

In Loving Memory of



Jane L. Johnson

Sunrise: February 5, 1973

Sunset: August 21, 2017

Service

Wednesday, August 30, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

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Obituary

Jane LaShawn Johnson was born on February 5, 1973 in Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital in upper Manhattan to Dorothy Lee Johnson, née McKenzie (deceased), and Wesley R. Johnson. She was their youngest child.

Jane was a precocious child who learned to read as a toddler. Even as a child she displayed an early interest in the social inequities of our country. Jane came up with her older siblings, Jeffrey and Wesslyn. She began her education at East Harlem Block School, where she excelled in both reading and writing. She made it to the third round of the Scripps Spelling Bee competition. Later she was accepted to and attended Brooklyn Tech. She was subjected to bullying and opted to get her GED. At sixteen years of age, Jane enrolled in BMCC of Cuny.

Jane's advancement in the career world was hampered by her difficulty of relating to other people. Her life was a constant and often unsuccessful struggle to fit in and be understood. Outside of her family, she had few friends. Despite these challenges and because of her writing ability, she managed to find self-employment mainly writing related fields. She wrote advertising copy for mail order houses, prepared resumés, designed brochures, typed papers, and even ghost-wrote term papers while in college, for other students. Additionally, she was a used book vendor, and worked in holistic retreats seasonally.

Although Jane was not a regular church goer, she nevertheless, was a believer who read her Bible for comfort and solace. She enjoyed reading, crocheting, and above all, engaging in serious conversations with people she connected with.

Jane departed this life in her Bronx apartment on Monday, August 21, 2017.

She is survived by: her father, Wesley; her sisters, Wesslyn, Doretha and Amy; her brothers, Jeffrey and Michael; her uncles, Eddie, Raymond, Clyde, James and Joe; her aunts, Sarah, Jeanette and Carolyn; her nephews, Londel and Zariyus, her nieces, Aniyah, Miriam, Jennifer, Sayeeda and Hameeda; her cousins, John (aka Jay Smooth), Aija, Syrenthia, Jimmy, Willie, Lorenzo, Robin, Byron, Adam, Clyde, Tammy, Jonathan, as well as Erna and Billy; step-sisters, April and Jackie, step-brothers, Tony and Carl; and many others. Jane also leaves to mourn: Mary Beth Walker, a friend; Senior Case Manager, Karen Garnett; Supervisor, Allison Huggins; godmother, Min. Elizabeth Crovell and especially her counselor for many years, Dr. Agnes Whittaker.

Order of Service

"Absent from the body, present with the Lord."

Opening Hymn....."Blessed Assurance"

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Job 19:25-27

New Testament - Matthew 5:1-12

Selection.....Pastor John Ross

Tributes (Two Minutes).....Family and Friends

Reading.....John Randolph

Selection.....Debra Hatter

The Obituary

Selection....."Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Eulogy.....Rev. Crovell

Words of Comfort.....Min. Mary Beth Walker

Selection....."Amazing Grace"

Closing Prayer

Recessional....."Take Me to the King"

Final Disposition

Oxford Hills Crematory

Chester, New York

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

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kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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