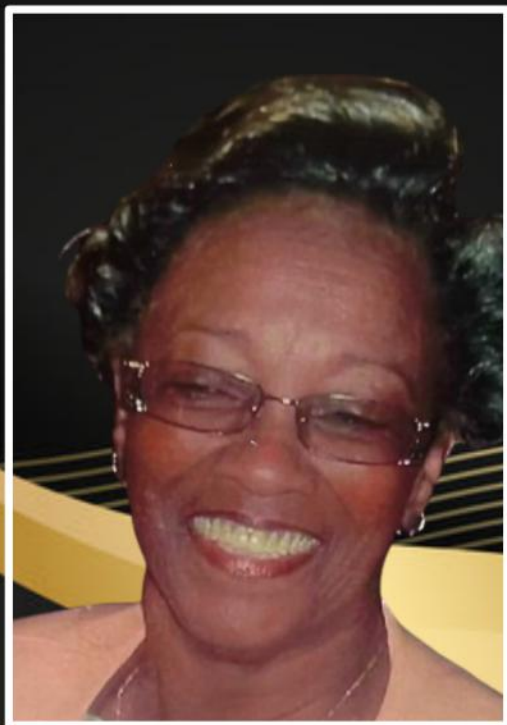


Celebrating the Life of
Jean Delores Johnson

Sunrise
January 22, 1951

Sunset
January 6, 2024



Tuesday, January 16, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

Serenity Baptist Church
132 North First Street, Paterson, NJ
Pastor Robert L. Howell, Officiating

Obituary

Jean D. Johnson was born on January 22, 1951 in Cumberland County, Virginia. She was born to the late James and Berdine Williams. Cumberland County is where she attended the Cumberland County School System and also resided with her grandparents the late Samuel and Mary Williams in her adolescent years.

At an early age Jean was baptized at The Midway Baptist Church, the very church she would attend yearly for "Home Coming" services, therefore it is only fitting that her Home Going would be at Midway.

Jean would eventually move to Paterson, NJ along with her parents and siblings. She attended the Paterson School System, graduating from John F. Kennedy High School in 1968.

Upon graduating high school Jean would join the workforce beginning with her employment at Meadox Medicals/Boston Scientific. She was also employed at Valley National Bank in Wayne, NJ and then at Champion Mortgage in Parsippany, NJ from which she retired.

Upon her retirement Jean would become a member of Serenity Baptist Church Paterson. She would join the Usher Board where she served until her illness would no longer allow her to.

Never one to allow grass to grow under her feet she was always on the go. She loved to do crossword puzzles, watch cowboy movies, shop, as well as sit in her backyard. She also enjoyed playing card games and going back home to her roots by visiting Virginia as often as she could.

On Saturday, January 6, 2024 Jean transitioned peacefully surrounded by her loving husband, children and additional family members.

Jean was preceded in death by her beloved parents; James and Berdine Williams, brother; James J.R. Williams, father and mother-in-law; Lawrence and Mamie Johnson Sr.

She leaves to cherish precious memories her beloved husband of 44 years; Lawrence I. Johnson Jr.; her only daughter; Shonda Nelson (Gary) Paterson NJ, her sons; Lawrence K. Johnson (Tracy) Paterson NJ, Jason I. Johnson (Shannon) Farmville VA, her grandchildren; Rae'chel Jeffery of Paterson, NJ, Isaiah Johnson of Garfield NJ, Jahmir Johnson and Liam Johnson of Farmville VA, a bonus granddaughter; Kiarrah Vaughn, sisters; Carrie Williams of Paterson, NJ and Sandra Williams of Farmville, VA, an aunt; Sally Bagley of Farmville, VA and uncle; John Foster of Asbury Park, sisters-in-law; Margaret Davis, IvyJean Green, Audrey Green (Howard) all of Kingston NY, Marian Johnson of Bronx, NY, Phyllis Saunders, Diane Dove, Sharon Gilliam of Farmville VA, Stacey Stokes of Richmond, VA, cousins dearest to her heart; Blanche Wilson, Christine and Joe Grier, Courtney Sourey, Sarah Coleman and Frank Trent, godsister; Tameika Dupeche, and her good good girlfriends; Florence D., Cynthia R., Cynthia D., Deborah W. She will also be remembered by a host of nieces, nephews and friends that were all so *very special* to her!

Jean will truly be missed by her family members and friends. She was a fighter up until the very end although we loved her dearly, God loved her more!

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

Prayer of Comfort

Scriptures
Old Testament– Psalms 23
New Testament

Musical Selection

Remarks
Family and Friends (2 Minutes Please);

Acknowledgements

Reading of Obituary

Solo
Onekia Grier (cousin)

Eulogy
Pastor Robert L. Howell

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment
Saturday, January 20, 2024 - 2pm
Midway Baptist Church Cemetery
Farmville, Virginia

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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