



Johnnie C. Ownby

July 7, 1930 - November 15, 2025

Johnnie Ownby, age 95, of Newport passed away Saturday, November 15, 2025 at Newport Medical Center.

She was a member of First Baptist Church. She loved the Lord and her church.

Johnnie retired from Cocke County Baptist Hospital after years of Service. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred "Buzzo" Ownby; parents, George Wasington and Pearl Carter; sisters, Iva Ruth Jones, Imogene Tipton, Mildred Holt and Marjorie Wix.

She is survived by her daughter, Gina (Kevin) Roberts of Newport; brother, James Carter of Madisonville, TN; sisters, Georgia Hendrix of Cleveland, TN; nieces and nephews, Shirley Williams, George Tipton, Bobby Jones, Mike Hendrix, Joe Hendrix, Jeff Carter and Eddie Carter; and special beloved cousin, Illa Ruth Mc Millian.

Graveside service will be held at 11:00 am Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at Union Cemetery with Dr. Rich Lloyd officiating. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the First Baptist Church of Newport Building Fund.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV **18**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Union Cemetery Inc
420 Mineral St
Newport, TN 37821-3900
(423) 623-6918

Tribute Wall

DG

“ Sending my deepest condolences to all of the family and friends 🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️🌹🌹



Debra A Gann - November 17, 2025 at 02:36 PM

JW

“ Most special lady.

Joyce Wardroup - November 17, 2025 at 01:05 PM

AD

“ Gina, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. She was a sweet lady. Keeping your family in my prayers.

Amy Burnett Dorsey

Amy Dorsey - November 17, 2025 at 11:25 AM

CV

“ Gina, I am so sorry for the loss of your Mother. May she rest in peace.

Cindy Valentine - November 17, 2025 at 09:56 AM

SO

“ Gina and all the family, I am so sorry for the loss of Johnnie. She was such a sweet lady with a heart of gold. I always saw a smile on her face. She helped so many people in this county. Being the HR manager at Cocke County Baptist Hospital, she gave many people jobs, and helped them start long careers there. Johnnie was a Christian and lived it everyday. I saw Johnnie for the last time in October at Paint The Town Pink singing with the group from Wellington Manor. She was so happy that day. Johnnie Ownby was a jewel. Rest in peace my friend. You will sure be missed. 💔



Susie O'Dell - November 17, 2025 at 09:47 AM

SO

“ Gina I'll keep you in my prayers. I used to talk to her but somehow it was something that quit happening. The last couple of times I saw her, it took a minute to remember who I was. She was one of the sweetest people I knew

Susan Owenby - November 17, 2025 at 09:43 AM

SW

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of my aunt Johnnie You will truly be missed and loved always

Shirley Williams - November 16, 2025 at 11:01 PM

GO

Condolences to the family. Buzzo will be happy to see her. George Owenby

George Owenby - November 17, 2025 at 09:45 AM

CR

“ Worked many years at the hospital she was a good friend to all so sorry for your loss Gina RIP Johnnie your work here on earth is done Cookie



Cookie Ramsey - November 16, 2025 at 04:18 PM

PB

“ I enjoyed working with Johnnie at Cocks County Baptist Hospital. I remember her smile and sweet disposition. May family and friends find peace and comfort in the days to come.

Paula Bearden - November 16, 2025 at 12:49 PM

BH

Worked many years with Johnnie at V-S and CCBH. Many memories we shared when we talked about old times.

Betty Harrison - November 17, 2025 at 09:50 AM

JC

Gina, I remember Johnnie only slightly from her time at the hospital, but I have gotten to know her and enjoy her so much better here at Wellington. Always smiling and pleasant, she joined activities and did what she could. We will miss her. May God comfort you and all of your family. Love, Jan Carpenter.

Jan Carpenter - November 17, 2025 at 02:42 PM