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Forsyth County Senior Missionary Union

*Pall Bearers*

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*Honorary Pall Bearers*

City of Winston-Salem Sanitation Division

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We wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation, the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to us since the homegoing of a beloved mother, sister, aunt and friend.

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*Interment*

New Evergreen Cemetery  
2124 New Walkertown Road  
Winston-Salem, NC

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*Celebration of Life*  
*Joycelyn V. Johnson*

Saturday, July 2, 2022  
12:00 Noon  
Mars Hill Baptist Church  
1331 East 4th Street  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101  
Rev. Larry L. Smith, Officiant  
Rev. V. Cedric Crawford, Eulogist

## *Between the Dash*

**Joycelyn Vernet Johnson**, on May 23, 1949, in the city of Winston-Salem, NC, became the firstborn child of Leo Brown Johnson and Dorothy Shuford Johnson. On June 21, 2022, upon the completion of all of God's assignments for her, she earned her wings and joined her parents and the heavenly host of her ancestors.

She was a lifelong member of Mars Hill Baptist Church where she actively participated in and initiated numerous programs locally and statewide that included but are not limited to the Sunday School, Missionary Departments, Ladies Working Society and the Forsyth Countywide Baptist Institute. Her gift and love of music was shared as organist for two church choirs. Her passion for her family and quality human development for all she encountered was paramount including educationally spiritually, emotionally, economically and quality health. A consistent problem solver, she enjoyed Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune and she completed Sudoku puzzles in ink.

Joycelyn was a proud graduate of Atkins High School, class of 1967. She earned her B.A. in Sociology with a concentration in Social Work from Bennett College Greensboro, NC and completed a Gerontology Fellowship at Livingstone College. She was employed by Wake Forest Baptist Health in the Office Graduate Medical Education, as the Senior Graduate Medical Education Specialist and Assistant Designated Institutional Official. She previously worked in the Respiratory Care and Social Work Departments.

On behalf of the community, she served tirelessly with Lutheran Services, the Housing Foundation, the WS/FC Emancipation Association, FaithHealth Ministries, Creative Corridors, the SciTech Summer Institute, Community Roots Day, Triad Cultural Arts and many other organizations and causes.

She was elected to serve on the Winston-Salem City Council representing the East Ward from December 6, 1993 until December 7, 2009. During her term she was Chair of the Public Works Committee and Member of the Finance and Community General Housing Committees. She held the first semiannual East Ward Town Hall Meetings in Winston-Salem to address citizens' concerns and encourage community participation in all phases of government.

Statewide, she served on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina League of Municipalities for District IX and the NCLM Finance Committee. She was a member and President of the North Carolina League of Municipalities. She was also President and Member of the North Carolina Black Elected Municipal Officials and a member of Women in Municipal Government. She initiated the effort to start the NCLM Leadership Foundation Board which is dedicated to the training and education of NC municipal elected and appointed officials.

Nationally, Joycelyn was a member of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, a member of the Board of Directors of the National League of Cities, a member of the National League of Cities' Council on Youth, Education and Family; Member, Vice Chair and Chairperson of the University Communities Council for National League of Cities - 2004-2009, and a member of the National League of Cities' Community Economic Development Steering and Policy Committees.

Her awards are numerous indicating her service to her community. In November 2019, the City of Winston-Salem named their Public Works Building the Joycelyn V. Johnson Municipal Service Building in recognition of her service to the City and its residents. She became an HBCU Living Legend in 2017 and joined noted MLK Noon Day Community Service Awardees in 2017. In March 2021 she was awarded the Hero Award for Belonging by the senior leadership at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist.

While all the aforementioned are cherished accomplishments, she was most proud of her son, Frederick L. Johnson and her relationship with "The Johnson Siblings", Deltra J. (Horace) Bonner, Millicent J. (Herbert) Oliver and Leo Raymont (Lisa) Johnson. Rounding out the list are nieces Angela J. Bonner, Lauren R. Johnson and Addison G. Bonner; and nephews, Anthony J. (Karen) Bonner, Justin B. Oliver and Brandon M. Johnson; and a close circle of extended family, friends and colleagues.

## *Community*



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## Order of Service

Rev. Larry L. Smith, Officiant

**Prelude**

Dr. Myron D. Brown

**Processional**

Clergy and Family

**Family Visitation**

11:30 A.M -12:00 P.M.

**Prayer of Comfort**

Dr. Maurice A. Ferrell, Pastor

Vance Street Baptist Church, Danville, VA

**Scripture Readings:**

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 91

Rev. Konnie G. Robinson, Pastor

Union Chapel Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC

NEW TESTAMENT

I Corinthians 13

Elder Richard Wood

Forsyth County Sunday School Union

**Selection**

“My Soul is Anchored in the Lord”

Elder Reginald D. McCaskill

**Letters and Tributes**

Dr. Capri G. Foy

**Reflections**

City of Winston-Salem

Mayor J. Allen Joines

Church

Mr. Leroy Barkley

Community

Ms. Reneé L. Phillips

Good Trouble

NC Representative Evelyn A. Terry

Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist

Dr. Mitchell C. Sokolosky

**Selection**

“At the Gate I Know”/ “Shine”

Mars Hill Baptist Church Vocal Choir

**Eulogy**

Rev. V. Cedric Crawford, Pastor

White Rock Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC

**Benediction**

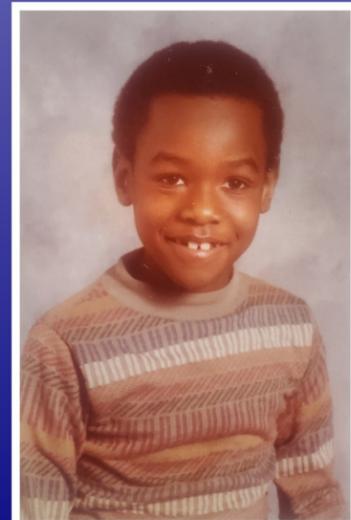
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**Recessional**

“Going Up Yonder”

Dr. Myron D. Brown

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