

## Acknowledgments

The family of Mrs. Elmer Jewel Johnson would like to sincerely thank each and every one of you for your kind words, flowers, cards and expressions of sympathy. Most of all, we thank you for your prayers which have been the greatest comfort to us at this difficult time. We would also like to take the time out to thank Greater Bible Way Church and their Pastor Wanda Williams-Lee for opening the doors of their church and Bible Way Family Worship Center, Bishop Lonnie D. Garrett for all their love, help and support. May God truly bless and keep each of you.

Sincerely,  
The Family

~Will Those Driving in The Procession Kindly Turn on Their Headlights For Safety~

## Active Pallbearers

Alan Johnson-High

Marcus Dillon

Billy James, Jr.

Taji Johnson

Willie McQuiter

Rickey Bible

Terrance Hubby

Jimmy Carpenter

Tra'Veon Johnson

Nicholas Greenwood

## Honorary Pallbearers

Sammie Widemon, Jr.

Cedric Greenwood

Gene A. Johnson

Darren Widemon

Seniour Douglas, Jr.

Leon Johnson

James Johnson

Reggie Miller

Joshua Greenwood

## Interment

Springhill United Methodist Church Cemetery  
3705 Mt. Moriah Road | Riesel, Texas 76682

*Dinner will be served at Greater Bible Way Church*

*The Honor and Duty if Quality Service  
Bestowed Upon and Caringly Performed by the  
Professional Family and Staff of  
Robertson Funeral Home*

338 Commerce Street | Marlin, Texas 76661  
254-803-2501

*The Reverend F.A. Green Sr., Funeral Home Director*

HOME GOING CELEBRATION OF

# "MRS. ELMER" Elma Jewel JOHNSON



Sunrise

September 20, 1940

Sunset

May 13, 2023

## Service

Friday, May 19, 2023 at 11:00 A.M.  
GREATER BIBLE WAY CHURCH  
1901 Herring Avenue, Waco, Texas 76708

**Pastor Wanda Williams – Officiating**  
**Bishop Lonnie D. Garrett – Eulogist**





# Don't Cry For Me

**By: Deborah Garcia Gaitan**

*Don't cry for me. I will be okay.*

*Heaven is my home now, and this is where I'll stay.*

*Don't cry for me. I'm where I belong.*

*I want you to be happy and try to stay strong.*

*Don't cry for me. It was just my time,  
But I will see you someday on the other side.*

*Don't cry for me. I am not alone.  
The angels are with me to welcome me home.*

*Don't cry for me, for I have no fear.  
All my pain is gone, and Jesus took my tears.*

*Don't cry for me. This is not the end.*

*I'll be waiting here for you  
when we meet again.*

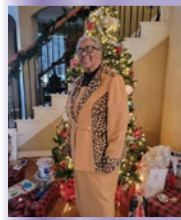


# Precious Memories





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# Heaven Is Never Too Far

**By: Elisha L. Garner**

*Words cannot explain  
How much you mean to us  
Nothing could ever compare  
Or even ever be*

*You're momma, granny and sister, our one and only*

*You're our leaning post  
Although we love our families*

*You're the one we love most  
Even though you may be leaving*

*You'll still be in our hearts  
You'll always be real close*

*Even though we're far apart  
While you're in heaven, please watch over us*

*And help us as we grow*

*You have taught us so much*

*But there is still so much more to know*

*We are not going to say good-bye*

*Or that we can't go on*

*We will say 'I love you,' and 'see you later'*

*Even though you're gone*

*We love you momma, granny, sister, more than you'll ever know*

*I know you'll be in heaven as a shining star*

*No matter how far away you seem*

*Heaven is never too far*

**Love Always,**

**Sisters, Children, Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren  
and Great-Great-Grandchildren**





## Her Story

**Mrs. Elmer “Elma Jewel” Johnson** was born on September 20, 1940, in Marlin, Texas, to the parentage of Mammie Stewart and Charles Armstead, who preceded her in death. She grew up and attended school in Marlin, where she would later graduate from Booker T. Washington High School. She joined Power House C.O.G.I.C at an early age and was a devoted member of Bible Way Family Worship Center Church in Marlin, Texas.

She left Marlin, met and married the love of her life Mr. Billy James Johnson Sr. They were married for 41 years before his passing. From that union they had five children: two sons, Verlon Johnson (Jorgy) of Racine, Wisconsin, and Billy Johnson, Jr., (Carla) of Murphy, Texas; three daughters, Charlotte Graham (George) of Leland, North Carolina, Trellis Johnson of Lancaster, Texas, and Venora Johnson (Terrance) of Dallas, Texas. She traveled alongside her husband as he served in the United States Navy for 20 years. They later settled back in Riesel, Texas, where she worked at the V.A. Medical Center for 21 years as a Dietitian before retiring in 2001. After her retirement, she enjoyed visiting with her family and devoted friends, reading her Bible, painting, and going to church.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory two sisters, Margaret Gaines (Late Willie Gaines) of Dallas, Texas, and Janie Newton (Late Mr. Newton) of San Antonio, Texas; brothers, Maurice Armstead, Cleveland Armstead, and Lee Armstead; and sisters, Earlene Pulliam, Elsenia Fears, Elvia Armstead who preceded her in death; sisters-in-law, Rosie Isaac (Dr. Andrew) of Venice, Florida, Erma Widemon (late Sammie Widemon) of Dallas, Texas, Gwendolyn Riptoe of Riesel, Texas, Shirley Whitaker of Huntsville, Alabama, Gertrude Douglas, Helen Bible (Richard), Mildred Dodd (late David Dodd), Beverly Haynes and Debra Ewing (Alvin) all of Waco, Texas, and Bertha Talley (Tony) of Temple, Texas; brothers-in-law, Jimmy Carpenter (Sandy) and Leon Johnson both of Riesel, Texas, and Gene Johnson (Ruby Ann) of Dallas, Texas, Donald Ray Carpenter (Rhonda) and Larry Carpenter (Joyce) of Waco, Texas; two brothers-in-law and two sisters-in-law preceded her in death.

She also leaves behind good friends and adopted children, Earlene and Cedric Greenwood of Waco, Texas, and Reverend F.A. Green of Marlin, Texas; two loving devoted nieces, Beverly Covington of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Vivian Alfred of Dallas, Texas; thirteen grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and loving family and friends.

## Order of Service

### Processional

### Hymn

### Scriptures

Old Testament: Pastor Evelyn Outland  
New Testament: Bishop Michael Outland

### Prayer

Reverend F.A. Green

### Choir Selection

Bible Way Church

### Resolution

Bible Way and Springhill United Methodist Church

### Solo

Sister Aubrey Williams

### Expressions

(Limit 2 minutes, please)

### Choir Selection

Bible Way Church

### Obituary

(Read Silently)

### Solo

Sister Aubrey Williams

### Eulogy

Bishop Lonnie D. Garrett

### Parting View

Reverend F.A. Green

### Recessional

“I Shall Wear a Crown”