



## Rosa Lee Johnson

March 6, 1923 - March 22, 2019

ROSA LEE JOHNSON, daughter of the late Charlie and Gussie Edwards, was born on March 6, 1923 in Chester, South Carolina. She peacefully transitioned on Friday, March 22, 2019 at the Brookdale Assistant Living Home. As a child, she was nurtured and raised in a loving Christian home and she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. Rosa Lee received her education in the public schools of Chester, SC. She was the eldest child of eleven children.

As soon as she came to Baltimore, it was important for her to connect to a church home. She immediately joined Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church and later moved her membership to New Pilgrim Baptist Church. She served faithfully as a member of the choir and the Charity Club. Her favorite church event was the Annual Women's Day and all the children and grands HAD to attend. When she dressed to go to church, Rosa Lee's beautiful hats coordinated with her embellished suits. She loved bright colors which she fashioned on Sundays.

To know Rosa Lee is to love her. She beautiful, soft-spoken and fun-loving person. As a homemaker, Rosa Lee warmly and lovingly cared for her family and raised them in a Christ-centered home. She was an excellent cook and loved to host Sunday and holiday dinners. Her signature rolls were the talk of the family. As a bonus, each child would look forward to receiving their favorite dessert on their birthday.

Rosa Lee's employment entailed working at Glenn L. Martin Manufacturing Plant. She worked on the assembly line making aircraft parts during World War II. She was later employed as a cafeteria worker for the Baltimore City Public School System which enabled her to work with young people. She truly enjoyed that experience.

In 1944, Rosa Lee met and married her sweetheart, the late Manasseh Johnson, Sr. of Fairfield County, SC. Of this union, they parented five sons and two daughters. Rosa Lee enjoyed and cherished fifty-nine years of marriage to her loving husband, Manasseh. They exemplified love and raised their children by the scripture, "Train up a child in the way he

should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). Rosa Lee's favorite scripture was Psalm 23 and her favorite songs were "Peace Be Still" and "Give Me My Flowers". She loved having her family and friends visit; however, no matter how long the visit, she referred to it as a "shorty stay."

Her eldest son, David Luther; her granddaughter, Ryan Lee; and seven siblings preceded her in death. She leaves to cherish her memory: six children, Manasseh, Jr. (Pat), Christopher (Tonie), Augustus (Sonra), Michelle (Andy), Ronald (Lori), Valerie (Charles); twelve grandchildren, Alisha (Reggie), Patrick (Cherese), Tondalaya, Sean Lynnea, Angela, Brittany (Adrian), Cameron, Erin, Jared, Ashley, Charles; great-grandchildren, Christopher and Natalia; a devoted sister, Pauline, Saunders; two brothers, Oscar Charles Edwards and Melvin Edwards (Juanita); a brother-in-law, Harden Johnson; two sisters-in-law, Rose Edwards and Elizabeth Edwards; and a devoted daughter-in-law, Odella Oliver; and a host of nieces, nephews; two devoted friends, Sally Whittaker and Ann Patillo; New Pilgrim Baptist Church Family and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery

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## Arbutus Memorial Park Cemetery

1101 Sulphur Spring Road  
Baltimore, MD, 21227

# Events

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**MAR** **Viewing** 08:30AM - 08:00PM

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March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue, Baltimore, MD, US,  
21215

**MAR** **Family Hour** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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**MAR** **Wake** 10:30AM - 11:00AM

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Mt Pleasant Church and Ministries  
6000 Radecke Acvenue, Balto, MD, US, 21206

**MAR** **Service** 11:00AM

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Mt. Pleasant Church and Ministries  
6000 Radecke Ave., Baltimore, MD, US, 21206

# Comments

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“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Rosa Lee Johnson.



March 26 at 11:53 AM

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“ Our Dear Beloved,

Just a personal note to express our joy in receiving that which GOD "BREATHED" into our companion, Mother Rosa Lee Johnson for us all.

Mother Rosa's, determination, inspiration, initiatives and works eternally "BIRTHs" our personal self empowerments. Additionally, her "Breath" and "Vibration" continues within our very "Being" as we engage creation's growths. her "Love" encompasses core riches (Heaven, Earth, and Humanity) for all, actualizing the whole of creation's realities, in addition to illuminating saint Teresa of Calcutta saying, "We can only learn to know ourselves & do what we can - namely, surrender our will and fulfill God's will in us". mother rosa's "Footprint" is eternally woven throughout the fabric of our Global Populace.

As a "Living Tribute and Testimony" to Mother Rosa's being, we lovingly plant four (4) groves of fifty (50) trees each in the Withlacoochee (Fl), the Pike (CO), the Chippewa (Mn), and the Klamath (Ca), National Forests; Long may they Nourish New Growth ... ever Radiating The Light and Warmth of God (Sacred Unity).

We thank GOD for placing Mother Rosa in our paths and pray your continuance of GOD'S BEST throughout creation's "manifestation".

"with all our love"

Judith A. (Colbert-) & Anthony S. Kelly, Sr.

\_ Anthony S. Kelly, II \_ Floyd E. & Catherine A. (Kelly) Thomas

Tianna O. \_ Amy R. Kelly

Tamara M. Joshua B.

Talia M. \_ Sean A. Colbert-Kelly, Ph.D.

\_ Monica B. Colbert-Kelly \_ Juanita P. Colbert-Kelly



**Anthony S. Kelly, Sr. Family&** - March 25 at 10:25 PM

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“ OAQ Front Office purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rosa Lee Johnson.



**OAQ Front Office** - March 25 at 12:35 PM

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“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

**March Funeral Homes** - March 23 at 09:22 AM