



Ernestine T. Johnson

July 18, 1939 - May 16, 2018

Ernestine Tatum Johnson departed this earthly life on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at the Agape Hospice House of the Midlands in Columbia, South Carolina. Born in West Point, New York, on July 18, 1939, she was a daughter of the late Leon and Helen Jackson Tatum. Educated in the New York Public School system, she was a graduate of Highland Falls High School (now James O'Neil High School) in Highland Falls, New York.

Ms. Johnson was a faithful member of the Little Zion Baptist Church where she served in the following capacities: Noonday Bible Study Class; the Senior Ministry of Little Zion; and the Women of Wisdom Community Organization. She was a deeply spiritual person who loved God and served Him every day of her life.

She was a breast cancer survivor of 17 years, and she participated in numerous cancer awareness walks and education drives. The matriarch of the family, her world revolved around her grandchildren who lovingly called her "Nana." She was a quiet, soft-spoken, gentle and sweet caregiver who was always available to provide comfort and hugs. She had a good sense of humor and a good heart. Her love for her family was the paramount in her life.

She was united in marriage to Ronald B. Johnson in October 1957, and to this union three children were born. She was a certified nurse's assistant with the

Veteran's Administration Hospital system. Even though the marriage dissolved, they remained friends and life partners.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son Myron B. Johnson; and four sisters: Barbara D. Hibler, Dorothy Byrd, Leona Truss, and Maxine Marshall.

She leaves to cherish precious memories her children: Ronica Johnson, Rodney Johnson and Ronnie Lee, Jr.; daughter-in-law Christina Johnson; thirteen grandchildren: Leon, Katherine, Keith, Leslie, Bobby, Zola, Ronnie, Rondria, Heath, Lynette, Rene, Sade, and Aaliyah; two great-grandchildren: Karmen and Monica; a sister Justina Brooks; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY **20**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223
(803) 786-6300
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

Celebration of Life

MAY **21**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Little Zion Baptist Church
8229 Winnsboro Rd
Blythewood, SC 29016

Tribute Wall



“ *Ernestine T. Johnson*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *We were truly sadden upon hearing of Ernestine's passing. Though we had not seen her in some years, the memory of her quiet disposition and kindness will always remain with us. We have always loved her family and pray the Most High's Peace rest and abide with them. Remember, one is never dead until they are forgotten. May she live on through the memories of those who loved her.*

Curtis and Beth Stuart - May 25, 2018 at 07:18 PM



“ *Marcia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ernestine T. Johnson*



Marcia Johnson - May 22, 2018 at 01:20 AM



“ *Carrie Cannon lit a candle in memory of Ernestine T. Johnson*



Carrie Cannon - May 21, 2018 at 02:20 PM

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“ My heart is so heavy after hearing that my dear friend and former neighbor has left this earthly life before I could say, "Good Bye." Ernestine ("Ernie") Johnson was truly one of God's precious angels, and my family and I will miss her so much! Words can not express the love, self-sacrifice, and goodness she shared with everyone she met. We will always love her, and we know that God has a special heavenly place reserved just for Ernie.



To Ronica, Rodney, and the rest of the family, I can not find adequate words to comfort you, but please know Ernie is at peace, no longer suffering, and that she wants you to be that "beacon of light" you have always been for her and others. She loved you dearly, and she will always be with you.... May God bless and keep you, always.

Tommye McMillan

Tommye McMillan - May 19, 2018 at 06:58 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ernestine T. Johnson.



May 19, 2018 at 10:31 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ernestine T. Johnson.



May 18, 2018 at 01:00 PM

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“ *Richland County Family Court Staff purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Ernestine T. Johnson.*



Richland County Family Court Staff - May 18, 2018 at 12:51 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ernestine T. Johnson.*



May 18, 2018 at 10:15 AM