A portrait of Yolonda L. Johnson, a Black woman with short, dark, curly hair, smiling. She is wearing a blue and white patterned top and a white beaded necklace. The background is a soft-focus image of pink roses.

*Celebrating the
Homegoing of...*

Sunrise:
March 30, 1955

Sunset:
June 28, 2021

Yolonda L Johnson

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021

Wake: 10:00 A.M. Service: 11:00 A.M.

Apostolic Faith Church

3823 South Indiana Avenue

Chicago, Illinois 60653

Elder Steven Baldwin, Officiating

Bishop Horace E. Smith MD, Pastor

Her Journey Has Just Begun

Don't think of her as gone away...

Her journey's just begun

Life holds so many facets

This earth is only one

Just think of her as resting

From the sorrows and the tears

In a place of warmth and comfort

Where there are no days or years

Think how she must be wishing

That we could know today

How nothing but our sadness

Can really pass away

And think of her as living

In the hearts of those she touched

For nothing loved is ever lost...

And she was loved so much.

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~ Celebrating The Life Of... ~

Yolonda L. Johnson

Yolonda L. Johnson was born on March 30, 1955 to the proud parents of Alphonse Nicholas Jr. and Betty Jean Wright in Mobile, Alabama (whom both preceded her in death). She and her parents moved to Chicago while she was a toddler. Yolonda was called home to glory on June 28, 2021.

Yolonda accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at LeClaire MB Church where she sang in the Angelic choir for many years. Nothing gave her more joy than serving where she worshipped. She later joined Apostolic Faith Church, where she served in the culinary department until she became ill.

Yolonda met the love of her life, Vernon Johnson forty-three years ago. One of the most beautiful things about their union was that you always saw them together, rarely did you see one without the other. He was by her side until her very last breath. She was known as 'Yogi' and 'The 1st Lady'.

She attended St. Matthew and St. Malachi Catholic Schools. She graduated from DuSable High School and later received her master degree from Kendall College in Early Childhood Education.

Yolonda worked as a teacher at High Mountain Head Start until her health declined, she retired in May 2020. She served as a head start teacher for over thirty years. Yolonda looked forward to holidays with her class to create beautiful blessings for them and their families. She would lose herself inside of a teacher's store, looking for educational, motivating and encouraging items to make learning fun for her students.

Yolonda leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Vernon L. Johnson; a son, Toronto; a daughter, Monica (Jeffrey) and a daughter she accepted and loved, Princess; six grandchildren: Dawnyelle, Marquise, Leeon'ta, Lamoni, Scoota and Kannon; six great grandchildren: Amir, Bri'ella, Kemoni, Rayshawn Jr., Nazire and Malik; three sisters: Freddrica, Lavette and Melinda; three brothers: Alphonse III (whom preceded her in death), Duane and Derrick (whom preceded her in death), and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.



LEGACY OF LOVE



My 1st Lady

Mom, I've always called you my 1st lady because that is who you were to me.

I cherish the love, education, strength, motivation and security that you always provided to me. You were the best mom a girl could have ever had.

I will always miss you and seeing your face.

All I ever wanted to do was please you and make sure that you were proud of me.

I feel like there is more I need to do, wishing that I had enough time to keep that smile growing across your face, but I know that you are in a better place.

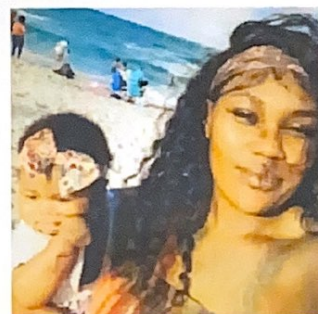
I will never forget the wet kisses that I use to slap across your face, while you were smiling and pushing me away.

Throughout my life as we embraced, you always said

"Stop putting them wet kisses on my face."

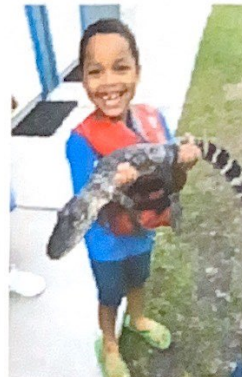
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PRECIOUS MEMORIES



FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

~ Order of Service ~

Processional
 Mistress of Ceremony
 Scriptures
 Prayer
 Musical Selection
 Resolutions/
 Acknowledgments
 Video Presentation
 Remarks (2 Minute Limit)
 Obituary
 Musical Selection
 Eulogist
 Reviewal
 Benediction
 Recessional

Evangelist Barbara Slack
 Vicki McKinney
 Eder Steven Baldwin
 Evangelist Yvonne Ruff

Music by Tasha Cobbs
 'He Knows My Name'
 Family & Friends
 Lorette Cherry
 Evangelist Yvonne Ruff
 Elder Steven Baldwin

~ Interment ~

Oak Ridge Cemetery

4111 Roosevelt Road
 Hillside, Illinois 60162



~ Repast ~

10934 South Michigan Ave.

Chicago, Illinois 60628



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REFLECTIONS



~ *Pallbearers* ~

Marquise	Terrence T.	Jeffrey
Elijah	Jermaine	Michael

~ *To My Family* ~

Don't stand at my graveside as if to say goodbye

I can still hear, I did not die

I stand beside you, but you don't see

I give you signs to show its me

My body has gone but my soul is free

Under that stone it is not me

I see I touch, I smell, I feel

Everything they say about heaven is real

I see your tears, I hear your sigh

But please don't ever say goodbye

Just trust my words and carry on

I am still here I have not gone.

~ *Acknowledgment* ~

*The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation,
the many acts of kindness, each gesture of sympathy and
every prayer uttered on their behalf during this hour of sorrow.*



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