



# **DR. MARTHA JOHNSON**

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**P**ERRY –

Dr. Martha Ruth Johnson, a dedicated educator, world traveler, and loving sister and aunt, passed away on January 22, 2025, at the age of 82, after a brief illness. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2025. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. until 1:45 p.m. in the Chapel at Watson-Hunt Funeral Home. Graveside Services will be at 2:00 p.m. in Perry Memorial Gardens where she will be laid to rest with her parents. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to Perry Methodist Church Music Department, P. O. Box 73, Perry, Georgia 31069.

Born in Byron, Georgia, and raised in Warner Robins, Martha's life was one of service, adventure, and a passion for learning. She graduated from Perry High School in 1960 and went on to earn a degree in Home Economics from the Women's College of Georgia in 1964. Her career began with the University of Georgia Extension Service in Rome and Athens, where she worked with communities to improve overall nutrition and health. Eager to further her education, Martha earned a Master's degree in Nutrition from Florida State University and later completed a Doctorate in Adult Education at North Carolina State University.

Her professional journey took her to Montana, where she worked with the Cooperative Extension Service, before returning to North Carolina State University and then moving on to Auburn University, where she dedicated herself to Extension Services until her retirement in 2001.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Martha was a passionate traveler. Her adventurous spirit took her to many corners of the globe, from floating down the Amazon River to going on safari in Africa. She explored the Holy Land, Japan, Korea, Europe, and Australia, embracing new cultures and experiences along the way.



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After retirement, Martha returned to her hometown of Perry, Georgia, where she continued to be a source of love and support for her family and community. She was an active member of Perry Methodist Church, the J.B. Smith Sunday School Class, the Sanctuary Choir, and the Joy Choir. She loved music and was a leader in both choirs.

Martha was preceded in death by her parents, Ruth and Richard Johnson.

She is survived by her sister, Nelda Clay (Harold) of Perry; her niece, Cathy Mason (Walt) of Monroe; her great-nephews, Will Auslander and Drew Auslander, both of Athens; her nephew, Hal Clay (Anita) of Perry, and her great-nephew, Thorin Clay, also of Perry.

The family extends great thanks to Summerhill Assisted Living for their kindness and care of Martha while she was a resident there.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at [www.watsonhunt.com](http://www.watsonhunt.com). Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.



# Events

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## Visitation Before Graveside

**Saturday**, January 25, 2025

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM ET

**Watson - Hunt Funeral Home**  
1208 Main Street, Perry GA 31069

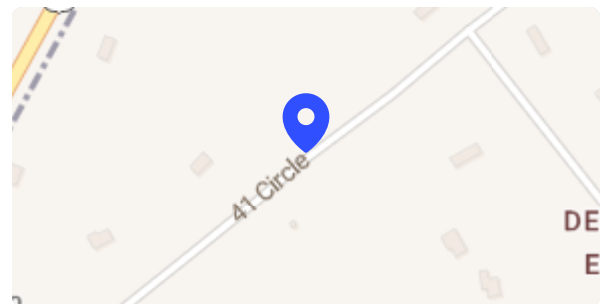


## Graveside Service

**Saturday**, January 25, 2025

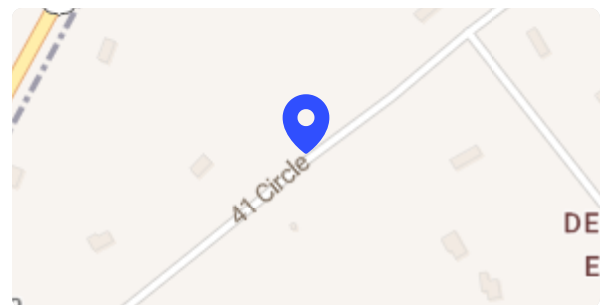
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**Perry Memorial Gardens**  
2106 Highway 41 North, Perry GA 31069



## Cemetery Details

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OC

**Olivia Lashay Curry** posted:

Oh I'm so sad to hear so late of her passing. She was a beautiful soul, she always had a fun sense of humor and I enjoyed caring for her when I was able to. Mrs. Nelda if you ever need anything I am here.

May 13 at 5:54 PM

BC

**Brandie Chapman** posted:

Ms. Martha was a bright light in my day when I went to Summerhill to visit with my mother. Our conversations made me smile. I will miss seeing her sweet face.

January 24 at 5:18 PM

SN

**Susan Nesmith** posted:

Nelda, so sorry to learn of Martha's passing. Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Susan and Harvey

January 24 at 3:08 PM

NJ

**Nan Johnson** posted:

Nelda, please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of your beloved sister, Martha.

January 24 at 6:21 AM

GB

**Gayle, Frank And Brandon Borah** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Gayle, Frank and Brandon Borah Byron, Ga

January 23 at 6:01 PM

BC

**Bev Caudill** posted:

Just a note to say how much I enjoyed visiting with Martha in her home along with her friend June Stubbs and Barbara Langston they were quite the three and Bridge was their passion together. Deepest sympathies to her family .

January 23 at 4:14 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring MARTHA by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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