

To My Wife in Heaven,

I thought of you with love today but that is nothing new.
I thought about you yesterday and days before that too.

I think of you in silence I often speak your name.

All I have are memories and your picture in a frame.

Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part.

God has you in His keeping, I have you in my heart.

I Miss You "Honey"

- Your Loving Husband



FIRST LADY *Sarene*
Gattison "Honey"
JOHNSON

December 31, 1945 ~ May 7, 2023

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Saturday, May 13, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m.
TABERNACLE WORSHIP CENTER
1200 S. Main St., Darlington, S.C. 29532
Elder Q.R. Smith, Senior Pastor & Eulogist
Pastor Janie Wilds, Officiating
Apostle Dr. C.L. Johnson Sr., Founder



Reflection of Life

“The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul, He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for his name sake.” Psalms 23: 1-3

First Lady Lorene “Honey” Gattison Johnson, was born December 31, 1945 in Darlington, South Carolina a daughter of the late Leroy Gattison and Eva Mae Lincoln Gattison. She entered into eternity from labor to reward at home on May 7, 2023 after an extended illness.

Honey, received her formal education in the Darlington County Public Schools. She received her Associate Degree of Theology in Ministry from Cathedral Bible College. At an early age she joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Honey, was united in matrimony to the love of her life, Charley L. Johnson for 61 years and to this union they was blessed with 4 children.

She retired from ESAB in Florence. She co-founded Tabernacle Worship Center, formally known as Tabernacle Holiness Church. She was the first Lady, the Sunday School Superintendent and teacher, a member of Missionary Ministry, Pastor’s Aide, Women’s Day Association Coordinator, a member of the Kitchen Committee, an Ordained Elder and she was the National Mother of Omega TVPH. She was very competitive in her own way and she loved to do fundraisers for the church. In 2020, after 52 years of service, she retired as the Co-Pastor of Tabernacle Worship Center.

Honey’s favorite scripture was Psalms 23. To know her was to love her and she never met a stranger. Her faith was strong and she was referred to as the “Strong Tower” at Tabernacle.

Survivors left to cherish her memory are: her husband Apostle C. L. Johnson of the home; her children: James (Charity) Johnson and Timothy (Lisa) Johnson of Darlington, SC , Aretha (Eddie) Coker of Lawrenceville, Ga, April Stephens - Lowery; 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; Brothers: Roosevelt (Dorothy) Joint of Philadelphia, PA, James (Robbie) Gattison, Jack (Gwendolyn) Gattison, Sammie Gattison all of Darlington, SC; one sister Mary (Lawrence) Watts of Florence, SC; one aunt, Bertha Gattison of Darlington, SC; three brother-in-laws: Edward (Francina) Johnson, Houston (Marjorie) Johnson and David (Helen) Johnson all of Darlington, SC; six sister-in-laws: Rosa Lee Gattison of Society Hill, SC, Gladys Gattison of New Haven, CT, Mary Gattison, Helen Crawford, Linda Johnson, Geraldine Johnson all of Darlington, SC; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her son Charlie Johnson, Jr; grandson Charlie Johnson, III her parents: Leroy and Eva Mae Gattison; four sisters: Florrie Woods, Bessie Mae Gattison, Ida Mae Smith and Dorothy Wilds; four brothers: Leroy Gattison, Jr, Willie Gattison, Ernest Joint and Nathan Gattison.

Order of Celebration

Officiating Pastor Janie M. Wilds

Processional & Final Viewing.....Clergy & Family

Opening Song.....Choir

Prayer.....Reverend Eugene Thomas

Scriptures:

Old Testament.....Elder Lee Bell Ross
 New Testament.....Elder Bessie Sowell

Selection.....Choir

A Tribute To My “Honey”Apostle C.L. Johnson

RemarksAretha Coker, Daughter
 April Stephens-Lowery, Daughter
 Tammy Harrison, Church
 Bishop Freddie Marshall, Family

Poem.....Lauren Coker

Solo.....Elder Retha Bynum

Words of Comfort.....Elder Rodregus Smith

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Ressesional

Interment

Round O Baptist Church Cemetery

