

In Loving Memory of

A full-length portrait of Louise Johnson, a Black woman with short black hair, wearing a white short-sleeved cardigan over a bright pink dress. She is holding a small pink handbag. A faint, ghostly image of her in a hat is visible in the background to the left.

Louise Johnson

March 22, 1949 – November 12, 2013

Homegoing Service
Wednesday, November 20, 2013 - 12:00 Noon

Cotton Funeral Service
1025 Bergen St.
Newark, New Jersey

Reverend Allen Stephen Potts, Officiating
Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church, Newark, NJ

The Life of our Beloved Louise Johnson

Louise Josey was born on March 22, 1949 at City Hospital, Newark, NJ to the late John Josey and the late Sarah Josey. Louise graduated from South Side High School, Newark, NJ in 1967. Louise married James C. Johnson in 1970, however, that marriage ended in divorce after several years.

Louise was baptized at The Greater First Timothy Baptist Church in the late 1970's. In 2009, she joined the Israel Memorial AME on Lincoln St. in Newark.

After graduating from high school, Louise was employed at Woodbridge State School for a short time. In March 1969, she landed the job that she loved as a Nursing Assistant in the Mother/Baby Unit at Newark Beth Israel Hospital. She really loved her job and enjoyed working with the babies and their Mothers. Louise retired in November 2008 after thirty-nine years of dedicated service.

Louise loved shopping and fashion. To know Louise was to love her. She always had a smile on her face. She was loving and oh so kind; she was the most giving person and was never selfish about anything. Her Heart was PURE GOLD! Louise's family was her life. She adored her nieces and nephews, who were her children at heart. Needless to say, she was a loving angel... one that now shines and smiles on us from above. Louise, you will forever be in our hearts!

After nine years of being in remission, Louise's illness progressed at a rapid rate, but her faith did not waiver and neither did her signature smile. Louise (Josey) Johnson, 64, of Irvington, NJ, transitioned into the arms of her waiting Savior on November 12, 2013 at St. Cloud Health Center in West Orange, NJ.

Louise was predeceased in death by her father John and mother Sarah Josey; two brothers, Long S. Kitchens and John Josey Jr; four sisters, Mattie Grant, Sally Kingsberry, Ollie and Jean Josey. She is survived by her sister, Lessie Wiggins of Port Reading, NJ, eighteen nieces, six nephews, and a host of great nieces, great nephews, great-great nieces, great-great nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

To my dear **Aunt Louise**

God's Plant

One day the great gardener entrusted to us,
a slip to be raised very carefully.
"I'll come for it someday," He said with a smile.
"So tenderly nurture and tend it, meanwhile."
We nourished it well, and the little plant grew,
Till a blossom appeared of rich color and hue.
Its fragrance was like the aroma of spring,
And oh, what delight to our hearts it did bring!
"It's perfect," God said, as he caught its sweet scent,
then softly he spoke as above it He went.
"If left in this soil it will soon lose its bloom,
I'll transplant it now to my garden at home."
He tenderly lifted and bore it away,
to bloom in his garden forever and aye.
And someday we'll see in that garden so fair,
The flower that long since has bloomed over there!
Louise was our flower and God's plant.
(Author Unknown)

Love,
Annette Grant



Fitting For Angel Wings

"Come forth my angel," said God,
"As it is time you get fitted for your wings."

Shed tears no more
As time is precious
And heals all things.

Come forth my angel,
Worry no more.

Don't you dear worry
About those left behind, as with time,
They shall too hurt no more.

Release your pain unto me my angel,
I will carry you.

Release all suffering and heartache
I will carry you.

As it is I who
Have always carried you.
And for as long
As your soul shall rest,
I will carry you.

Come forth my dear
Do not be afraid,
As angels here will comfort you
For all of your heavenly days.

Yes, death is never easy.

Friends and family
Will never find it so,
Death is to be a
Celebration
For the much
Now rested soul.

Come forth my angel,
Lay your worries here;
Step inside these
Glorious gates of heaven
And be without a care.

Come now,
You mustn't be afraid.
For somewhere
Down the path of time
You will soon meet again
And share Joyous laughter
With family and friends.

- Your loving niece
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Order of Celebration Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Musical Selection

Scripture Reading

Mother Georgia Uzell, UFB Church, Newark, NJ

Old Testament

Psalm 90:1-12

New Testament

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Allen Stephen Potts

Musical Selection

Acknowledgements

Marion Jones

Obituary

Robin Smith

Musical Selection

Reflections

(2 Minutes Please) Friends

Reflections from Family

Annette Grant

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Allen Stephen Potts

Closing Prayer

Rev. Allen Stephen Potts

Recessional

Interment

Rosemount Memorial Park
Newark/Elizabeth, New Jersey

“I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”

Ephesians 3:16-18

Pallbearers
Nephews and Friends

Repast

The family extends an invitation to you to join them for a time of fellowship and sharing, following the interment, at Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church, 88 Lyons Avenue, Newark.

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to extend sincere gratitude and love to everyone for all of your support, love, and prayers during our time of bereavement. We truly appreciate all of you and will respond to your calls, cards, and messages at a later date. May God continue to bless you!

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