



Ms. Survunah D. "Pumpkin" Johnson

February 9, 1957 - October 22, 2025

Survunah Dena Johnson, commonly referred to as "Pumpkin" was born on February 9th, 1957, in Houston, Texas. She was raised by her father, Harrel L. Johnson and mother, Myrtle L. Johnson, in Kansas City, Missouri along with her loving grandmother, Carrie Mae Hunter. She was preceded in death by her mother Myrtle L. Johnson and brother Osmund Q. Johnson.

Pumpkin graduated from Lincoln High School in 1975. In fall of 1975 she attended Lincoln University and became a true Tiger for Life. She pledged under a little sister group as an "Omega Pearl". Pumpkin graduated from Lincoln University with a Bachelor's in Business Administration. She continued her support for Lincoln University through attending annual homecomings and donations to the school.

We know a lot of folks, but "Pumpkin" had a lot of friends. Her kind ways, respect for all, and understanding were a balm for all our frustrations and calming our spirits. Pumpkin was a vocalist and served in the choir at St. Stephen's Baptist Church, Victory Temple Church before moving to Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church with

her friend and pastor,
John L. Brooks. She also went on the road singing with Keith Tribett and the
Elements of
Faith for over 10 years, including travelling throughout the country and
overseas.

Pumpkin, like the rest of the Johnson children worked for years in the family
business at
the Johnson's Daycare Center. She worked for over 27 years for Jackson
County in
Child Support, Criminal Records, and Division 27. She served many attorneys
working
in civil, criminal, and probate cases in Kansas City, Ks and Kansas City, Mo
areas. She
was well known to prosecutors and judges in the City, County, State, and
Federal levels.
In 1976, Myrtle and Harrel Johnson co-founded the Key Coalition/Kansas City
Keys, a
youth basketball program dedicated to mentorship and development. Pumpkin
was
always involved in the programming side, handling administrative needs,
registration,
fundraising, and served as a cheerleader coach. Pumpkin, poured into the
lives of
children in our community as a loving caretaker and supporter.

She leaves behind her father, Harrel L. Johnson, sister, Aljurita "Rena"
Spears, and
brother, Harrel F. Johnson (Dianna). Her legacy continues through her nieces
and
nephews—Lakeisha Johnson, DeAndre Pierre Johnson (Genee), Harrel

Spears

(Tosha), Dominique Johnson, and LaToya Johnson—as well as four great-nephews and

nine great-nieces. She also adopted Grayland Stone as a son, and he became a brother.

Pumpkin will be remembered for her generous heart, comforting spirit, kindness, and

unwavering devotion to her family and community. She will be missed by many!

Funeral Services will be held on November 8, 2025, 11am, at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Interment XII Gates Memorial Gardens. Visitation from 10am-11am at the church. Services conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

Cemetery Details

XII Gates Memorial Gardens

9500 East Bannister Road
Kansas City, MO 64138

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
1700 East Linwood Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64109

Funeral Service

NOV 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Please accept our Deepest Condolences. Pumpkin was a great and special friend to many of us and our lives were made better because of her. God Bless and Be with all of her Family and Friends. Det and Bee Treadwell “Tread.”

Detral Treadwell - February 05 at 07:02 PM

LA

“ I love you, Pumpkin. Thank you for everything. RIH

Latonya - November 09, 2025 at 01:44 AM

RH

“ Pumpkin was my neighbor for a few years at Harvard Heights Apartments. Pumpkin was very kind to my children and me. Pumpkin always had a smile on her face!! Just recently I had thoughts about Pumpkin, not realizing she was dealing with something and not knowing how to get in touch with her. May she rest in peace!
Regina Harris

Regina Harris - November 07, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ Lavender Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Survunah D. "Pumpkin" Johnson.



November 05, 2025 at 11:24 PM

RB

“ *Ralph & Ann Butler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Survunah D. "Pumpkin" Johnson.*

Ralph & Ann Butler - November 05, 2025 at 11:24 PM