

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Diane Johnson*



Sunrise: May 15, 1946  
Sunset: January 17, 2022

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022 - 11:00 A.M.**

**Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church**

88 Lyons Ave. • Newark, New Jersey

*Apostle A. Phillip Parrott, Officiating*

*Bishop Dr. Elijah Solomon, Master of Ceremony*

## Obituary

DIANE was born on May 15, 1946, in Harlem, NY to the late SARAH E. REESE and WILLIE LAWSON.

DIANE attended the early part of her education in Florida until the Johnson family migrated to New Jersey. DIANE attended Central High School in Newark, NJ, and graduated in 1966. DIANE furthered her education at Essex County College with an Associate's Degree in Radiology.

DIANE was truly dedicated to her profession and moonlighted in various hospitals including Irvington General Hospital, East Orange General Hospital, and Morristown Memorial Medical Center. Newark Beth Israel Medical Center was her heart and her hospital home. DIANE worked at The Beth for over 34 wonderful years as an XRAY-TECHNICIAN and upgraded her skills into INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY.

DIANE's biggest love was her family, where she took the helm as the MATRIARCH and was known as Mama Johnson or Mama Diane to many, but her favorite people called her NANA. DIANE loved all unconditionally, without judgment or prejudice, and was always available no matter what the call. DIANE was an avid card player, known as Mrs. Bid Whist and Mrs. Spades.

DIANE was a talented seamstress and could take different patterns and combine them into unique and beautiful pieces, stitched with love. A culinary innovator, Diane was known for her homemade specialty dishes like her dressing, seafood salad, pot roast, and ambrosia. Her sweet potato pies were legendary, and to receive one for the holidays was a real treat. Diane held many titles: electrician, chef, doctor, teacher, friend, but her best quality that GOD truly blessed her with was being a MOM. LOVING, COMPASSIONATE, RELIABLE, RESILIENT, STRONG, DEDICATED, and ALWAYS ON TIME.

We LOVE and miss you MOM for you are always now and forever in our hearts. DIANE's beautiful soul will be received by those who transitioned before her: her parents, siblings WARREN REESE, ERNEST REESE SR, NORRIS REESE, VERNON JOHNSON(ABDUL), ALBERT JOHNSON and VERNELL JOHNSON.

DIANE leaves to cherish her memories one sister MOTHER NETTIE GROOVER, one brother JOHN H. JOHNSON(KHABIR), two daughters TYESE JOHNSON-SUTTON and TONYA S. JOHNSON, one son-in-law WILLIAM J. SUTTON, seven grandchildren JAZMINE, EMICA, MYKIA, NOELANI, CHRISTOPHER, TALON, and HEAVEN. Two great-grandchildren JAHKI and MESSIAH, nieces, nephews, God-children, and a host of family and friends and her beloved dog, GiGi.

# *Order of Service*

Processional – How Great Is God – Dr. Pamela Luke, Ashbury, NJ

Master of Ceremony – Bishop Dr. Elijah Solomon

Fisherman of Men Church, Washington, DC

Refuge Vision Ministries, Houston, TX

Refuge Temple Ministries, Atlanta, GA

Prayer of Comfort – Bishop Dr. Elijah Solomon

Scripture Reading -Old Testament – Psalm 23:1-6 KJV – Elder Ulysses Anderson

Fisherman of Men Church, Washington, DC

New Testament – John 14:1-4 KJV – Elder Ulysses Anderson

Fisherman of Men Church, Washington, DC

Selection – Every Praise – Dr. Pamela Luke, Ashbury, NJ

Reading of the Obituary- Ms. Cynthia Jewell

Acknowledgements, Cards – Ms. Robin Newton

Selection – I Won't Complain – Dr. Pamela Luke, Ashbury, NJ

Tribute To My Baby Sister – Mother Nettie Groover, Washington, DC

Remarks From Family and Friends (2 minutes)

Selection – Total Praise – Dr. Pamela Luke, Ashbury, NJ

Eulogy – Apostle A. Phillip Parrott, Bible Way Cathedral of Deliverance, Trenton, NJ

Final Viewing – Let the Church Say Amen – Dr. Pamela Luke, Ashbury, NJ

Recessional – Let the Church Say Amen – Dr. Pamela Luke, Ashbury, NJ

**Internment-** Heavenly Rest Memorial Park, East Hanover, NJ

## **PALL BEARERS**

WILLIAM SUTTON

NATHANIEL TULLIES

DAMIEN JOHNSON

TERRIK JOHNSON

JAMES WASHINGTON

RONNIE ROBERTS

## NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Dear Family and Friends,

Please be advised that I have moved. I received a call from God, the chief Architect, the other day. And he informed me that my new home was complete.

You all know that I have been working on my mansion, sending up my timber, packing up and getting ready to go. I knew that my mansion needed some finishing touches and that the chief carpenter, Jesus Christ, had to inspect it and give the final approval. On the evening of January 17, 2022 he let me know that my mansion was complete and that I could move in. He told me to go ahead and change my address.

Well, my new home is finished and what a sight it is to behold! It is located on an exclusive estate behind a beautiful Pearly Gate, It's just over the side of the serene celestial shore. Of course, you know the streets are paved with gold and everyday is Sunday. I can walk with the Master with not a worry or care.

I lived in New Jersey, but my new home is so much better than any other place I have lived. There's peace, joy and happiness, no pain or heartache, no strife or discontent, only sweet serenity. I can dine at the Master's bountiful table and sing with the Heavenly Choir. Best of all, my Heavenly Father is here in all of His Glory. And oh yes, I have my own designer here who fitted me with my very own white robe and wings. I am praying that you get to move here yourself someday. Before I go through let me give you my new address:

DIANE JOHNSON  
75 GLORIOUS YEARS LANE  
GODSTOWN, HEAVEN 51546

With all my love,  
Nana

### *Acknowledgement*

*The Johnson Family would like to extend its gratitude to the Care Team at Haven Hospice, in affiliation with Hackensack Meridian Health.*

*The family of Diane Johnson would like to thank everyone for the abundance of love, support and condolences that they have received in this difficult time. We love you*

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