



Geneva Powell Johnson Maxberry

September 16, 1922 - January 1, 2018

Geneva Powell Johnson Maxberry departed this life on January 1, 2018, in the comfort of the home she loved. She was born September 16, 1922, to very proud parents, Mr. Hannibal Powell and Mrs. Mary Jones Powell. Geneva was the third child born to this couple, and she received her formal education in the public schools of Richland County School District One. On July 5, 1940, she married the late John Wade Johnson, Sr. The union was blessed with the birth of four sons: the late John Wade Johnson, Jr., Donald Curtis Johnson, Avery Johnson, and Clarence George Johnson.

As a staunch advocate of education, Mrs. Maxberry advanced her studies of Library Science at Allen University and Benedict College during the summer months while proudly serving in Library Services for Booker T. Washington High School and the University of South Carolina for over 25 years until retiring in 1975.

She was blessed to find love again 10 years after the untimely death of her first husband. On August 20, 1962, she became the blushing bride of the late (SFC-Retired) Joseph Rodgers Maxberry, Jr. This union was blessed with the birth of one son, Joseph Rodgers Maxberry, III.

A gregarious and highly personable lady, Geneva enjoyed her years of library service and truly tried to help everyone she encountered. She's been a

dedicated and hardworking member of Sidney Park CME Church for over 50 years. Likewise, she's been an integral part of her community with her membership in the Excelsior Club, the Loyal Ladies Society, the Sidney Park Missionary Society (lifelong member), The Shepherd's Center, Mammoth Tea past queen, and a host of other organizations. She loved her family dearly, but she loved God most.

She leaves to mourn her passing four sons: Donald (Edith) Johnson, Avery (Dorothy) Johnson, Clarence (Myrtle) Johnson, and Joseph (Michelle) Maxberry, III; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 5. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Visitation

JAN 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia
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Public Viewing

JAN 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Sidney Park CME Church
1114 Blanding Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Celebration of Life

JAN 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

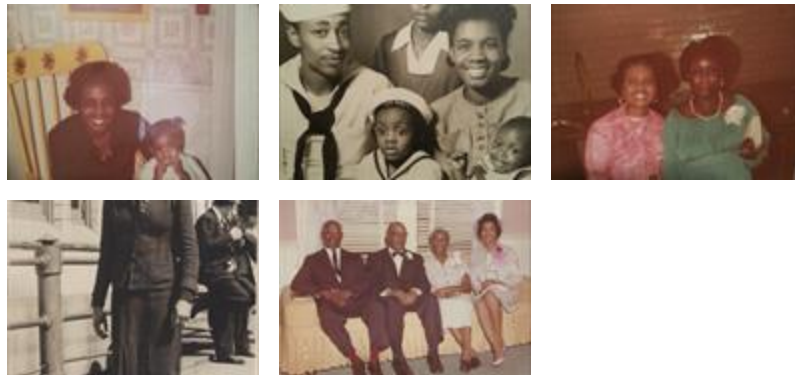


“ *Geneva Powell Johnson Maxberry*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *36 files added to the tribute wall*



Palmer Memorial Chapel - January 11, 2018 at 10:18 AM



“ *Marjorie Snipe*



Marjorie Snipe - January 05, 2018 at 11:09 PM

VA

“ *Vinia Brown Alston lit a candle in memory of Geneva Powell Johnson Maxberry*



Vinia brown Alston - January 05, 2018 at 06:21 PM

CC

“ *I found her to be a strong, loving, Christian Mother who loved her family. She spent a day in Charleston with Avery, Dorothy and I. We toured the Market area and had lunch afterward. I watched as she shopped for her Son; making him smile. Family, remember, the Comforter has come.*

Catherine Clark - January 05, 2018 at 05:18 PM

BT

“ *Berry And Lynn Thomas lit a candle in memory of Geneva Powell Johnson Maxberry*



Berry and Lynn Thomas - January 05, 2018 at 02:45 PM

SV

“ *Sonya Stephens (Alexandria, VA) purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Geneva Powell Johnson Maxberry.*



Sonya Stephens (Alexandria, VA) - January 05, 2018 at 10:21 AM

MD

“ *Ms Maxberry was a beautiful person. An excellent co-worker. She was a mentor with positive and encouraging words for all.*



Mary S. Daniels - January 04, 2018 at 05:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Geneva Powell Johnson Maxberry.*



January 04, 2018 at 05:52 PM

DC

“ *Doris Counts lit a candle in memory of Geneva Powell Johnson Maxberry*



Doris Counts - January 04, 2018 at 03:00 PM

DM

“ *Debbie McDonald lit a candle in memory of Geneva Powell Johnson Maxberry*

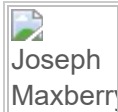


Debbie McDonald - January 04, 2018 at 02:23 PM

 Sande French

“ While I did not know Ms. Maxberry, I used to work with her son. Joe is one of the finest, sweetest people walking this earth. Humor, integrity and honor course through his veins.
She did good.
May fond memories sustain you through this difficult time.
Peace, and highest good

Sande French - January 04, 2018 at 02:12 AM

 Joseph Maxberry

Thanks Sande

Joseph Maxberry - January 09, 2018 at 01:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Geneva Powell Johnson Maxberry.*



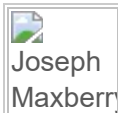
January 03, 2018 at 11:48 PM



“ *Clemson "9" lit a candle in memory of Geneva Powell Johnson Maxberry*



Clemson "9" - January 03, 2018 at 02:10 PM

 Joseph Maxberry

Thank you very much

Joseph Maxberry - January 09, 2018 at 01:59 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Geneva Powell Johnson Maxberry.*



January 03, 2018 at 02:08 PM



“ *I remember back in the day, she was one of several mothers in the neighborhood around Cypress & King St, made sure we as kids stayed staight, act like we had sense, and be respectful. Mrs. Maxberry, you will be missed, but never forgotten*

Byron Mayo - January 03, 2018 at 06:12 AM



Thank you Byron

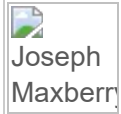
Joseph Maxberry - January 09, 2018 at 01:59 PM

DB

“ *.Mom Maxberry as we called her was truly a precious gem she became part of our family and we loved her dearly. Our thoughts Love and Prayers go out to the family. My very best memory was our trip to New York she was the best roommate ever. She loved her Family deeply. God will give each of you the strength to carry on. Love to each of you from David and Sandra Brooks from Stanley North Carolina*



David and Sandra Brooks - January 02, 2018 at 08:56 PM



Joseph
Maxberry

Thank you very much

Joseph Maxberry - January 09, 2018 at 02:00 PM

OJ

“ *Octavia Brown Jackson lit a candle in
memory of Geneva Powell Johnson Maxberry*



Octavia Brown Jackson - January 02, 2018 at 03:12 PM