



## Ms. Glendora Johnson

June 8, 1929 - January 23, 2025

In loving memory of Glendora Williams Johnson, born June 8, 1929, in Canton, Mississippi, to the late Peter Williams Sr. and Viola Williams. She was 95 years old when she departed this earthly life on January 23, 2025, surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

Glendora was the sixth of eight children and was preceded in death by her parents; her only son, Roosevelt (Jim) Wilson; one granddaughter, Micole Wilson; four great-grandchildren, Anaya Newton, Jalen Thornton, and Rahiem Pulce, Kelsea Pulce, her nephew, Arthola Clark, Jr.; and all of her siblings: Annie Lee Clayton, Moses Williams, Clyde Williams, Jesse Williams, Peter Williams Jr., C.D. Williams, and Venita Clark.

### Her Faith and Church Life

Glendora accepted Christ at the age of 15 and was baptized at St. Matthew Baptist Church in Pickens, Mississippi. She lived a life devoted to Christ, leaving a rich legacy of faith and love among her family and friends. She attended St. Matthew School through grade school.

Affectionately known as Granny, Glendora was a devoted member of Friendship Baptist Church of Kansas City, Missouri, under the leadership of Pastor James A. Terrance Jr., for 22 years, remaining faithful until her health declined. Before joining Friendship, she was a member of Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church for 52 years, where she actively served in the

Music Ministry and Sunday School Ministry under the late Dr. McKinley L. Dukes. Growing up in the South, she especially enjoyed attending revivals in the back of a wagon. Her favorite scripture was Psalm 23.

### Her Family and Career

In 1946, Glendora married Roosevelt Wilson, and to this union, three children were born. She later met and married Israel Johnson Jr., and together they had two children.

Glendora was a hardworking woman who dedicated 12 years to Pioneer Bag Company in North Kansas City, Missouri, making burlap bags. She later became a meat wrapper and went on to make history as the first Black female meat cutter for Safeway Stores, a grocery chain in Kansas City. She worked there for 23 years before retiring.

### Her Love for Cooking and Family

Glendora's greatest joys in life were cooking, baking, and spending time with her family. As a child, she learned to cook by standing on a stool beside her mother in the kitchen. She loved preparing large Sunday dinners, always making sure her family was well fed. Her favorite meal included turkey and dressing, yams, green beans, collard greens, cornbread, sweet potato pie, and peach cobbler. Her home was always filled with love, laughter, and the aroma of delicious food.

### Her Passion for Bowling

For over 50 years, Glendora was an avid bowler with an unwavering passion for the sport. She was a dedicated competitor, teammate, and friend to many in the bowling community. Throughout the years, she participated in multiple leagues, including the NTEU League at Loma Vista, Tuesday Senior Rollers,

Monday Madness League, Spare Parts League, Postal Pacesetters League, Outlaw League, Wednesday Morning Glories, and Monday Have a Ball at Loma Vista.

Beyond local leagues, she traveled across the country with the Helen Saxton Bowling Group, competing in prestigious tournaments in New York, Atlanta, Washington D.C., California, Florida, Tulsa, Texas, and more.

One of her proudest achievements was competing in the USBC Women's Championships every summer with her beloved team, The Power Five, in Reno and Las Vegas. She won numerous awards and trophies, celebrating her exceptional skill and dedication. In 2015, she was honored as Senior Bowler of the Year and was inducted into the USBC Greater Kansas City Hall of Fame, a testament to her incredible contributions to the sport.

For Glendora, bowling was more than a pastime, it was a way of life. She often said,

"Life is just like bowling... sometimes you're up, and sometimes you're down."

### Her Love for the Kansas City Chiefs

Glendora was also a die-hard Kansas City Chiefs fan! She even created her own "Chiefs Kingdom" room in her house, filled with everything Chiefs-related.

### Her Legacy

Glendora leaves behind a loving and devoted family, including her four daughters: Earnestine Lyle, Marva Louise Wilson, Linda Marie (Pastor Samuel) Martin, and Deborah Lynn Hogan.

