

*Homegoing Service
Celebrating The Life Of*



Gloria Jean Johnson

Sunrise

February 1, 1955

Sunset

January 17, 2019

Friday, February 1, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church

212 Tompkins Avenue

Brooklyn, New York 11216

Rev. Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood, Officiating

Obituary

On Thursday, January 17th, 2019 at 3:30 p.m., Gloria Jean Johnson, affectionately known as “Jean”, approached her sunset for new rest. She was born in Creswell, North Carolina on February 1st, 1955 to David Lee Jones and Malvine Johnson. Her extended family-style upbringing of cousins, aunts and uncles instilled in her a love for family and friends. In addition, her humble beginnings in a Christian home built a firm foundation of biblical core values and principles which were cultivated at her home church, St. Mark A.M.E Zion.

Gloria fell in love with the game of basketball at a young age. She played organized basketball in elementary and middle school. She was known in her town as a long-range shooter and defensive specialist. She was, in most cases, the only person of color on her teams. With racism at an all-time high in the ‘60s, Gloria always showed love and respect for people regardless of color, race or creed. This love of people was instilled in her by her grandmother, *the late, great* Nellie Cabarrus-Johnson.

In her teenage years, Gloria moved from the south to go up north to Brooklyn, New York where her mother Malvine Walker and stepfather Robert “Jack” Walker, Sr. lived, along with her younger brother Robert Walker, Jr. and younger sister Debra Walker. Gloria attended Prospect Heights High School and graduated with honors. Soon after, she got accepted into Long Island University (L.I.U.), Brooklyn Campus where she majored in criminal justice and played basketball as shooting guard for the University’s Lady Blackbirds.

After her freshmen year at L.I.U., she started working at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (government agency) as a student intern (1974-1976). Shortly after starting her government agency career path in human resources, she had a son with the love of her life Preston Dobbins. At that time, Gloria was a part-time student, full-time employee and mom to be. But despite it all, God had a plan for Gloria’s life. Her full-time employment with the Army was only the beginning of her merit-worthy career. She later transitioned to the U.S. Navy as a personnel specialist (1978-1987), then went back to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a personnel specialist (1987-1991), followed by a short stay at the U.S. Department of Transportation on Governors Island from 1991-1996. She also worked at I.N.S. (Immigration Naturalization Services) from 1996-1999. Last but not least, Gloria’s career ended at the U.S. Attorney’s Office Eastern District where she spent the last twenty years of her career.

Unfortunately, Gloria didn’t have the privilege of retiring and then going on to enjoy the rest of her life. Instead, she will go down in history as an honorable, hardworking, team-orientated professional who always had the big picture in mind. She worked hard and went above and beyond her duty to get the job done.

Gloria and her son Steven joined Mount Pisgah Baptist Church more than thirty years ago. Her decision to become part of the Mount Pisgah family was one of the best decisions she ever made, not only for her spiritual walk, but for the shaping of her son's character and spiritual growth. Gloria loved giving her time, talent and tithes to the Church. In addition to being a member of the Choir, she was a prayer warrior, women's ministry committee member, emotional/spiritual support to her fellow sisters in Christ, and servant to the Mount Pisgah ministry vision.

In addition to her devoted spiritual walk, Gloria was a writer and a poet. She wrote to inspire, inform and educate single mothers and spiritually-lost sisters of color. She wrote words of encouragement that would motivate and uplift women. Some of her pieces were: "*Synopsis of a Woman*", "*This Branch of Zion*" and "*God is Everywhere and He is Everything to Me*".

Gloria had unconditional love for her twin grandchildren, Xavier and Victoria Johnson. The twins referred to her as "*Nanna*", and boy did she love, love, love her young, impressionable granddaughter and grandson. If Gloria were here, she would remind them to: always do their best . . . remember that Jesus will handle the mess . . . never be stressed . . . and let God handle the rest. **NANNA LOVES YOU, AND SHE WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU!!**

Gloria leaves a loving family to cherish her memories, including her son Steven L. Johnson; her mother Malvine Walker; her father David L. Jones, Jr.; her sisters: Debra Walker and Evelyn Walker; her brothers: Robert Walker, Jr., David Jones, Jr. and Dino Jones; her aunt Shirley Simpson; her uncle Rupert Simpson; her nieces: Dasha Walker, Dejah Jones, Chrisdin Jones, Brittany Jones-Frost and Dominiq Jones; her nephews: Robert D. Walker, Matthew A. Elrington, Jr., Andrew M. Elrington and Mark A. Hayes; and a host of other relatives, goddaughters, church family, co-workers and friends.



Order Service

Musical Prelude Elder Brandon J. Smith

Processional* and Final Viewing Pastor, Ministers, Officers & Family

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST*

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament (*Proverbs 31:10-31*) Rev. Patricia Morgan Hodelin

New Testament (*I Corinthians 15:12-22, I Corinthians 15:51-58*)Rev. John Linder

Prayer of ComfortRev. Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood

Selection

Acknowledgment of Condolences..... Mrs. Barbara Mariner

Obituary.....Ms. Cliché Darling

Eulogistic RemarksEvangelist Evelyn Walker

Remarks and Reflections

Selection

Eulogy Rev. Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood

Praise Dance (*"Midnight Cry"*)

Closing Prayer & Benediction*

Recessional* (*Friends, please stand as the family leaves the sanctuary.*)

INTERMENT:

