

## *Mama*

Had I known it would be the last time, I would have hugged you a little tighter and a little longer.

Had I known, Mama, I would have kissed your cheek with the biggest pucker I could muster.

Had I known it would be the last time, I would have put us in the same frame of the video I recorded of you. I would have bought another big caveman meal like only you could eat.

Had I known it would be the last time, I would've said "I Love You" more than once at the end of our conversation. I would have sat closer to your wheelchair. I would've sat playfully in your lap for you to push us around.

Had I known it would be the last time, I would have looked you in your eyes, Mama, and told you that you made ME proud of how you outlasted life support on every occasion, outsmarted multiple diagnoses, and outwitted even the most astute of medical practitioners.

You always amazed me with how you still witnessed the healing power of our Lord while in the very throes of sickness, going up and down the hallways of rehab centers and teaching bible study to staff and residents.

You astounded all who met you on paper before they met you in person.

You defied every law of death that I know and this time was no different because right when death thought it had you, you stuck out your tongue and said "aaa haaa, I'm not afraid to die anymore" and peacefully took your sleep.

The most important thing I would have reiterated is that you did not fail me. I get my unbreakable, resilient strength from you, the ability to see people very clearly for who they are, my laughter, my love for pearls, my

speaking voice, and my eye for class and elegance just to name a few things.

I learned many vital things from you: the value of a Mother, that it's never too late in life to reconcile, that faith trumps fear and that God's Grace reaches far past the speculation and opinions of others.

You fought this good fight of faith (as well as fighting a few people along the way...lol) and you won! You finished strong! You left final memories of laughter, love and family.

Rest in Power, Mama.

*Flower Attendants*  
Family and Friends

*Pall Bearers*  
Family and Friends

*Interment*  
*Committal/Prayer/Benediction*  
Pinedale Memorial Park  
313 Brown Road  
Piedmont, South Carolina 29673

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**Watkins, Garrett & Woods Mortuary, Inc.**  
1011 Augusta Street  
Greenville, SC 29605  
(864) 242-1144



## *Honoring the Life of Mrs. Alma J. Johnson Alexander*



*Saturday, October 12, 2019  
2:00pm*

*Piedmont Manor Baptist Church  
23 Sherman Lane  
Greenville, South Carolina, 29605  
Rev. Wayne Robinson, Pastor*

*~Eulogist~*

*Apostle Rev. Dr. Charlesetta C. Prioleau  
New Jerusalem Church "The Triumphant Church"  
North Charleston, South Carolina*

## Order of Service

**Pastor Sean Dogan, Presiding**  
Long Branch Baptist Church, Greenville, S.C.

*Prelude*

*Processional*.....Clergy, Family and Friends

*Opening Selection*.....Pastor Larry McCullough  
*I Shall Wear A Crown*

*Scripture Readings:*

**Old Testament**...Rev. Dr. Flora Johnson Winestock  
Pastor, Second Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

**New Testament**.....Rev. Julia Golden  
Associate, Long Branch Baptist Church

*Prayer*.....Rev. Mae Frances Golden  
Pastor, Harris Grove Baptist Church

*Solo*.....Mrs. Antonia Golden Anderson

*Triplets Tribute*.....Rev. Bobbie & Rev. Betty Johnson

*Remarks:* Rev. Sharon Stoddard (Friend)  
Mrs. Barbara Woodruff (Friend)  
Mr. Kylin Johnson (Grandson)

*Sister's Tribute*.....Minister Flora Staples  
“Introducing Minister Alma Johnson Alexander”

*Selection*.....Pastor Larry McCullough  
*Jesus Will*

*Words of Comfort*.....Apostle Rev. Dr. C. C. Prioleau

*Selection*.....Pastor Larry McCullough  
*Recessional*



## Obituary

Ms. Alma Jean Johnson Alexander, 60, departed this life on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at Trident Medical Center in North Charleston, South Carolina. She was a daughter of the late James Calvin and Jo Ann McCullough Johnson.

She attended Greenville County public schools and was a graduate of Rutledge College where she obtained her certification as a Data Processor. She was last employed as an associate for Cryovac Sealed Air Corporation. Although she still remained on the roll of Piedmont Manor Baptist Church as a lifelong member, Alma was affiliated with New Jerusalem Church, “The Triumphant Church” in North Charleston, South Carolina, for the last five years of life. She often talked to the Pastor about becoming part of the Ministers in Training Program. She accepted the call of God on her life to share His gospel and was an astute student of the word of God. During one stay as a resident, she taught bible studies on occasion at Heartland Rehabilitation Facility in Charleston, where many of the staff and residents penned a book with their “Thank You” notes of love to her for the encouragement she gave to them. Alma was known for her feisty vigor as well as the faith she had in her Lord at every rehabilitation center and hospital that she visited. One of her favorite pastimes was writing.

Left to cherish many fond and loving memories are one daughter, Trimeka Johnson (James Fields, Sr.) of Summerville, SC; two grandsons, Kylin Johnson and James Fields, Jr., both of Summerville, SC; seven sisters, Bobbie Jean Johnson and Betty Jean Johnson, both of Greenville, SC, Flora (Bryant, Sr.) Staples of Greensboro, NC, Dora Holmes of East Upper Marlboro, MD, Sarah Holmes of Landover, MD, Linda (John) Jennings of Clinton, MD, and Carol (Reggie) Pitt of Baltimore, MD; one brother, James (Harriett) Johnson of Mauldin; and a host of other relatives and friends.