She also leaves to cherish her memory her grandchildren: Jackson Lyle Jr., Andre' (Dee) Wheeler, Kelly (Rocky) Balfour, Damon Newton, Christie Bernard, Nakia (Carlton) Glynn, Y'Cum McCain, Shonta Pulce-Davis,

Marquita (Terrence) Taliferro, Kaplin Pulce, Gheia Turk, Ryan Thomas, Lakeisha Jones, Michael Wilson, Kenya (Marcus) Givens, Tia Hogan, Calvin Bates, Brandon Burgette and Whitnee (Brian) Lee.

Her love extended to her great-grandchildren: Damon, Marekica, Jarrel, Asia, Deron, Danekica, Jerrick, Lexis, Galen, Tyler, Carlton Jr., Tatiana, Sydney, Darrion, Aliyah, Lesa, Maya, Shannon, Jason, Jamal, Shania, Dallas, Darius, Marlin, Peyton, Treshawn (Tre), Devin, Ashlynn, Kierra, Drew, Kielyn, Jeremiah, Aaron, Chase, Elijah, Makhi (MJ), Kedian, and Chance.

She also shared a deep and cherished friendship with Oscar Shelby, whose presence brought joy, laughter, companionship, and unwavering support throughout the years.

Among the many she cherished, she held a special place in her heart for her beloved niece and nephew, LaTonya (Sterling) Burgette and Calvin (Paula) Clark, adopted son, Pastor John Modest (Jeanette) Miles who were more like her own children.

Glendora's kindness, wisdom, and unwavering faith will remain in the hearts of all who knew and loved her. She touched lives through her faith, family, cooking, and love for bowling. While she may no longer be physically present, her spirit will forever guide and inspire us.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want..." - Psalm 23

Funeral services Saturday, February 1, at 11:00am at Friendship Baptist Church. Interment XII Gates Memorial Gardens. Visitation Saturday from 9:00am-11:00am at the church. Arrangements entrusted Lawrence A. Jones & Sons. Condolences may be shared on our website.

# Cemetery Details

## XII Gates Memorial Gardens

9500 East Bannister Road  
Kansas City, MO 64138

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Friendship Baptist Church  
3530 Chelsea Drive  
Kansas City, MO 64128

## Funeral Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Friendship Baptist Church  
3530 Chelsea Drive  
Kansas City, MO 64128

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ Ms Glendora Johnson, was and has always been a very special person in the lives of The Brooks Family. When we met our spirits immediately connected and she became that Big Momma Figure, that I (we) were missing!! She was always full of love and encouragement, challenging us often, to KNOW and TRUST God for ourselves. "Don't you know He (Jesus) loves you" she would declare often to my wife and I. So I now say to her and the Family, Don't you know the Brooks' Family Loves You!! But don't you know, Jesus Loves, Loved, You MORE!! May Her Legacy of Love Live On!!

*GJ we will miss you greatly!!*

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**Robert Rosalyne Deborah Rakayla Brooks** - February 01, 2025 at 09:44 AM

DC

“ Donna and John Chase purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Glendora Johnson.



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**Donna and John Chase** - January 31, 2025 at 08:23 AM

DM

“ Denise Rankin McField lit a candle in memory of Ms. Glendora Johnson



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**Denise Rankin McField** - January 29, 2025 at 04:46 PM

EP

“ Eddie Patterson purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ms. Glendora Johnson.



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**Eddie Patterson** - January 29, 2025 at 09:24 AM

BF

“ Barbara Fikru purchased the Simply Elegant Spatiphyllum for the family of Ms. Glendora Johnson.



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**Barbara Fikru** - January 29, 2025 at 09:21 AM

MB

“ Melanie Brown purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ms. Glendora Johnson.



