

*Home Going Service of*  
*Mildred Johnson*

Sunrise  
August 19, 1932

Sunset  
August 21, 2016



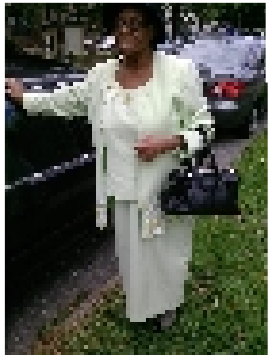
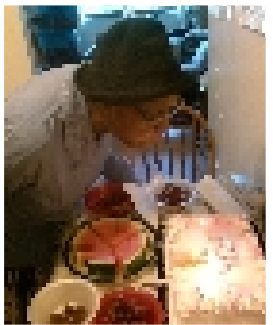
Friday, September 9, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

**CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY**

25 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

*Bishop Denzel Lee, Pastor*



## *Reflections of Life*

**Mildred Lovina Johnson** affectionately called auntie, grandma, auntie Mil, Sis J, MJ, and Sis Johnson; was born on August 19, 1932 in the district of Jointwood, St. Elizabeth, Jamaica W. I. She was born to loving parents, the late David Johnson, a cultivator by profession and Estella Brissett Johnson, a housewife. At the tender age of five her mom passed away. Mildred Johnson was then raised by her loving father and older siblings. Mildred was also the sixth of seven children. She is predeceased by siblings Norissa, Viola, Zelphina, Celina, Herbert, Joselin and nieces Veronica “G” Bolton and Loleen Bird.

Mildred Johnson attended the Eldersly Elementary School in the district of Eldersly. She lived in the Jointwood District until she was in her teens. She grew up attending the local church of the community where Mildred and her siblings were active members. After leaving school in search of work and improving herself Mildred moved to Old Harbor for a period, where she met her long life friend Pastor Marian Farquharson “Sis Olive”. As a domestic worker she lived and worked in Old Harbor for a small period before moving back to Jointwood.

It was during this time of being back with her family and friends in Jointwood, Mildred Johnson had her beautiful daughter Claudette Smith with the late Andrew Smith. She was determined to improve the quality of life for her daughter and herself. Miss Johnson resolved to move from the country to Kingston to seek work. At that time Mildred Johnson lived in Trench Town with her older sisters. While working in Kingston she started going back to church and became a member of formerly The Bible Church of God now known as Church of God of Prophecy at 36 Maxfield Ave., Kingston 13 Ja. W.I.

Mildred Johnson in an effort to provide for her family worked many jobs such as Domestic Helper, Factory Worker, Cook at Track Price Plus, Sew and Sell children clothes in the local community. After a major operation and not being able to work as before she was asked to re-open a local church Basic School to work as a teacher. In 1975 she went to formerly Tarrant Secondary School Evening classes where she also sat the Jamaica School Certificate (JSC) examination which she received Credits in Civics, English Language, History, Bible Knowledge and Health Science. Additionally, she went to Mico Evening College where she sat General Certificate Examinations (GCE). Mildred continued to be an active member at the local church not only with serving in the school but also in the Prayer Band with Evg. Blackwood, Women’s Missionary Band as a secretary and Head Cook during Church Conventions.

After a couple years she got the opportunity to visit the United States of America. Mildred L. Johnson first came to Cleveland, Tennessee to a

Church event and then went to Florida after which she decided to remain in the US. She then migrated to New Jersey where she lived, worshiped and worked for a period. After receiving an invitation to travel to California she moved. Meanwhile in Los Angeles, she worked and lived with the Balkin's Family for numerous years. She also became a permanent resident in the United States during this span of time. Mildred Johnson consistently remained true to the Lord always finding a place of worship wherever she went. Throughout this time, she was an active member in the local church. She rekindled and developed close friendships with the McKinley and the Harris Family with whom she remained friends upon until her passing.

