

In Loving Memory of
Johnnie Pearl Johnson

September 19, 1936 - August 14, 2021



MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021 - 12:30 P.M.

Cotton Funeral Service

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

Father Herbert G. Draesel, Officiating

Dr. Emory Lee, Organist

Obituary

Johnnie Pearl Johnson was born the second of nine children to the union of the late David Filmore Sr. and the late Rosie Lee Dawson (formerly Wesley) on September 19, 1936 in Blakely, Georgia. Johnnie vowed as a youngster to leave Georgia and the life of sharecropping behind and move north. Upon graduating from Washington High School in Blakely, Johnnie happily migrated to Newark, New Jersey in 1954. Several years later, she married the late Robert Lee Johnson in 1957 and their union was blessed with two children: Tyrone and Towanna.

Johnnie worked for Thermwell Products in Paterson, New Jersey for eight years. She was employed by Electron Technology of Kearny, New Jersey from 1962-1993. In 1993 she relocated to Pennsylvania and was employed by the Fredrick Company of Huntington Valley, Pennsylvania until 2001. In 2003 she returned to New Jersey, settled in East Orange, and retired.

Johnnie was a faithful and long-time member of The House of Prayer Episcopal Church in Newark, New Jersey. She reared her children with love and ran a tight ship with plenty of rules. Anyone who knew Johnnie would describe her as an excellent cook. Her fried chicken, potato salad, string beans, and sweet potato pies were delicious. “Ms. J.J.”, as she was affectionately referred to later in life, loved a good meal and a good time.

Johnnie transitioned to the arms of the Lord on Saturday, August 14, 2021 after a five-year bout with dementia. She is pre-deceased by her brothers Arthur Flowers, Jessie James Filmore, Hayward Dawson and her sister Annie Ruth Gray.

She leaves to mourn her memory her daughter Towanna Johnson, son Tyrone Johnson, his partner Annette Quinde, her brothers Willie C. Filmore and David Filmore Jr., her sisters Rosetta Filmore and Palistine Dawson, three grandchildren: Tyrone White, Gary Barboza Jr and Desiree Harris, seven great-grandchildren: Kassan White, Ari-Craig McPherson, Miguel Weathersbee, Miracle Matthews, Naja Martin, Kaela Barboza and Enyla Latta as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Poem to be read by Adrienne McBride

As a mother to be read by Tyrone Johnson

Acknowledgements

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Eulogy

Recessional

Entombment

Hollywood Memorial Park
Union, New Jersey

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly
down the ways,
Of happy times
and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears
of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

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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