

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Sharon R. Johnson*

February 11, 1957 - November 19, 2021



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

**Cotton Funeral Service**

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

*Joshua Nelson, Organist*

# Obituary

Sharon Renee Johnson was born February 11, 1957, in Orange, NJ to the late Mary Wells-Johnson. She was a devoted daughter who had an extraordinary relationship with her mother.

Sharon was raised by her mother in Orange, NJ with siblings Patricia Hinton and the late Helen Johnson, Jacqueline Johnson, Ricky Johnson, and Darnell Johnson. She completed her primary education in Orange, NJ and later moved to Newark, NJ to complete her secondary education. She received her High School diploma from Barringer High School in 1974.

From an early age, it was evident that Sharon truly loved to help people. She was a compassionate spirit whose passion was caring for others. It was her goal to extend heartfelt care to those who needed a special touch. She embraced her calling and followed her dreams by attending nursing school. Sharon received her nursing certificate in 1986.

Sharon was the devoted mother of Charles Tyson Johnson, Michael Johnson, and Ashley Johnson. Her children meant everything to her. The simplest pleasures in life, like joking and laughing with her kids, brought great joy to Sharon. They always found something to laugh about whenever they were together. To them she leaves an eternal smile and a heart filled with loving memories. Sharon's infectious laughter, strong faith, and perseverance will always be a beacon of hope to comfort her children with each sunrise and sunset.

Sharon was also a proud grandmother and always shared beautiful stories with family and friends about her time with her precious grand-angels. She couldn't help but smile anytime she talked about them. They were her heartbeat and pride and joy.

In 2007, Sharon's life was changed forever. She gave her life to the Lord after joining Positive Proof Ministries under the leadership of Bishop Frank Garris and the Late Co-Pastor First Lady Ruth Garris. As an active member of the ministry, Sharon served on the nursing board. She was also ordained as a Missionary to assist and help members of the community.

Everyone will remember Sharon for her heart of gold and beautiful smile. She was a ray of sunshine and a trusted friend to many. She had a listening ear and a soft answer that imparted wisdom, love, and comfort to all that knew her.

Sharon peacefully transitioned on November 19, 2021. Through Sharon, we know what resilience and perseverance genuinely look like. Her faith was strong and unshaken when God called her home. She won her fight and gained her wings. Sharon's earthly departure will always remind us that we now have an additional angel watching over us. We praise God knowing that we will see her again!

Many will continue to celebrate Sharon's life and legacy. She is survived by her sons, Charles Tyson Johnson and Michael Johnson; her daughter Ashley Johnson; daughter-in-law Angela Irvin Johnson; son-in-law Duncan Eric Parker; grandchildren Darius Johnson, Shamar Johnson, Anthony Johnson, Amina Parker, Jahmir Parker, Jasiah Johnson, Keyan Johnson, Jeremiah Johnson, Demetris, Octayvia, Dominique, and Devell; six great-grandchildren; sister Patricia Hinton; special niece Hassana; her Spiritual Father Bishop Frank Garris; her loving church family; lifetime friend Tracie Irvin; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

# Order of Service

## **PROCESSIONAL**

Family and Clergy

## **PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

Old Testament & New Testament Scripture – Clergy

Prayer of Comfort – Clergy

Congregational Hymn – Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God  
Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood

This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
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## **OBITUARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Reading of obituary & acknowledgements

Brief remarks – Family & Friends

Congregational Hymn – It is Well

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

It is well, it is well  
with my soul, with my soul  
It is well, it is well, with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blessed assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

It is well, it is well  
with my soul, with my soul  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

## **EULOGY**

Bishop Frank Garris, D.D., Positive Proof Family Church

## **INTERMENT**

Heavenly Rest Memorial Park  
East Hanover, NJ

# *To Say Goodbye*

To say goodbye is not the end  
To all my family and friends  
For life goes on, you must endure  
For my eternity is sure.  
Remember all the good times  
The memories we've shared  
The precious jewels of laughter  
The tender love and care.  
I found my resting place  
God's peace surrounds my soul  
Let love abound in all your hearts  
Let heaven be your goal.

-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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