

Acknowledgement

We the family wish to extend our sincerest appreciation to our many friends for all acts of kindness shown during our moments of sorrow. The Lord has been good to us and we thank you for being there with us. May God forever bless and keep each of you in our Prayer.

MY MOTHER'S DASH

MY MOTHER HAS A DASH, I GUESS WE ALL EVENTUALLY WILL, THAT TELLS OUR VERY STORY FROM OUR BEGINNING TO THE END. MY MOTHER'S DASH WAS IN-BETWEEN AUGUST 1ST, 1959 TO DECEMBER 18TH, 2023. THE DASH IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER BECAUSE IT WAS HER TIME WITH US ALL THE LOVE, DEDICATION, AND COMPASSION SHE TRULY DID HOLD. SHE SHARED HER BEST AND WORST TIMES WITH US ALL. HER DASH REPRESENTS HER LAUGHTER, JOY AND TEARS, HARDLY SPEAKING OF ANY OF HER FEARS. MY MOTHER'S DASH WAS SHARED SO DEEP THAT NOW WHEN WE LAY DOWN WE CAN'T GET MUCH SLEEP. THIS DASH HOLDS LOVING MEMORIES WE WILL TREASURE AND HOLD, YOU KNOW THEY RUN DEEP TO THE BOTTOMS OF YOUR SOUL. MY MOTHER'S DASH REPRESENTS STRONG AND TRUE, SHE HAD SO MUCH DETERMINATION SHE COULD'VE TURNED BLUE. MY MOTHER'S DASH SPENT COUNTLESS NIGHTS LOVING US ALL AND TELLING US EVERYTHING'S ALRIGHT. MY MOTHER'S DASH HAD NO RHYME OR REASON SHE WAS THERE FOR YOU AT ANY GIVEN SEASON. HER SUN SHINED BRIGHT, HER RAIN POURED THROUGH. SO MUCH SO HER PAIN WE HAD NO CLUE. HER BENDED KNEES AND PRAYING HANDS HELPED US ALL TO SUSTAIN OUR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL BREAKDOWNS ALL TO STAY SANE. MY MOTHER'S DASH HAD SO MUCH PRIDE AND STRIDE, THAT NOW IT'S SO HARD FOR US TO SAY GOODBYE. HOWEVER, THIS IS NOT PERMANENT AS YOU CAN SEE HER SPIRIT LIVES WITHIN ALL OF US THAT'S YOU AND ME. ONE DAY WE WILL BE GIFTED WITH HER PRESENCE AGAIN, WE'LL RUN AND JUMP TO SAY THOSE SPECIAL WORDS AGAIN. MY MOTHER'S DASH IS ALL WE NEED TO HELP KEEP REPRESENTING THE ONES WE LOVE INDEED!

LOVE YOU MOMMY!!
WRITTEN BY MARIA JOHNSON



We Entrusted Our Loved One To The Golden Care Of:
Golden Gate Funeral Chapel
2800 East 18th Street ~ Kansas City, MO 64127
(816) 255-3676

"A Service Designed...With You In Mind"



Celebrating the Life



August 1, 1959 - December 18, 2023

Funeral Service Held At:

Golden Gate Funeral & Cremation, LLC
2800 East 18th Street ~ Kansas City, Missouri 64127
Thursday, January 11, 2024 ~ 3:00 p.m.
Sandra McFadden Brown-Weaver, Officiating

~ Reflections of Her Life ~

Yolanda Maria Thomas-Johnson, born to Emma Jean Wooten-Thomas-Gardner and Merle Louis Gardner Sr. on August 1, 1959, in Kansas City, Kansas and was a remarkable soul who touched the lives of many, leaving nothing but smiles on their faces.

Yolanda was the beloved sister of seven siblings. John L. Thomas who proceeded her in death. Three Sisters Regina Thierry of Raytown, MO, Bonnie Lewis along with her bonus brother-in-law John Lewis of Lee's Summit, Mo, Sherry J. Thomas of KCMO. Three Brothers Lynn A. Thomas of KCMO, Cedric X. Thomas of Pearland, TX and Merle L. Gardner Jr. of Lawrence, KS. Along with a host of nieces, nephews and other Relatives and Friend's.

Yolanda's journey began at Graceland Elementary School kindergarten through Seventh grade and continued her High School years 8th grade through Senior year at Manual High School. Yolanda was known for her dancing in talent shows and house parties as well. Her dedication for dance and music shone through, leaving a lasting impression on all who witnessed her grace and skillset.

Yolanda found love in her marriage to Otis T, Johnson Sr, hailing from Marshall TX. They married in Texas in 1987. Together, they built a life filled with cherished memories in Kansas City, Mo.

Yolanda's Legacy lives on through her three children Maria A. Johnson, Otis T. Johnson Jr. and Cameron L. Johnson, and continued to pass on to her 5 grandchildren as well Carmella Lasley, Calayah Lasley, Ca'Tanna Lasley, Ra'Miah Phillips and Lennox Johnson, each carrying a piece of her spirit. They are a testament to her unwavering love, compassion and devotion as a Mother and Grandmother.

Throughout Yolanda's career she worked at Mutual Benefit Life Insurance turned Fortis Benefits, a preschool teacher and years later a machine operator where she retired from. Her commitment and work ethic was unparalleled, a true testament to her character. In Yolanda's down-time and retirement, Yolanda embraced her skill set of cooking, baking helping her children and Grandchildren, singing dancing and watching some of her favorite old television shows such as Perry Mason, Many different Westerns, Monk and Quantum Leap.

Yolanda's journey ended with us on December 18 , 2023, but she will remain in the hearts of Family and Friend's Forever. Yolanda's love, grace, caring, dedication and compassion will continue in our hearts, and Souls. She shall dwell in the house of the Lord Forever, Amen!

"MAY YOU REST PEACEFULLY"

YOLANDA!

Order of Service

Prelude

***"How Excellent"
Mississippi Mass Choir***

Prayer

Pastor Yolanda Perry

Scripture

Apostle Trent Hudson

Selection

Rance Allen

"Something About The Name Jesus"

Condolences

Life Reflections

Read In Silence

Remarks

2 Mins Please

***Carmella Lasley
Kendrea Franklin***

Selection

***Tamala Mann
"Take Me To The King"***

Words of Comfort

Sandra McFadden Brown-Waver

Benediction Recessional

