




Celebration
of Life and Legacy of Love for




Mrs. Eloise Marie Wilson
Johnson



Sunrise: November 30, 1930 ~ Sunset: September 14, 2024
Saturday, September 21, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.

TEMPLE OF GLORY COMMUNITY CHURCH

1105 Stiles Avenue | Savannah, GA 31415
Bishop Matthew M. Odum, Sr., Senior Pastor
Pastor Craig Daughtry, Sr., Eulogist
Clifton Baptist Church



Obituary



Mrs. Eloise "Ms. Sista" Marie Wilson Johnson is one of twelve children born to Shad and Rebecca Taylor Wilson. Her amazing, energetic and awesome life began on November 30, 1930, in Savannah Chatham County, Georgia. Her parents instilled in the family many principles and traits that helped shape the characters and personalities of her life. They all had great faith in God, love, morals, compassion, values, punctuality, generosity, kindness, respectfulness, integrity, and excellent work ethics. A Biblical legacy that has been passed on from generation to generation.

Many of her gifts and talents from the Almighty God had already taken root and grown within her. These traits would someday be beneficial and prosperous to her in the coming years.

Eloise was educated in the public school system of Chatham County and was a 1949 graduate of Beach High School. She confessed to Christ as a teenager, along with her sister Rosa, and Cousin Helen "Doll" Wilson, all three becoming members of Clifton Baptist Church. Pastor Robert Sweet baptized them on the fourth Sunday in August 1946, making them the oldest baptized members of this church. Proverbs 22:5, says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." To God alone be the Glory.

Several years came and went. Mrs. Eloise's talents and gifts were increasingly developing. Cooking, caring, helping others, working, and sewing topped the list. Then that time was nigh when the scripture in Genesis 2:24 took center stage. "Therefore, a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." This became a reality and memorable occasion when she met, fell in love, and married her husband, John Henry Johnson, Sr.

From this union, two children were born, a daughter, Bonnie and a son, John "Johnny" Jr. Mrs. Eloise, an extraordinarily talented and inventive person, started her children along with her nieces and nephew as young entrepreneurs in elementary school. Every Saturday, the Wilson Clan went into the neighborhoods (Rossignol Hill, Dimry Bottom, Wheathill Road, Cooper Lane, Five Mile Bend, and Port Wentworth), selling bags of popcorn, at .05 cents each and delicious candied apples at .10 cents each. A portion of the proceeds went towards a saving account for each of them.

Other talents and gifts of Mrs. Eloise "Ms. Sista" began to surface. She organized sporting teams in the community (softball, basketball, and volleyball), along with Mrs. Viola Bell (Deceased) and Mrs. Clementine Hagood (Deceased) to play with other teams around the city competitively. Mr. Jim Golden was Chatham County's Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs. A specialty of Ms. Sista was her out-of-the-world tasting "Fruit Cakes."

She became the first director of Clifton Baptist Church Junior Choir, along with Mother Delores Middleton and Mrs. Patricia Staten (Deceased), rendering their services for more than twenty-five years. Ms. Sista also started and organized the "Summer Bus Trips" for the children. Ms. Sista taught some of the ladies at Clifton how to make candied apples. The proceeds from the sales helped with trips for the Junior Choir, Deacons, and Senior Citizens Appreciation. Her idea and plans for Deacon's Appreciations were also implemented. In the 50s, Ms. Sista started making baptism robes for the church. Some of the robes are still in use.

Mother Nancy Williams brought the idea to the church about forming a Women's Auxiliary at the church. Ms. Sista and Sis. Dorothy Peters (deceased) organized, set up, and started this organization in the early 70s. No stranger to working, Ms. Sista worked various jobs to help support her family. She was employed at Sugar Refinery and assisted an elderly couple in their home, both locations in Port Wentworth. She also worked on the assembly line at Tradewinds Seafood Company in Thunderbolt.

