



## Rev. Estella Johnson

February 25, 1948 - November 22, 2017

Johnson, Rev. Estella - Age 69, passed away Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at her residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at Vernon Chapel AME Church, 5802 Dupont St., Flint, MI, with funeral services commencing at 11:00 AM. Pastor Robert Blake, officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Tuesday. Rev. Johnson will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM Monday.

On February 25, 1948, Mr. and Mrs. L.G. and Lucille (Collins) Lane welcomed a beautiful baby girl into the world and called her Estella Mae Lane. Rev. Estella began her journey by accepting Christ at a very early age, learning from her Grandfather who was a Pastor. She attended school in Pine Bluff, Arkansas graduating from Southeast High School. While in school, this cheerleader met a handsome football and track star, named Louis W. Johnson. On March 14, 1965, after a beautiful courtship, the two became one and remained that way, until her death. In 1967, she followed her husband to Flint to provide a better life for the family. During their 52 plus year marriage, they raised six children Angela, Darnell, Marcus, Daryl, Derek and Dmitri. Rev. Estella was dedicated and devoted to every one of her life's pursuits. Her love of children was evident from an early age, being the best big sister to her younger siblings. She spent over 20 years employed in the Flint School

System, working at Durant Turri-Mott with special needs children, retiring in 1991. She also served the youth of our community by serving as Isiserette's Directress of Oman Court DOI, a group of young ladies who won first place in the National Precision Military Drill Competition in New Orleans, LA in 1985 under her leadership, the groups only first place finish. Rev. Estella served the youth of the church, serving as Youth Director of Upper Room Missionary Baptist Church and YPD Director of Vernon Chapel AME Church. Rev. Estella was active in the Prince Hall Masonic family for many years. She served as Worthy Matron of Royal Star Chapter No. 27, Order of the Eastern Stars and served on the Grand Labyrinth Committee for the Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Michigan. She served as Loyal Lady Ruler of Light of Hope Assembly No. 64, Order of the Golden Circle and served the Michigan State Grand Assembly. She served as Illustrious Commandress of Oman Court No. 132, DOI and as Deputy Imperial Isiserette's Directress for the Imperial Court, an auxiliary to the AEAONMS. In 1981, she joined Upper Room Missionary Baptist Church, where she served on the Usher Board, sang in the choir, taught Sunday School and was on the Mother's Board. In 1992, she joined her husband at Vernon Chapel AME Church. While at Vernon, she served on the Stewardess Board and the Usher Board, was a member of The Cook Missionary Society, worked with The Allen Stars, the Kitchen Committee, Outreach Ministry, Health Team, Drama Ministry and was Certified as an Evangelist. In 2009, she heeded the voice of God and answered her call into the ministry. Under the Pastorate of Rev. Earnest Garrison, she was ordained as a Deacon in 2011 and in 2013 she was ordained as an Elder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. Estella was faithful to her call until her health began to fail. During her illness, her goal was to be able to come back to church and continue her ministry. Although she was going through her own struggles, she continued to encourage others and provide inspiration. On November 22, 2017, while surrounded by the love and laughter of her family, Rev. Estella M. Johnson peacefully slipped into her eternal paradise.

Her love, spirit and infectious smile will be greatly missed by all. Her legacy of love will be carried on by her soulmate and husband of 52 years, Louis Johnson; her sons, Marcus (Dawn) of Smyrna, TN, Daryl of Flint, MI, Dmitri (Donyelle) of Southfield, MI; her daughter, Rev. Dr. Angela Williams of Madison, TN; grandchildren, JuJuan, Jackee and Jameel Williams, Arnell (Carnell) Jones, Santoya (Dex) Payne, Dante Johnson, Keyonna Johnson, Darnell Johnson II, Allen Johnson, Asia Johnson, DarMecia (Don) Snipes, Ciarra and Kierra Johnson and Austin Johnson; her adopted grandchildren, Timothy Moreland, Jonathan Ross, Dominique Bragg, Krystal Powell, De'Andre Matthews, Desirae and Jourdan Lewis; 9 great-grandchildren; 5 brothers, James Lane and Alkin Coleman of Pine Bluff, AR, Ronald Coleman of Indianapolis, IN, Evester (Brenda) Gardner of Pine Bluff, AR and Michael (Kecia) Dean of Chattanooga TN; 2 sisters, Sandra Davis of Jacksonville, AR and Evangela Jackson of Pine Bluff, AR; aunt, Pastor Irma (Pastor Willie) Flucas of St. Louis, MO; uncle, Willie Stewart of Sikeston, MO; 2 brothers-in-law, Abraham Johnson of Pine Bluff, AR and Henry (Carrie) Johnson of Los Angeles, CA; sister-in-law, Geneva Swygert of Pine Bluff, AR; her mother figure, Mrs. Ann Speed; special family members, Lagreta Johnson, Michael Johnson, Charles Ursery and Vanessa Goodrum; special family friends, Rev. and Mrs. Roosevelt and Birdie Brown, Rev. Dr. Beverly Hair, Michelle Gill, Dennie Caldwell, Loretha Roberts. Her adopted sons Amelio Wilson, Earl Gibbs, Joaquim Martin, Jeffrey Lee, KaJohnna Jones and Stanley Daniels; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

