



## Mrs. Annie Ruth Johnson

March 15, 1950 - December 29, 2022

Obituary

Celebration the Life of

Annie Ruth Johnson was born on March 15, 1950, in Leigh, Texas to Johnnie Ruth (May) Irving and Gilbert Williams. She was raised by Mr. & Mrs. Aubrey “Baby Ray” Irving Jr. in Kansas City, MO along with Michael May her first cousin.

Annie Ruth was baptized at Antioch Baptist Church in Leigh, Texas at an early age. She later became a member of St. Paul Baptist Church in Kansas City, MO. Annie became a member of the former Flipper Memorial A.M.E. Church, currently Power of Faith A.M.E. Church. She was active in the Choir, the Betty Lou Johnson’s Missionary Society, and served many years as Director of the Young People’s Department (YPD). Later in life she became a member of Sheffield Family of Life Center where she remained a member until she departed. As a member of Sheffield Family of Life Center, Annie served on the Greeter’s Team for several years.

Annie met her soulmate, Moses L. Johnson, Jr. in the spring of 1968. It was love at first sight. They married on November 8, 1968. From this union, two children were born: Moses “Pokey” L. Johnson, III (son) and Danielle L. Johnson-Smith (daughter). Annie and Moses were married for 54 years where

they demonstrated the key to marriage longevity, love endurance, devotion to each other, and the importance of family.

Annie graduated from Southeast High School in 1968. Her career started at Avon Manufacturing Company in Kansas City, MO where she worked for 11 years as a production worker until the facility closed. Annie was later employed at Unilever formerly known as Lipton for 23 years until her retirement in 2010. At Unilever, she worked as a production worker and a consultant facilitator.

Over the years, Annie loved taking care of her parents, grandchildren, and being a devoted wife. She had a talent for decorating; organizing events; excellent cook; and being a loyal KC Chief's and Royal's fan. Annie volunteered for Barack Obama's presidential campaign and received special recognition for her dedication and commitment in the 2008 and 2012 elections. Her meticulous appearance, love for shopping, and trendy fashion kept her diva-ish with today's fashion. Her favorite pass time was supporting her grandchildren in their sport and school activities; going to the movies; attending church; participating in family functions, and traveling.

Annie made her transition to her new life on December 29, 2022. She's joining her parents Johnnie Irving (mother), Aubrey "Baby Ray" Irving (step-father), Gilbert Williams (father) and her in-laws Rev. & Mrs. (Betty) Moses L. Johnson Sr.

She leaves to God's keeping and to cherish her memories: Moses L. Johnson, Jr. (husband), Moses "Pokey" L. Johnson, III (son), and Danielle L. Johnson - Smith (daughter). Grandchildren: Brazil Merritt, Brook Paige Johnson, Vivian Ray, Rafael Myles M. Smith, Robert Jason Parson, II, and Reign G. Merritt (great-grandchild). Special family members: Birdell Gilbert (Aunt), Zephyr James (Aunt), Ed May (Uncle), Michael May (cousin), Betty Williams

(stepmother), Eric Williams (brother), and a host of family and friends.

Memorial service will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 11 am at Sheffield Family Life Center. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

To send flowers

to the family or plant a tree

in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Johnson, please visit our floral store.

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AJ

“ A Memorial Tree was planted for Mrs. Annie Ruth Johnson  
We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Lawrence A. Jones  
& Sons Funeral Chapels-Missouri - Lawrence A. Jones & Sons  
Funeral Chapels  
Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Mrs. Annie Ruth Johnson** - May 25, 2023 at 11:07 AM

DH

“ Beautiful in blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Annie Ruth  
Johnson by Dwight Harris . Send FlowersMy Prayers  
CondolencesDwight Harris

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**Dwight Harris** - May 25, 2023 at 11:07 AM

VR

“ Garden path was purchased for the family of Mrs. Annie Ruth  
Johnson by Vivianne and Nia Ray. Send FlowersA truly wonderful  
life lived. Condolences from Oregon.Vivianne and Nia Ray

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**Vivianne and Nia Ray** - May 25, 2023 at 11:07 AM

TC

“ Traditional funeral basket was purchased for the family of Mrs.  
Annie Ruth Johnson by Theotis and Deborah Casey. Send  
FlowersOur hearts are truly broken, Annie was Gods gift to all. The  
Lord has truly prepared a place for her. We will always remember  
her warm friendship. Our sincere condolences. May God bless the  
familyTheotis and Deborah Casey

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**Theotis and Deborah Casey** - May 25, 2023 at 11:07 AM

TF

“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Johnson by The Cason family. Plant a TreeWishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heartsThe Cason family

The Cason family - May 25, 2023 at 11:07 AM

MJ

“ Beautiful in blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Annie Ruth Johnson by Michelle Jones. Send FlowersMy thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Many lives were touched by Ms Annieshe will be missed, I thank God for crossing our paths.Michelle Jones

Michelle Jones - May 25, 2023 at 11:07 AM

JW

“ Praying for God's comfort to surround the family and friends during this time. For several years, Annie was a member of SFLC Hands of Christ Nursing Home Ministry. She shared the love of God to the residents by encouraging and loving on them. Annie was a tremendous blessing to the residents and to our team.

Joyce Williams - January 14, 2023 at 03:31 PM

SO

“ Annie you will truly be missed by all. Our prayers are with your family.Prayfully YoursDonald & Stephanie O'neal

Stephanie & Donald O'neal - January 06, 2023 at 08:44 PM

TL

“ Danielle, so sorry to hear. I know you will miss her dearly and words aren't enough to console the heart, but know that many are praying for you and your family at this time. May the Lord be ever so close to you.

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**Thomas Lay** - January 05, 2023 at 08:19 AM

MJ

“ My Ms Annie is how I referred to her she was the best person I ever met, I always remember the times she checked on me and she always said enjoy your place we will meet up in the morning for coffee out back. I'm gonna miss my Ms Annie. We will meet up again I'm so thankful God crossed our paths

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**Michelle Jones** - January 04, 2023 at 03:20 PM

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“ Our hearts are heavy for the loss of your precious loved one. May she rest on in Heavenly peace.

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**Billy & Cookie Parson [StLMo]** - January 03, 2023 at 01:17 PM