

Honoring Her Life

ANELLA ROMA JOHNSON

February 12, 1954 - October 10, 2012

**Corona Seventh-Day
Adventist Church**

on

Sunday, October 21, 2012

Obituary

Anella Roma Johnson age 58 of Baltimore, Maryland entered peacefully into rest on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 11:25 a.m. at Gilchrist Hospice Centre in Towson, Maryland. Anella was born on February 12, 1954 to Kenneth Johnson Sr. and Esmine Johnson in Clarendon, St. Ann, Jamaica West Indies.

She attended Clarendon Primary School and Ferncourt High School and studied Nursing at Lewisham Hospital in the United Kingdom. In 1978, she migrated to the United States where she lived in New York, working consecutively with Beth Israel Medical Center, Baptist Medical Center, Manhattan Psychiatric Center and Kings County Hospital.

While working at Manhattan Psychiatric Center, Anella met Eric Shaw, now deceased. They were married in 1981, and from that union were born two sons, Wayne Shaw of New Jersey and Kyle Shaw of Maryland. Recognizing that she needed more flexibility to raise her children, Anella joined the staff at St. Mary's Hospital as a Field Nurse.

She worked with the Visiting Nurse Association of Brooklyn, Interfaith Home Care, and Personal Touch Nursing. In 2007, she moved to West Palm Beach, Florida, where she worked with the Redi Nurse Service. In 2009, she returned to her job at St. Mary's Hospital. When her mother became ill later that year she moved back to Florida to care for her.

In 2010, while living in New Jersey and working at St. Mary's Hospital, Anella became ill. For the next two years, Anella lived in Florida and Baltimore, where she received treatment. Her long battle with her illness ended while she was surrounded by family and friends.

Throughout her working life, her passion was in the area of Community Nursing. Anella was known for her kindness, patience, and an ability to manage difficult patients. She was a member of the Corona Seventh Day Adventist Church, Queens, New York and served faithfully in the Soup Kitchen program.

Anella is survived by her two sons, Wayne and Kyle Shaw; her mother, Esmine Johnson; brothers, Larkland Meed, Glenworth Green and Winston Green (Jamaica), Michael Johnson and Ashlin Johnson (New York), and Kenneth Johnson (Maryland). She is also survived by sisters, Asneth Green-Watt (Florida), Vivienne Roberts (Barbados), Marjorie Keen (Jamaica), Jacqueline Boykin (Florida), Melanie Johnson (Florida), Karen Johnson (Maryland), Judith Johnson (New Jersey), Rose Johnson (Jamaica), and Denise Johnson (Florida). She also leaves to mourn her passing many nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and in-laws, too many to mention individually.

The family suggests memorial contributions be sent to:
Gilchrist Hospice Center – Towson
555 W. Towsontown Blvd.
Towson, MD 21204
Tel: (443) 849-8200
<http://gilchristhospice.org/>

Fond remembrances and condolences may be directed to:
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Order of Service

Prelude	
Processional	Pastor, Elders & Family Members
Opening Hymn	<i>"Higher Ground"</i> Elder Lanford Taylor
Prayer of Comfort	Pastor Warner Richards
Song of Comfort	<i>"It Is Well With My Soul"</i> Cheryl Clark
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament - Psalm 121	Jason Watt (Nephew)
New Testament - Romans 8:38, 39	Elder James Williams
Musical Selection	Corona Seventh-Day Adventist Male Choral
	Reflections
	Maislyn Brown (Family Friend)
	Claudette Cadogan (Friend)
	Amoy Prince (Friend)
	Abosedo Thomas (Friend)
	Kenneth Johnson Jr. (Brother)
Acknowledgements	Lisa Catlin (Friend)
Obituary	Judith Blair (Family Friend)
Musical Selection	<i>"Midnight Cry"</i> Tricia Creft
Tribute	Vivienne Roberts (Sister)
Homily	Pastor Michael G. Coleman
Musical Selection	<i>"We Shall Behold Him"</i> Cheryl Clark
Closing Hymn	<i>"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"</i> Elder Caswold Chandler
Benediction	Pastor Ansel Valcin
Recessional	Pastor, Elders & Family Members

Interment

Monday, October 22, 2012 - 11:30 a.m.
Pinelawn Memorial Park
Farmingdale, New York

Pallbearers

Wayne Shaw (Son)	Kyle Shaw (Son)
Michael Johnson (Brother)	Ashlin Johnson (Brother)
Kenneth Johnson Jr. (Brother)	Andre Johnson (Nephew)

Higher Ground

I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I'm onward bound,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

Refrain:

Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith, on Heaven's tableland,
A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Though some may dwell where those abound,
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground.

I want to live above the world,
Though Satan's darts at me are hurled;
For faith has caught the joyful sound,
The song of saints on higher ground.

I want to scale the utmost height
And catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till heaven I've found,
"Lord, lead me on to higher ground."



Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one
Our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.



*We little knew that morning
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
in death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.*

Anonymous

Acknowledgements

The family of **Anella Johnson** wishes to offer sincere thanks to everyone who sent cards, telephone messages, e-mail remembrances or expressed kind thoughts during this period of our loss.

We especially want to remember those who cared for her during her extended illness including Augusta Clarke, Paula Jackson, Janet Rose, Hedy Kilgore, Cheryl Brown, Shemika Forde and Victoria Pitt who was with her at the time of her death. Thanks to all the friends and church members who journeyed from far to visit and offer her cheer and comfort. Special thanks to the wonderful staff of the Gilchrist Hospice Centre in Towson, Baltimore.

Many persons and groups assisted with the funeral arrangements and we thank you all but make special mention of Roy L. Gilmore's Funeral Home, Corona Seventh Day Adventist Church and the Pinelawn Memorial Cemetery.

We are particularly grateful to Pastor Coleman and Lisa Catlin for their assistance, thanks to the Church's Hospitality Staff, the Choir and Organist, Pastors Richards and Valcin, the visiting Soloists, the friends who have shared memories and indeed everyone who contributed to this wonderful farewell for Anella.

Be assured that your prayers and your valuable support have created indelible memories which we shall treasure in the years to come.

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