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**Melanie Brown** - January 28, 2025 at 06:19 PM

KH

“ Who can find a virtuous women  
I'm so grateful that God blessed me to know Ms Johnson who I  
called (MAMA) for over 50 years you will truly be missed  
May God give the entire family strength during this difficult time  
love you all  
Karen Hicks

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**karen hicks** - January 28, 2025 at 12:03 PM

YJ

“ To the Family of Glendora Johnson

*I am so sorry for your temporary lost. Your mother had fought the good fight, have finished the race, have kept the faith. Her mansion was ready and it was time to go home. I pray that the Lord will bless the family and keep everyone strong until you all meet again and pick up where you left off. I loved your mother so I treated her as my other mother and called her auntie. She called me niece. I learned a lot from her. She would light up and get a surge of energy whenever you mentioned the name of JESUS. She stayed ready. She was blessed with so much wisdom and I will always treasure those conversations. I will miss her terribly.*

*Yolanda Joyce Johnson*

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**Yolanda Joyce Johson** - January 28, 2025 at 11:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Glendora Johnson.

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January 28, 2025 at 11:36 AM

YN

“ To the family of Glendora Johnson known as Momma Johnson to me. Heaven has received a special rose indeed. It was an honor to serve as momma Johnson realtor and bonus daughter in the sale of her old home and buying her new home at the youthful age of almost 80 years young. Momma Johnson knew what she wanted and got what she wanted in her new home. She was a classy/ sassy elegant praying mother. She became my bonus mom after the passing my dear mother. Every year momma Johnson always made me a delicious homemade sweet potato pie to express her gratitude of love towards me. I shall forever cherish her genuine love, the many conversations, and special times she imparted and supported me as one of her own daughters. Thank you family for sharing momma Johnson love with so many. Her legacy shall continue through us. Humbly submitted Pastor Yolanda Nero.

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**Yolanda Nero** - January 27, 2025 at 11:53 PM

JG

“ *Forever in our hearts*



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**John and Joanne Garrett** - January 27, 2025 at 09:47 PM

RT

“ To the family of Ms Glendora Johnson: please accept my heartfelt condolences on the passing of your other. May her bright light continue to shine in your life. During this incredibly difficult time, we are praying for strength, comfort and peace. Mother Johnson will always be remembered by her spirit filled soul, her incredible sassy style, and her sharp sense of humor. Love as powerful as your mother's, leaves it own mark and legacy. Only time and tears take away grief; that is what they are for. So it is true, when all is said and done grief is the price we pay for love. To the entire family, I love you. Your mother was so special to me and so many others. We will get though this journey together. Anthony & Regina Toney

Regina Toney - January 27, 2025 at 07:40 PM

GS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Gene Henry Sr - January 27, 2025 at 06:28 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Glendora Johnson.



January 27, 2025 at 03:06 PM

BF

“ *Bynum Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathephyllum for the family of Ms. Glendora Johnson.*



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**Bynum Family** - January 27, 2025 at 11:29 AM

BF

“ *Bynum Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Glendora Johnson.*

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**Bynum Family** - January 27, 2025 at 11:29 AM

TM

“ *My Sincere Condolences and Prayers to the Family*



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**Tonya Miller** - January 27, 2025 at 11:21 AM

LC

“ *I will always remember her beautiful smile she would give me when she came in Sunday School class #12, her words she shared in class always brought tears of joy to me. She will be missed, she was classy, stylish and had a word of wisdom to give and a story of her upbringing and the raising her children was always a delight to hear, most of all she believed and trusted God. Rest well Sweetheart*

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**Linda Carter** - January 27, 2025 at 10:02 AM

TW

*She's pressing on the upward way, new heights she gained every day  
...But still She's praying for she is heavenly bound, LORD HAS  
PLANTED HER FEET ON HIGHER GROUND!*

Terri Washington - January 27, 2025 at 01:39 PM

GJ

*Hey beautiful and classy woman who I had the pleasure of knowing for  
over 50 years I would truly miss her and her smile*

Gary L Johnson - January 27, 2025 at 04:44 PM

DS

*Ms. Johnson was such a beautiful soul, both inside and out. I will miss  
her smile and her words of wisdom in our Sunday School class #12.  
This beautiful and classy lady will be dearly missed by so many. My  
condolences and prayers for all of the family.*

*Denise Stewart*

Denise Stewart - January 27, 2025 at 06:48 PM

EP

*To Marva Wilson and the rest of the family of Ms Glendora Johnson, I  
am terribly sorry for your loss. We know how much she means to each  
of you. Hold on to God's unchanging hand and each other*

Eddie Patterson - January 30, 2025 at 08:26 AM