During the Los Angeles riots and social unrest, she was encouraged to return to New Jersey where she then stayed. While in New Jersey she worked as a Certified Nurse's Aide and Certified Home Health Aide which remained her profession up until her retirement. Mildred Johnson was a vibrant member of the Paterson Church of God of Prophecy being involved in Prayer outreach and Women's Ministries. She consistently remained true to her faith by praying, witnessing to others and visiting the sick. She often spent her days reading her bible and praying for others. Each week she would ensure that she is present for Sunday School, Sunday Worship and also Wednesday Mid-Day Fasting and Prayer Services.

In 2012 Mildred's health deteriorated where she began to experience memory loss. In March of 2014 she then had a mild stroke where she was then hospitalized at St. Joseph's Hospital for a few days. Sis Johnson underwent treatment and rehabilitation at Barnert Subacute Rehabilitation Center she was sent home in April of the same year. After returning home she had a series of strokes and was in and out of the hospital. At this point she entered the ICU at St. Joseph Hospital where her condition rapidly deteriorated with the loss of speech and mobility. After which she was sent to the Lakeview Rehabilitation & Care Center for several months, sent home then back to the hospital once again. They say there was nothing more they could do and at this point, the family had to decide long-term care facility or home care, the family chose home care. In January of 2016 Mildred Johnson was transferred to Hospice Home Care. However, with the support of Hospice Home Care the family was able to keep her comfortable at the same time they created a thankful and prayerful environment. Shortly after celebrating her 84<sup>th</sup> birthday; Mildred Lovina Johnson peacefully passed on Sunday August 21, 2016 at 12:11pm at her home.

Mildred Lovina Johnson is survived by her daughter Claudette, granddaughters Kadine and Janeille; nieces Veneta, Patricia, Maureen, nephews Clifton and Yonie; grand nieces and nephews, cousins and their respective children. Mildred Johnson will be sadly missed by relatives and friends. Family, friends, well-wishers and others whose lives Sis J has touched are reminded to have hope and faith in Jesus in this journey called life. Also to always have a song in our hearts, a beat to tap on our leg and to have a good head on our shoulders. We love you for being undeniably you!

# Order of Service

- Processional.....Ministers & Family
- Opening Remarks.....Bishop Denzel Lee, Host Pastor
- Opening Hymn.....“Heaven’s Jubilee”
- Opening Prayer.....Min. Lena Lee, Associate Pastor
- First Scripture Reading.....Sis. Yvette Medley (church sister/friend)  
John 6:37-40
- Tribute in Song.....Women’s Ministry
- Tribute.....Min. Phillip Mahoney (friend)
- Second Scripture Reading.....Sis. Camecia Spence (friend)  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Song.....Praise Team
- Tribute.....Min. Miriam Farquharson (friend)
- Tribute in Song.....Men’s Ministry
- Offertory Hymn.....Sis. Diane Mahoney (friend)
- Open Tribute
- Congregational Hymn.....“When the Church of God Arises”
- Tribute.....Ms. Anice Samuels (cousin)
- Reading of the Obituary.....Mrs. Patricia Lynch  
Ms. Keisha Williams (niece & cousin)
- Selection.....Bro. Walderman Wizzard
- Sermon.....Bishop Denzel Lee
- Recessional Hymn.....“Where the Soul Never Dies”

## **Pall Bearers**

Mr. Andrew Sinclair  
Mr. Philip Mahoney  
Mr. Lloyd Wisdom

Mr. Frankie Holliet  
Mr. Alrick Thompson  
Mr. Neville Smith

## *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little-but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at the things we use to do  
Miss me-but let me go.  
-author unknown*

### *Acknowledgement*

The Family deeply appreciates your many acts of kindness and expressions of condolences. Thank you to Bishop Lee, Min. Lee and members of the congregation for your support during this time. Thank you for the many telephone calls, text messages, cards, prayers and gifts. These are greatly appreciated. Thank you to the Staff and Aides of the Hospice Care of New Jersey, Home Health Care, Lakeview Rehabilitation and Care Center, Barnert Subacute Rehabilitation Care Center and St. Joseph Regional Hospital. Thank you to our Family and Friends for your continuous support. May God's richest blessing be with you all.

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