

## MT. ARARAT BAPTIST CHURCH

27 Elm Street Rutherford, New Jersey

Rev. Ray Frazier, Pastor Rev. Edward Fairley, Organist

# Reflections of Life

**Pernell Johnson** was born in St. Matthews, South Carolina on November 18, 1922, to parents Mr. James and Mrs. Dosha General. Pernell General met and married Nathaniel Johnson also of St. Matthews and they moved to New Jersey around 1940. They made their home in East Rutherford as God continued to bless their spiritual union for over sixty years.

Pernell Johnson grew up in a close knit family of two loving parents, three brothers, James, Hosie and Theodore, and three sisters, Annabell, Emmie and Dot where they were taught and valued the importance of putting God first in everything. Secondly, they learned the importance of seeking and applying God's gifts: the privilege of hard work, perseverance, education, excellence, determination and kindheartedness.

Pernell Johnson also known as "Penny," attended the Delilah Beauty Culture School in Brooklyn, New York, where she proudly graduated with her degree in Cosmetology. Although she came from humble beginnings Penny was a financial astute and skillful entrepreneur. She passionately pursued her goals as God led her to open a very modest but successful hair salon in 1955 called "Johnson's Beauty Salon" located in Passaic, New Jersey. It was here that she humbly served, ministered, and mentored, by encouraging and training others to seek their goals, dreams, and long term financial independence for forty years.

Aunt Penny was the CFO (Chief Financial Officer), and financial advisor in our family who was always fashionably sharp as a tack, no matter where she went. In her eighty-eight years of life, she was always a lady who displayed strength, intelligence, elegance, sophistication and generosity.

Pernell Johnson also served in many other areas. She was a faithful servant at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church in Rutherford, NJ for over fifty years. She was the President of the choir, and the President of the Willing Workers, a member of the Missionary Society, the Order of Eastern Star, the NAACP, and a mentor to many children and young adults.

She was predeceased by her parents; three brothers and three sisters and is survived by a host of loving nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. This is the time to thank God and continue to celebrate her life. Pernell Johnson will be greatly missed.

We have all been extremely blessed to know and love her.

# <u>Service of Triumph for</u> <u>Deaconess Pernell Johnson</u>

Organ Prelude Opening Sentence - John 11:25-26 Invocation Hymn of Faith ...... "Blessed Assurance" #249 Scriptures of Consolation Old Testament - Psalm 121 New Testament -Matthew 6:9-13 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Period of Meditation ..... "He Knows Just How Much We Can Bear" #537 Prayer of Solace Acknowledgements/Tributes Solo Reflections of Life Solo "Beyond Homeland Security" Hymn of Jubilation....." "When We All Get To Heaven" #468

Recessional

#### <u>Interment</u>

East Ridgelawn Cemetery Clifton, New Jersey



### The Master Called

I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,

I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.

-Author unknown

## Acknowledgement

The family of **Pernell Johnson** acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.

God Bless You for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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