

*The Homegoing Celebration
of*



Annie Frances Johnson

Sunrise

March 21, 1940

Sunset

November 30, 2013

THE SERVICE

ST. MATTHEWS A.M.E. CHURCH

1788 Sedgwick Avenue • Bronx, NY 10453

Reverend Deborah C. Hicks, Pastor

Apostle Shirley R. Dowling, Officiating

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

The Viewing 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

The Service - 11:00 a.m.

Obituary

Annie Frances Johnson, daughter of the late Jeff Burton and Annie Mae Tolbert was born on March 21, 1940 in Opelika, Alabama. She received her education in the Opelika, Alabama School system. She left Alabama at the age of eighteen to spend the rest of her life in New York City. In New York City, she met the love of her life, the late Ned Johnson, Jr. They spent thirty-eight years together, and from their union three children were born.

Annie worked briefly for the Board of Education, as a School Aide. She left C.E.S. 229 (presently known as P.S. 230x), Bronx, NY in 1989 to become the proud full-time grandmother/ babysitter to her grandson, Travis Greer. She was a long time resident of River Park Towers. During this time, she became the Manager of the laundry rooms of River Park Towers, giving some of the youth their first taste of real employment. Years later, she would become an active member of The River Park Towers Tenants' Association. In her position as Building 30's Tenant Liaison, she did what she loved most, helping her community.

She truly loved people, and they loved her. She had a "Tell-it-like-it-is," mixed with a heaping dose of love kind of way. You didn't have to ask anyone what Miss Annie said, because she would tell you herself. It didn't matter what age you were. If it took pulling you to the side, or shouting you out in the middle of the Plaza, she would do it. It's an experience that many of us here today know all too well. And, Miss Annie loved to dress! She was always color-coordinated, from head to toe. Everyone knew that her favorite color was purple.

Upon her illness, her daughter, Effie Johnson relocated her to Teaneck, NJ to be near her. She spent her time between Holy Name Hospital and CareOne at Teaneck Nursing Home, both located in Teaneck, NJ. Annie left this world peacefully on Saturday, November 30, 2013 in CareOne at Teaneck Nursing Home. In addition to her mother, father, and husband, she is preceded in death by her sister, Mary Baker Chapman of Opelika, Alabama.

Precious memories will be cherished by: her children, Joan Davis, of Cleveland, OH, Effie Johnson, of Teaneck, NJ, Sonia Johnson, of the Bronx, NY and Anthony Johnson, of Chesterfield, VA; two grandchildren, Whitney Johnson, of Charlotte, NC and Travis Greer, of the Bronx, NY; one precious great-granddaughter, Kenya Monique Quick, of Charlotte, NC; one sister and brother, Virginia (Curtis) Thomas, and Nathan (Sherry) Dunn, both of Opelika, AL; daughters-in-law, Monique Cleckley, of Charlotte, NC and Sherry Mack-Johnson, of the Bronx, NY; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, godchildren, friends and her beloved feline family members, Snow, Jazz, Mickey, Pace and Rhombus.

Lovingly submitted,
The Family

Order of Service

The Worship Leader.....Rev. Dr. Rena C. White
Mariner's Temple Baptist Church

The Processional.....Clergy

The Opening Song

The Prayer of Comfort.....Prophetess Tia M. Dowling-Ketant
Praise Temple International Ministries

The Scripture Lesson

The Selection

The Acknowledgements.....Ms. Jackie Baker
Praise Temple International Ministries

The Reading of the Obituary.....Ms. Viola Dickerson (Mousey)

The Reflections (2 minutes)

The Selection

The Eulogy.....Apostle Shirley R. Dowling
Praise Temple International Ministries

The Unity Funeral Chapel, Inc. Directors

The Committal and Benediction.....Rev. Dr. Rena C. White

Recessional

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Interment</u> Mount Hope Cemetery Hastings-on-Hudson, New York</p>

The Committal will immediately follow the Service.

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 acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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