



Louise G. Jenkins

May 25, 1941 - May 18, 2022

First Born

Being the first of anything connotes a unique distinction. Often times the crown of specialness begins in the defining process. The first-born of the family often automatically inherits leadership, responsibility and a seat of honor. Born on May 25th, 1941 to Gloria Reeder Johnson and Frederick Pittman Johnson, Louise inherited her crown and her seat of family honor. She was named after her maternal grandmother Louise Goldring. Ma Gloria lost her mother while still a very, very young girl. In an opportunistic act of remembrance, Ma Gloria honors her first-born and named her Louise after her own mother. An act of redemption begins at a coming of age story with the opening chapter titled, "First-born".

Big Sis

True to her nature, Louise embraced her role as a big sis with much love, much kindness, extended to her much younger brothers while sharing duties with big sis Winnie. One of Louise's endearing qualities was an infectious soft giggle that would elicit smiles and laughter. It fit her sunny disposition. Life progressed pretty much normally for Louise. She matriculated and graduated from Douglass High School and later soon to attend Cortez Peters Business School. It was during this period of her life that Louise blossomed into a drop-dead, absolutely gorgeous Black woman. Hollywood star lights had nothing on her. She most definitely had that "It" factor. She turned many heads, men stopped to stare, car horns honked and please don't let her be wearing her favorite color, red. Miraculously, Louise never caught a case of the "Big Head". Always down-to-earth, giving and kind to others with a warm spirit always on display. She was the excellent big sister, always putting the care and health of the family before herself. She remained true to her Christian upbringing and lived a life loving her God.

She married early to her first love Robert Conway. Despite much family fanfare and consternation, no one could argue with the added glow to an already beautiful glowing face. She remarried later in life to James Jenkins.

They purchased a nice home that Louise decorated with her typical artistic flare. These were fruitful years. Gainfully employed at Social Security, new marriage, new home, family love, peace and a beautiful spirit. Life was progressing favorably or so it seemed. The Sun Fades

Seemingly out of nowhere, illness struck. The question to the universe was why? Hadn't the Johnson family suffered enough? Hadn't we endured enough sorrow, pain and setbacks? Louise, the first-born always brought a sunny disposition to a family crisis. Searching for that light at the end of the tunnel. No light this time. Just a long lingering illness, cruel and ugly in its manifestation. On May 18, 2022 Louise Gloria Johnson Jenkins found her light at the end of this tunnel of life and made her transition. Her God and her ancestors welcome her return as we all must submit to the finality of an earthy journey. We will remember her humanity, her infectious giggle, her gorgeousness, her radiant smile the beauty of her spirit and being one hell of a big sister.

In Remembrance

Louise, first-born to Ma Gloria and Pop Freddie, who preceded her in passing is the first of seven children to meet the parents in the afterlife. Holding her in remembrance are: her sister and four brothers, Rev. Winifred Blagmon Johnson, Amili Johnson Lumumba, Mwalimu Locy Imani Johnson Lumumba, Dennis Johnson and Mark Johnson; two sisters-in-law, Zakiya Lumumba and Audrey Johnson; nephews and nieces, Darnyle Hodari Wharton Lumumba, Damont Johnson, Zazembi Lumumba, Nyasha Nia Lumumba, Jewel Johnson, Shonda Johnson and Denise Johnson; four greatnieces, Asia Wharton, Laila Wharton, Leah Johnson and Serenity Johnson; Married to the family Angela Wharton and adopted daughter, Angel Prettyman

Previous Events

Wake

JUN 4. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



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