

Celebrating the Life of
Esther Y. Johnson

Sunrise
January 25, 1942

Sunset
March 12, 2024



Friday, March 22, 2024 - 11:00 a.m.

New Shiloh Baptist Church

207-209 Broadway

Paterson, New Jersey

Bishop D'Andra Johnson, Pastor

Apostle Johnny Parson, Officiating

Rex Hill, Organist

Reflections of Life

Esther Yvonne Johnson, 82, of Paterson, New Jersey peacefully entered eternal rest on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. Yvonne was born in Enfield, North Carolina on January 25, 1942. She was the daughter of the late John Arthur Johnson and Esther Rene Johnson. In her youth, she attended Wayman AME Church, the family's church, and was educated in the Halifax County School district in North Carolina. She attended Eastman High School before moving to Washington DC where she graduated from Cardozo High School. In her high school years, she participated in the band as a snare drummer. This would eventually inspire her sons Aubrey and John to acquire a passion for drumming.

As a young working adult, one of her most cherished (and most discussed) memories was that of serving prominent dignitaries and politicians as a waitress in the Capital District of DC. Yvonne moved to Paterson, New Jersey in 1966. Shortly after, Alabama Projects became her place of residence. In 1979, she moved her family to Riverside Terrace, better known as Fifth Avenue Projects, where she quickly became a pillar in the community while raising her four headstrong sons. In the course of time, she put her skills to use and became an exceptional caregiver for a few senior women.

Yvonne was especially known for her love and talent for cooking. She was a master in the kitchen ensuring those around her always had plenty to eat. She also enjoyed traveling throughout the east coast visiting family members and friends and instilled in her children the importance of family heritage. Her love for blues and soul music classics included songs by Jimmy Reed and Sam Cooke.

Yvonne was preceded in death by her parents, her dearly loved son, Sterling Brinkley, as well as her siblings, Arthur Johnson, Josephine Wilkins, and Leroy Johnson.

She is survived by her children, Dan Aubrey Brinkley, John Johnson, and Knick (Michele) Johnson; grandchildren, Heather, Nikayle, Danielle, Avery and Kayla; eleven great great-grandchildren, sister-in-law, Pastor Mary Johnson (LuLu); aunt, Joyce Williams. She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Yvonne will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

Nikayle Green

Carmen Miller

Acknowledgements

Michele Johnson

Reflections of Life

Karen Brown

Selection

Words of Comfort

Apostle Johnny Parson

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery

1137 N. Broad Street

Hillside, NJ 07205

You Live Always

It's true we bring nothing into this world
,and nothing we take when we pass. So
the time in between we must use carefully,
for only the memories will last. We hurt
because you left us, we cry because
you're gone; with sorrow we must say
goodbye. But your memory lives on.
Because of what you mean to us the
loneliness will always remain.
But because of all the love you gave, in
our hearts you'll live always.



Acknowledgment

The family of Esther Johnson would like to thank all who have extended comfort during the homegoing of our loved one. Words are not adequate to express how blessed we are to have caring friends like you. Please keep us in your prayers and may God bless you.

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