

# Celebration of Life for



**Ms. Lonita Clyde Johnson**

**Friday, October 25, 2019  
Three O'clock in the afternoon**

**Long Branch Baptist Church  
28 Bolt Street  
Greenville, South Carolina 29605  
Rev. Sean Dogan -Pastor**

## Life's Journey

Ms. Lonita 'Nita' Clyde Johnson, 76, of Greenville South Carolina, departed this earthly life on Thursday, October 17, 2019, at her home. She was the eldest child of the late Clyde Douglas Johnson and Miriam Azalee Parker Johnson.

Lonita moved to Astoria, Queens, New York, at the age of 25, then later moved to Long Island, New York. While in New York she earned an Associates Degree in Accounting from Queens College.

She worked for Martin DePorees Daycare Center as a Bookkeeper. She then acquired a job with Avrick Envelopes as an Account Manager and worked there for over twenty years. After Avrick Envelopes closed its door, she worked for Queensboro Paper Company in Queens, New York for over ten years.

While in New York she was an active member of Community Church of Astoria where she sang on the Inspirational Choir.

Lonita returned to South Carolina in 1995 to help care for her mother. She obtained a job at South Carolina Steel Corporation in Greenville and worked there until her retirement.

She joined Long Branch Baptist Church in 1998. She was a member of the Pastor's Aide and also volunteered as needed in any capacity. She was also an usher or as we called her the "Gate Keeper of the Branch".

Lonita was very instrumental in the opening of OJ's Diner in 2005. She enjoyed spending time with her family. She loved to cook, going to the movies, going out to eat and traveling. She loved to shop with friends and was a snazzy classy dresser, who could slay a hat and a pair of shoes with accessories to complement her million dollar smile.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Thelma Johnson, Diane Ferrell, Georgia Johnson and a brother Terrell Johnson.

Lonita leaves to cherish fond memories, her son, Gregory (Debrah) Johnson; one brother, Olin Johnson; two sisters, Cassandra Johnson and Vonderlene Johnson; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; a special nephew, Toby Johnson raised in her home; one stepbrother, Gerald Young; four stepsisters, Claudia Elaine Collins, Shirley Evans, Coretta Farrell, and Shirley Williams; and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Pastor Derrell Dean, Presiding  
New Hope Baptist Church, Belton, South Carolina

Prelude.....Choir

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

## Scripture Readings

Old Testament .....Minister Janice Irby  
Psalm 84:1-4;10-12

New Testament .....Deacon Ruby Coleman  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Prayer.....Pastor Charvis Gray  
Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Anderson, South Carolina

Solo.....*His Eye Is on the Sparrow*.....Ms. Tracy Johnson

Remarks (Please limit to 2 minutes.)  
Minister Julia Golden (Church)  
Mrs. Barbara Sue Sullivan (Friend)  
Ms. Venus Williams (Sister-in-Love)  
Ms. Yvonne Williams (Sister-in-Love)

Selection.....*Alabaster Box*.....Minister Valisa Smith

Remarks (Please limit to 2 minutes.)  
Mrs. Pamela Brown (Cousin)  
Mrs. Madeline Jones (Cousin)  
Mrs. Quiwanna James (Niece)  
Ms. Letorra Johnson (Niece)  
Mr. Jordan Johnson (Grandson)

Solo.....*Stand*.....Mr. Sammy Dotson

Greene and Gilliard Family's Resolution.....Mrs. Barbara Sue Sullivan

Selection.....*The Blood*.....Choir

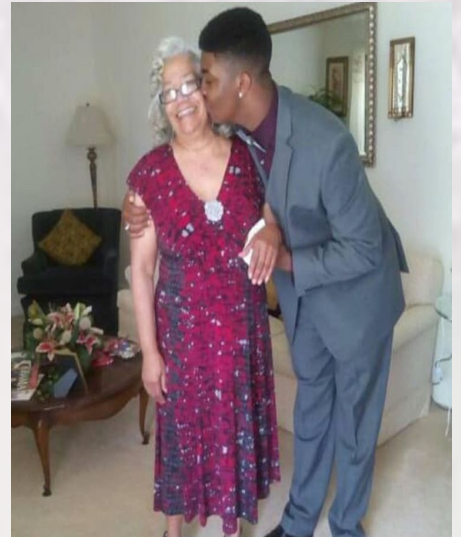
Words of Comfort.....Pastor Sean Dogan

Recessional.....*Take Me to the King*.....Minister Valisa Smith















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JOHNSON FAMILY

is a circle of strength and love.

WITH EVERY BIRTH and

EVERY UNION

— the circle GROWS. —

EVERY JOY SHARED

adds more LOVE.

EVERY crisis faced together

makes the circle stronger.

## I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day;  
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and peace to thee;  
God wanted me now. He has set me free.*

# Flower Attendants

Ushers of Long Branch Baptist Church

# Pallbearers

Ushers and Men of Long Branch Baptist Church

# Acknowledgment

The Johnson Family is and will be profoundly grateful for all the manifold expressions of kindness during these difficult days. Your prayers rendered with us and for us have manifested and magnified the merciful goodness of our Lord. May God continually bless, deliver and exalt you beyond your imagination!

# Interment

Resthaven Memorial Gardens  
1655 Piedmont Highway  
Piedmont, SC 29673

Please be advised that the Greenville County Sheriff's Department and the City of Greenville Police Department no longer provide escort services for funeral processions. Therefore, all drivers should obey traffic signals. Persons who are not riding in the funeral home limousines should meet the family at the cemetery.