Canarsie Cemetery
1370 Remsen Avenue
(between Avenues J & K)
Brooklyn, New York

*Congregation standing







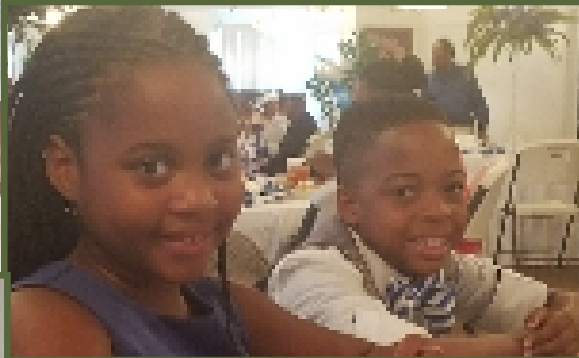


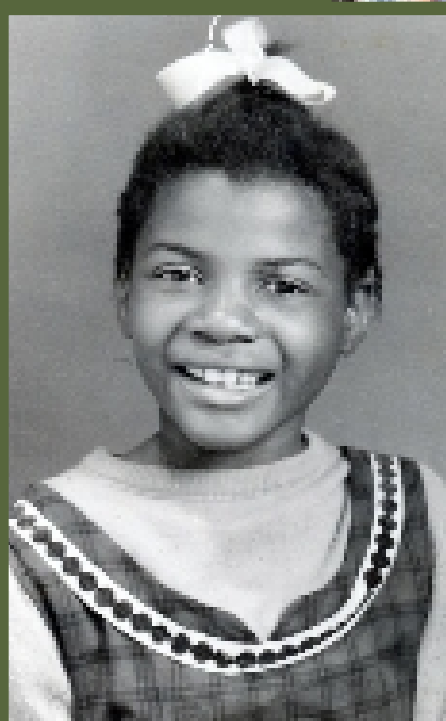
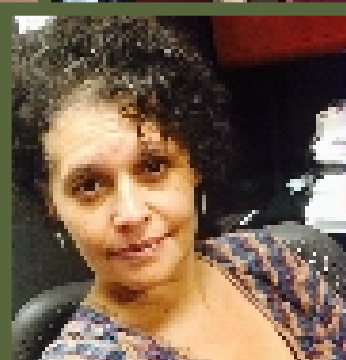
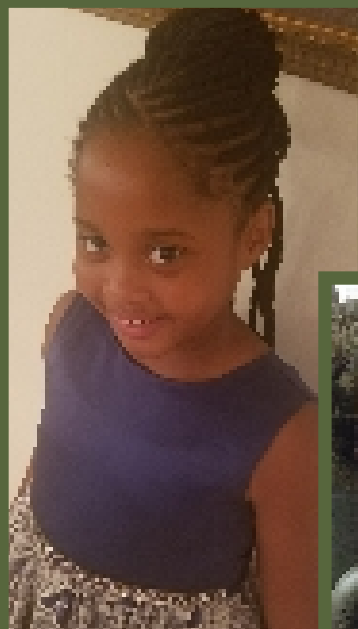
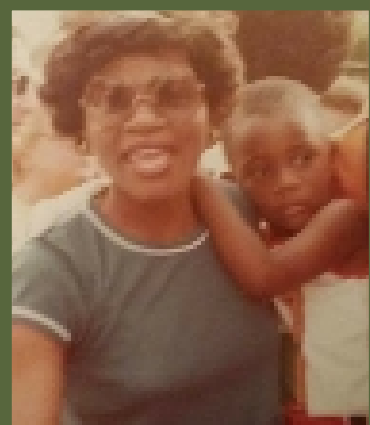
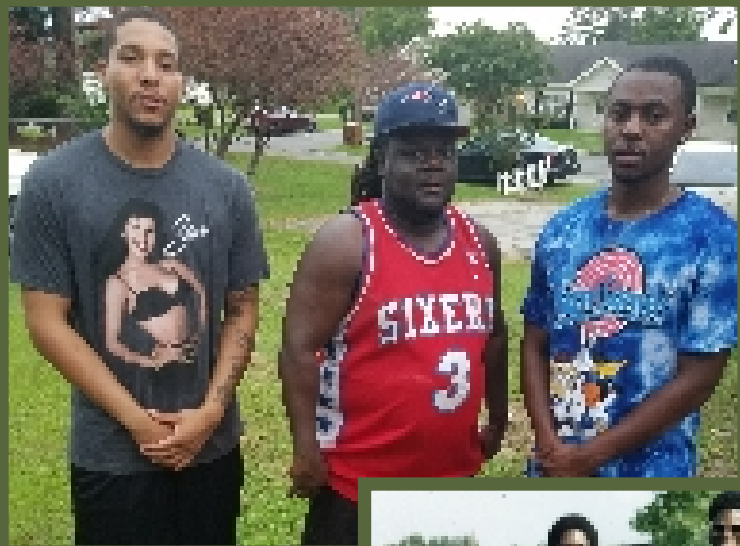
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In Grateful Appreciation

The family of the late **Gloria J. Johnson** wishes to express deep and heartfelt appreciation for your loving thoughtfulness and concern, including cards, flowers, phone calls, emails, texts, facebook tributes, visits, your presence here this evening, and especially the comfort of your continuing prayers. We also appreciate those who traveled small and great distances to encourage us during this time. May God bless and keep each of you in His loving embrace and care.

*I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith:
Henceforth there is laid up for me
a crown of righteousness,
which the Lord, the righteous judge,
shall give me at that day:
and not to me only,
but unto all them also
that love his appearing.
II Timothy 4:7-8*



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