

*In Loving Memory of*



*Barbara Jean Johnson*

*Sunrise: December 13 1938*

*Sunset: January 13, 2018*

Service

*Saturday, January 20, 2018 - 3:00 p.m.*

**GREATER HIGHWAY DELIVERANCE TEMPLE**

132 E. 111th Street • New York, NY 10029

*Bishop Liston Page, Sr., Officiating*

# Obituary

**Bobby Jean Brown** was born on December 13, 1938 in Knightdale, North Carolina. She was the seventh child of Samuel and Johnsie Brown (both deceased). She had four sisters, Christine Brown (deceased), Delphine Brown (deceased), Bernise Reid and Shirley Watson and two brothers, Junior Brown and James Brown (deceased). Together with her family, she migrated North at the age of seven, where she went to school. During her time in school, one of her teachers made the decision to change her name to "Barbara" because there was another student in her class named Bobby. This is the name we all know her by today.

Barbara married Mr. Clarence Johnson (deceased) in 1956. Then, she later married Mr. Williams in 1981. Barbara was a mother of eight children, Wayne Stanley Johnson (deceased), Wanda Delores Johnson, Kenneth Johnson, Lionel Johnson, Sabrina Marie Johnson, Ali Johnson, Lakeisha Johnson and Jessica Johnson. She was a devoted and caring mother to her children and many others.

Barbara had many achievements, hobbies and skills. She held a foster care license, which helped her open up her home to over 30 children. She also worked as a receptionist with the NYC Housing Authority for 31 years. Barbara was a woman of faith. She introduced and taught her children and many others about the faith. She found her home at Greater Highway Deliverance Temple, where she is one of the Mothers of the Church.

Barbara would take her children, nieces, nephews and neighbors to Coney Island and Pelham Bay Park to have BBQs every summer holidays. Her hobbies included taking pictures of family events such as baby showers, weddings, BBQs and family holiday dinners. She also enjoyed baking up to ten cakes of every flavor you can think of, ten sweet potato pies and one large pan full of banana pudding. She would cook delicious dinners which always made her oldest son, Wayne, yell from the living room, "Ma, the food ready?". Barbara also loved watching western movies with her brothers. She would also like to watch game shows which most of the time made her dose off. Her children were constantly waking her up and telling her to go to bed. She would always say "I'm not sleep".

Barbara, also known as Bobby, leaves us to always cherish her memory; her five children, Wanda Reid and her son-in-law, Anthony Reid of Scranton, PA; Deacon Kenneth Johnson and her daughter-in-law, Pamela Johnson of Bronx, NY; Lionel Johnson and her daughter-in-law, Tyease Johnson of Maryland; Sabrina Marie Walker and her son-in-law, Naim Walker of Bronx, NY; she extended her love to three other children, Ali Johnson, Lakeisha Johnson and Jessica Johnson; her siblings, Junior Brown and her favorite sister-in-law, Linda Brown of Raleigh, NC; Mother Bernise Reid of New York; Elder Shirley Watson of Raleigh, NC. She also had 18 grandchildren: Simone, Wayne, Jr. Rocky (deceased), Lavern, Sheanine, Tera, Juan (Johnney), Desiree, Jeremiah, Geneva, Christina, Jennifer, Lionel, Jr. (Scooby), Angela (Chiffon), Homer (Jack), Jessica, Jerrell, Joe'el, and Lauren; her goddaughter, Lyndella Parrott, whom she loved since she was five months old, along with Yolanda Phillips and Melvin Orange whom she loved like her grandchildren; Sharon, her niece, who assisted Barbara's children with her care; nephews, Anthony Reid, Kelly Colvin and James Brown, Jr. (Jim Bob), 21 great grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She goes on her journey to reach paradise and be reunited again with her loved ones: her parents; her brother, James; her sisters, Christine and Delphine; her son, Wayne; her grandson, Wayne, Jr. (Rocky); her ex-husband, Mr. Clarence Johnson; her brothers-in-law, Joe and David; her niece, Zandra; and her nephew, Darrel.

# Order of Service

*Processional*

*Selection*

*Scripture Readings*

*Prayer*

*Selection*

*Acknowledgements*

*Remarks*

*Obituary*

*Selection*

*Eulogy*

*Committal*

*Viewing*

*Recessional*



# Psalm 116:15

*“Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his saints.”*



## Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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