

Pallbearers

Shawn Johnson
Gav'von Johnson
Cameron Johnson
Scott Shores
Elder Tony Elliott
Mark Ramey

Heath Johnson
Shawntino Johnson
Frederick Shores
Robert Huntley, Jr.
Quentin Elliott
Kevin Strong

Honorary Pallbearers

Anthony Woods
Otis Brian Williamson
James Jones, Sr.
Bishop Ralph L. Johnson

Jaime Simpson
Charles Bolden
Justin Johnson
Al Culp

Flower Bearers

Friends of the family

Interment

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery
1502 W. Central Avenue Toledo, Ohio

Arrangements Entrusted to

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Acknowledgment

The family of Ellen Johnson wishes to thank you most sincerely for your expressions of sympathy. We are truly blessed to be surrounded by a wealth of family and friends & deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness, kindness and sympathy at a time when it is greatly needed and deeply appreciated.

Special Thanks to Bishop Ralph L. Johnson, Pamela Sheilds, Michelle Green, Elder Ronnie Nelson, Evangelist James Seth Smith, Tonya Simpson, Jim and Sandy Rose & Kevin Strong.

Honoring and Celebrating the Legacy
of

Mother Ellen Johnson

January 13, 1930 – February 6, 2021



Services

Saturday, February 13, 2021

Refreshing Place
2500 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH 43607

Visitation: 10:00 a.m. Service: 11:00 a.m.

Elder Martin L. Johnson - Officiating
Pastor Franklin Culver - Eulogist

The Obituary

Mother Emma Ellen Johnson, “The Fox” started her journey into heaven on Saturday, February 6, 2021, at the age of 91, from her home, where she resided with her daughter Traci “TJ” Johnson, in Columbus, Ohio. Ellen was born on January 13, 1930 in Gary Indiana. Her parents: Westley James Johnson and Mildred Hortence Richardson - Johnson were in Water Valley, Mississippi, they eventually migrated to Toledo, Ohio. Ellen is the oldest of three (3) children.

Mother Ellen Johnson professed Christ as a teenager under the pastorate of Elder M. H. Hawkins, 336 Wabash Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, which later became Zion Church of God in Christ in Toledo, Ohio. Ellen had a phenomenal voice, and she shared her talents as a member of the church choir and usher board. She later attended and become a member of St. James Holiness Church and upon moving to Columbus, Ohio, Mother Johnson became a member of Resurrection Power, Church of God In Christ under the direction of Pastor Franklin Culver, whom she loved, until she went to Heaven.

While growing up in Toledo, Ohio, Ellen attended Gunckel School and Scott High School where she graduated, June 1948. During that time, she was a member of the Scott High School Bulldogs swim team. She attended Mary Mance College, University of Toledo & University of Michigan, Ann Arbor majoring in Social Work & Early Childhood Development.

As a single mother, education was the driving force. Raising 4 kids was not easy, her prayers, tears, hard work and sacrifice produced successful children: A Homemaker, Quality Engineer, Network Manager and Business Owner/Politician. Ellen was strong, resilient, confident, and PROUD OF HER CHILDREN AND THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

Mother Johnson began her professional career as a suburban kindergarten teacher but felt a calling to use her talents and abilities to empower pre-school children of low-income families through the Economic Opportunity Planning Association(EOPA) of Lucas County as a Social Worker. Her professional career spanned over 35 years where she received numerous awards and Proclamations for her sincere commitment and outstanding services; from the Mayor of Toledo and the Ohio House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Ohio.

Mother Johnson enjoyed paying her TITHES and she loves sports cars. Her first car was a “muscle car” called the Ford Falcon. Her favorite colors are purple and pink. Her favorite restaurants are Apple Bees and Cracker Barrel. Favorite shows are Let’s Make a Deal with Wayne Brady, Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, Criminal Minds and NCIS Los Angeles or any show with Shemar Moore or LL Cool J. Favorite song is, “We Fall Down” by Donnie McClurkin” and at 9:00pm every night she had a chocolate chip cookie and a can of Pepsi. She made everyone pray at 11pm every night. Her favorite scripture: In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:6.

Ellen was preceded in death by parents, Westley and Mildred Johnson, sister Jacqueline Marie Shores.

She is survived by her brother Bishop L. Ralph (Sharon) Johnson, Atlanta, GA; children (4) Shawn Johnson of San Diego, CA; Traci Johnson of Columbus, OH; Sabrina Johnson of Toledo, OH; Heath (Shannon) Johnson, Sterling Heights, MI; grandchildren (6) Gav’von Johnson, Kai Johnson and Heather Johnson of Columbus, OH; Shawntino Johnson of Cincinnati, OH; Cameron Johnson of Atlanta, GA; Justine Johnson, Sterling Heights, MI; Godson Johnathan Jones, Columbus, OH; Nephew: Ralph Jr., Nieces: Bessie June & Elizabeth Johnson. Special acknowledgments; Pamela Diane Shields, Columbus, OH; Michelle Green, Detroit, MI; Otis Brian Williamson, Philadelphia, PA; Fred Lewis, Toledo, OH; Christine Johnston, Columbus, OH; and a host of great grandkids, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Officiant – Eld. Martin L. Johnson

Musical Selection

Processional

Invocation..... Eld. Martin L. Johnson

Scripture Reading.....Old Testament.....Eld. Tony Elliott

Scripture Reading.....New Testament.....Eld. Ronnie Nelson

Congregational Musical Selections.....Eld. Tony Elliott

Special Remarks.....Pastor Eric W. Slack & Evangelist James Seth Smith

Acknowledgement, Card & Resolutions.....Sis. Debora Nelson

Life and Legacy of Mother Johnson.....Pamela Diane Shields

Tribute Remarks.....Mother Barbara Rome & Sis. Connie Jones

Musical Selection.....Nikki Washington

Introduction of Eulogist.....Eld. Martin L. Johnson

Musical Selection.....

Clergy Eulogy.....Pastor Franklin Culver

Families Final Farewell

Sealing of the Bier.....

Recessional