

JJ

Thank you cousin Danny and Doreen. We appreciate you. We love you!

Juneia Jeffers - October 05, 2021 at 09:53 AM

JJ

“ 3 files added to the album *Bermuda Family*



Juneia C. Jeffers - October 04, 2021 at 09:40 PM

“ To the Jeffers family,

We love you and are praying for you! This poem is a tribute to Marion and her impact on Southwestern Church of God! She will be greatly missed.

Marion -- 10/03/2021

*She came from Bermuda
to lend US a hand—
finding a career and purpose
in a foreign land!*

*Her compassion for people
shown forth as a nurse—
as she lessened our sufferings
and helped heal our hurts!*

*Children she loved
and with wisdom and knowledge,
she applied her skill set
to help send them to college!*

*When money was tight
and dollars would slip
she urged young students
to apply for scholarships!*

*Care packages were sent
to the kids at school—
that provided body and soul
with love and fuel!*

*Youth retreats for her
were a great joy!
Her time and money were present
to assist our girls and boys!*

*But then one day
as it always does,
time ran out and
she no longer was!*

*She built upon
what others started,
and now from us
she has departed!*

*Southwestern Church of God
will carry on—
but it won't be the same
without Marion!*

*Her heart of love
will always be,
the cornerstone
of her legacy!*

*From our family to yours--
Love, Carolyn, Richard, Brandon, Janelle, Ronen, and Link Manus*

God Bless You!

Richard B. Manus, Jr. - October 03, 2021 at 10:44 PM



My longtime idol of faithfulness and godly example. So thankful for your love and encouragement.

Rozita Miller - October 10, 2021 at 10:05 AM



My lifetime idol of faithfulness and courage. Thank you for your example of love and encouragement. Love to Charles, Sylvia, Francis and the entire Jeffers family.

Rozita Miller - October 10, 2021 at 10:08 AM