

*Celebrating the Life
of*

**Sunrise
October 30, 1930**



**Sunset
May 20, 2021**

Ethel Forinda Johnson

**Friday, May 28, 2021
1:00 PM**

Peoples Funeral Chapel

**707 Vinson Blvd.
Whiteville, North Carolina**

Pastor Algernon McKenzie, Eulogist



Order of Service

Processional

Opening Hymn: *"Come and Go with Me"*

Scriptures

Old Testament Minister Edna Gerald

New Testament Minister Nora J. Smith

Prayer.....Deacon Franklin H. Thurman

SoloReverend Kendall Thurman

Remarks.....Reverend Tonie Vereene
Sister Barbara Barbour
Minister Betty Sturdivant

Acknowledgements and Resolutions.....Sister Karen Thurman

Solo.....Anthony Frink

Eulogy.....Reverend Algernon McKenzie, Pastor
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Whiteville, North Carolina

Recording: *"Heaven Waits for Me"*

Committal and Benediction

Recessional





Obituary



Ethel Jorinda Johnson, daughter of the late Pauline Powell Johnson Hood and Brodus Johnson, was born October 30, 1930 in the small town of Gasden, South Carolina. On Thursday, May 20, 2021, she peacefully transitioned this world at her home.

After graduating from high school, Ethel continued her education at North Carolina A & T State University where she majored in English and French. There she joined Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and was a member of the Marching Band. Ethel went on to receive her Master's Degree at Boston University.

Ethel began her teaching career at Westside High School, Chadbourn, North Carolina. The system desegregated in 1969 and she moved to West Columbus High School, Cerro Gordo, North Carolina. Ethel made an enormous impact on her students. She showed genuine concern and always encouraged them to be the best they could be. She would go out of her way to make sure they had the tools and knowledge to excel.

Ethel was a strong woman of God so when moving to Chadbourn, she joined Saint John Missionary Baptist Church, where she faithfully served until she relocated to Whiteville, North Carolina and joined Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. At Friendship, Ethel served as president of the Missionary Circle for many years. After her tenure as president, she remained active, most notably as the coordinator for the Liberty Commons Nursing Home ministry. She taught the Adult Sunday School class until her health no longer allowed.

Ethel's love for God's word inspired her to teach the Sunday School lesson on WENC and WVOE Radio Stations. She will be remembered for reminding us, "If you work the Word, the Word works."

A woman of excellence, Ethel wore many hats and belonged to many organizations. She was honored by The Tri-County Campaign UNCF for being an outstanding educator. She was a member of Alpha Mu Honor Society, president of the YWCA Columbus County, NAACP, Westside Alumni Association, Bladen-Columbus Chapter NC A & T Alumni Association, and Columbus County NCAE.

Ethel had a heart of gold. She was a mother to many in her family and community. She was always willing to give spiritual education and life changing advice. She was very proactive in sharing her wisdom and knowledge at various conventions and associations' church services. Her positive outlook on life was evidenced by her response to how she was doing: "MARVELOUS!"



Obituary (Continued)

She leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter, Teresa Autry (Eugene) of Rocky Point, North Carolina; and son, Broadus James Johnson, III of the home. In addition:

Grandchildren

Ashley Shaw, Clarkton, NC
Armwood Shaw, Leland, NC
Jayden Autry, Rocky Point, NC
Jaquan Johnson, Raleigh, NC
Faith Washington, Fair Bluff, NC
Eric Washington, Fair Bluff, NC
Taiylor Hoey, Shelby, NC
Tiquesha Wright, Raleigh, NC

Great-grandchildren

Sakani Toogood, Raleigh, NC
Tanner Washington, Fair Bluff, NC
Sage Washington, Fair Bluff, NC

Niece

Barbara Johnson Cook, Manhattan, NY

Nephews

John C. Johnson (Gloria), Shelby, NC
Lewis Johnson (Jane), Elizabethtown, NC

Grandnieces

Denene Hare (Ronald) Charlotte, NC
Terri Matthews (Eric), Elizabethtown, NC
Paulette Johnson, Clover, SC
Tonya Johnson, Queens, NY
Ahsaki Teague, Shelby, NC



In Loving Memory of Our Beautiful Mother

*God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So he put His arms around you
And whispered, "Come to me."*

*With tearful eyes we watched you
And saw you fade away.
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard-working hands now rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He chose to take the best.*

*It's lonesome here without you
We miss you more each day.
Life doesn't seem the same
Since you have gone away.*

*When days are sad and lonely
And everything goes wrong,
We seem to hear you whisper,
"Cheer up and carry on."*

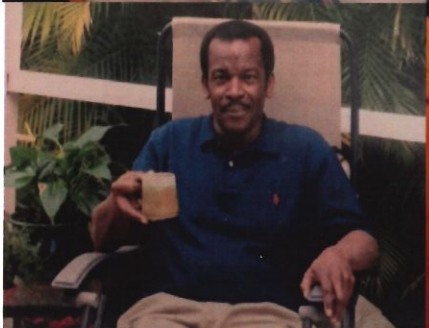
*Each time we see your picture
You seem to smile and say,
"Don't cry, I'm in God's hands,
We'll meet again someday!"*

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Special Memories



North Carolina
Agricultural and Technical
State University

GRANDMA,

*You fed us well, you made us strong.
You taught us to know right from wrong.
You made us feel that we belonged.
You showed us the value of a song.
You gave us life, you gave us love.
You always knew the way we felt;
You used the words you thought might heal;
You convinced us it was no big deal.
Your advice would keep it real.
You gave us life, you gave us love.
Broken hearts you liked to mend.
It was not in your nature to offend.
Birthday cards you'd always send.
You knew the value of family and friends.
You give us life, you give us love.
You left us now, you've gone away.
We're left behind, we have to stay.
So we'll just have to pray.
We'll meet you again another day.
You always had that special touch.
We loved you so very, very much.
You gave us life, you gave us love.
Please watch over us from above.*

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Ethel Jorinda Johnson, express sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness rendered during the passing of our loved one. We were sustained because we were surrounded by your love and prayers. May God bestow His riches blessings upon each of you.

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