

A portrait of Mary Lou Johnson, a woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing a black top and a grey jacket. To her left is a large, vibrant yellow rose. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green and white.

Celebrating the Life of
Mary Lou Johnson

Sunrise
June 6, 1937

Sunset
March 31, 2017

Service

Friday, April 7, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

HERBERT T. MCCALL FUNERAL HOME

984 Prospect Ave • Bronx, NY 10459
Officiating Rev. Dr. Lee A. Arrington

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Musical Selection

Prayer of Comfort *Missionary Stephanie Normen*

Scripture Readings *Rev. Ira McPherson*
Unity Baptist Church, Bronx, NY

Obituary *Debra Hamilton*

Remarks *Limit to Two minutes*

Musical Selection

Eulogy and Benediction *Rev. Dr. Lee A. Arrington*
Paradise Baptist Church, New York, NY

Recessional..... *"Let It Be"*

Interment

George Washington Memorial Park
Paramus, New Jersey

Repast

Home of Dana & Derek Johnson
1071 Teller Avenue, Bronx, NY

Reflections of Life

Mary Lou Johnson devoted Mother and Friend to all, departed this life on March 31st at Montefiore Hospital, with the family and friends by her side.

Mary was born in Pageton, West Virginia on June 6, 1937, the 4th child born to the union of the late William and Willie J. Giles. She attended Gary District High School where she graduated in 1955. After graduating high school, she moved to Martinsville, VA. Sometimes later she decided to move to New York City where she resided, raised her family and created her friendships until her recent departure to live in her eternal home.

Mary started a job at Goldwater Memorial Hospital in the Bronx, where she met Alberta Dingwall, who introduced her to her younger brother, David Johnson. They began to date, and married on March 17, 1959. Their union produced three sons, David Alan, Dana Wesley, and Derek Mark. In 1967, she started her 32 year career at St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx, first as a Nurses Aide, then as a Unit Secretary, retiring in 1999.

Mary was known for her cooking and baking through-out her life time. Although she was retired she continued to bake cakes for her friends and many Church functions. She would give cookouts on the block that are still talked about today.

In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by her brothers, George and William Giles of New York City, Robert (Bobby) Giles of Columbus, GA and John Giles of Roanoke, VA, her sister, Martha Ann Bell-Wilburn of Memphis, TN and her beloved son, David Alan Johnson of New York City.

She is survived by her two sons, Dana and Derek Johnson of New York City, brothers, Joe and Hiawatha Giles of Sacramento, CA, Sidney Giles (Antha) Herbert Giles of Detroit, MI, sisters, Patricia Leggins of Detroit, MI, Justine Lane (Glenn) of Memphis, TN, and Theresa Smith (Calvin) of Sacramento, CA, her god daughter, Debra Hamilton, goddaughter, Myisha Hamilton both of New York City. Plus a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends that are too numerous to mention.



*As I sit in heaven
And watch you everyday
I try to let you know with signs
I never went away
I hear you when you're laughing
And watch you as you sleep
I even place my arms around you
To calm you as you weep
I see you wish the days away
Begging to have me home
So I try to send you signs
So you know you are not alone
Don't feel guilty that you have
Life that was denied to me
Heaven is truly beautiful
Just you wait and see
So live your life, laugh again
Enjoy yourself, be free
Then I know with every breath you take
You'll be taking one for me!!!*

Acknowledgement

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and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to
them in their time of sorrow.*

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