Rev. Estella was preceded in death by her sons, Darnell and Derek Johnson; parents, L.G. and Lucille Lane; sister, Mary Scott.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV 27. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family hour

NOV 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

Vernon Chapel AME Church  
5802 Dupont St.  
Flint, MI

## Service

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NOV **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Estella Johnson*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Bobbie Dunaway Smith lit a candle in memory of Rev. Estella Johnson*



**Bobbie Dunaway Smith** - December 13, 2017 at 07:26 PM



*A long time friend, from Kennedy School,*

**Bobbie Dunaway Smith** - December 13, 2017 at 07:29 PM



“ *The Niles & Walker Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. Estella Johnson*



**The Niles & Walker Family** - November 30, 2017 at 01:35 PM



“ *Linda Gulley lit a candle in memory of Rev. Estella Johnson*



**Linda Gulley** - November 29, 2017 at 03:46 PM

EH

“ Evelyn Hudson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Estella Johnson



Evelyn Hudson - November 28, 2017 at 08:05 PM

PL

“ My sympathy and condolence to the Johnson family, brothers and sisters of the loved one, my pray to God is that He comforts you all during your time of sorrow. God bless and keep you.

Pastor Clarence J. Lee - November 27, 2017 at 03:29 PM

RA

My deepest condolences and prayers to the Johnson family. May the God of all comfort, comfort you in this your time of bereavement. Rev. Minnie Autry

Rev. Minnie Autry - November 27, 2017 at 10:23 PM



“ 54 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - November 27, 2017 at 11:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Estella Johnson.*



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November 27, 2017 at 09:38 AM



“ *Doug and I were surprised to see of your transition. I admired your strength in becoming a minister. Of course I always looked for your smiling face which was genuine to us. Remember in April, 2010 when we're in the Marriage Hall of Fame at your church Vernon Chapel. Now Rev. Williams fills in when our Pastor is unavailable. I loved working with you, your son and husband in the Masonic Order. I already know that your name is in the book of life. Come ye that are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take upon my yoke because my burdens are light. Bro. Johnson we love you and the Holy Comforter has been there with you all along. We may rejoice that she is on the RIGHT side of the Father Almighty. The absence of her body is present with the Lord. Peace be unto you and your family.*



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**Douglas and Cheryl Gibbs** - November 26, 2017 at 10:32 PM



*Thank you.*

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**Dmitri Johnson** - November 27, 2017 at 05:42 PM

YS

“ Your Nephew Melvin Swygert purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. Estella Johnson.



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**Your Nephew Melvin Swygert** - November 26, 2017 at 09:46 PM

MS

“ Melvin Swygert sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Estella Johnson



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**Melvin Swygert** - November 26, 2017 at 09:14 PM

LN

“ Lara Nkume lit a candle in memory of Rev. Estella Johnson



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**lara nkume** - November 26, 2017 at 08:58 PM

ZM

“ Zina McMullen lit a candle in memory of Rev. Estella Johnson



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**Zina McMullen** - November 26, 2017 at 03:13 PM

CP

“ COREY PIERCE lit a candle in memory of  
Rev. Estella Johnson



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**COREY PIERCE** - November 26, 2017 at 08:04 AM

JM

“ My condolences to the family for your loss,  
our prayers are with you. Jo Ann McDaniel



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**Jo Ann Mcdaniel** - November 24, 2017 at 10:54 PM

MW

“ Louis & Family, thinking of you at this difficult time, and hoping that  
you find comfort in your memories of happier moments. Walt &  
Maggie Williams

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**Maggie Williams** - November 24, 2017 at 09:59 PM