With the Lord's navigational instrument, it led her next to employment with the Chatham County Board of Education in 1973. She was hired in the food services department. She helped with the preparation of meals, but her main position was being the cashier. In 1993, she retired as a full-time employee. Another interesting job Ms. Sista had was with the Economic Opportunity Authority (EOA). Mr. John Finney was her supervisor. The site was on the property donated by one of Savannah's finest dentist, Dr. Phillip Cooper. The Garden City Progressive Community Center was and still is in her neighborhood. She oversaw many activities for both youths and seniors. She taught citizens many interests of theirs. Included on the list were knitting crocheting, cooking, learning, and playing games (checkers, chess, jump rope, etc.) along with strengthening academic, mental, physical, and spiritual skills.

Not having a selfish bone in her body, nor one of idleness, she assisted and helped other family members and friends with their ailing families as well. Matthew 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy." Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father is in heaven. Luke 6:38, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again.

The road runner, Ms. Sista not tired yet, found another job with Reverend Carl Gilliard who organized "Feed the Hungry" in her community. She put some of that energy to burn and joined his team. Several days each week, she delivered care bags to approximately 18 residents in the neighborhoods from Rossignol Hill to Five Mile Ben.

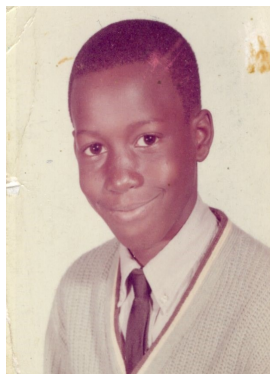
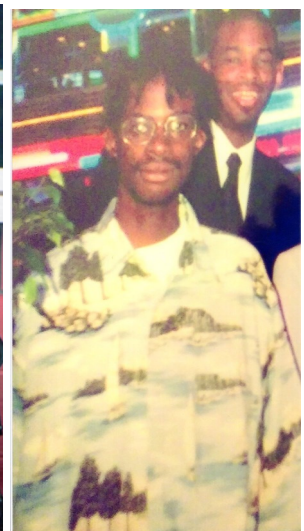
In 2015, she was the "Grand Marshall" for the Feed the Hungry Program in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s parade as well as the first Grand Marshall for the community's Homestead Heritage Parade. A saying that her daughter would say to her is "Mom, you are the Jack of All Trades, and the master of many of them."

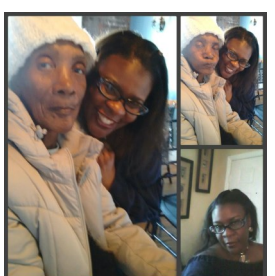
Ms. Sista, a loving mother, only son John Jr. transitioned on October 30, 2019. He was also instrumental in the planning of his mother's 90th celebration. Although he is no longer with us physically, his spirit abides. I say, rest on in the Lord my son where there is much peace and tranquility. Know that I love and miss you. God knew what was best for you. We now cherish your endless memories.

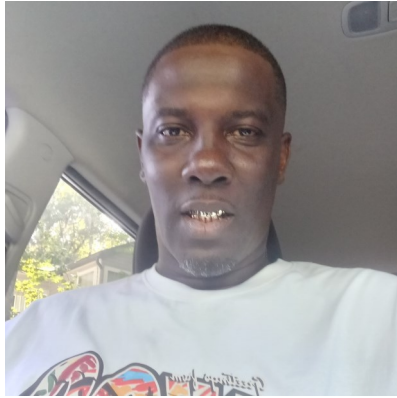
Mrs. Eloise "Ms. Sista" Marie Wilson Johnson is also the mother of her only wonderful and caring daughter, Bonnie L. Young. Her sister, Rosa B. Walker, and her children Betty O'Neal, Ann (Marion) Devoe, Paulette O'Neal, Leonard Walker, and Patrick (Sherry) Walker, later merged their two families into one 'Big Happy' family. After the families became one family, Ms. Sista was called 'Mama' and Rosa was called 'Mother' by all their children.

On Saturday, September 14, 2024, Mrs. Johnson passed away peacefully at Memorial Medical surrounded by her family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Shad and Rebecca Wilson; 10 siblings in which 6 of the siblings died at very early ages, Leroy, Marion, Walter, and Randolph Wilson; and her only son, John H. Johnson.

She leaves to cherish her memory and legacy, one daughter, Bonnie Young; 5 grandchildren, Nakia Young, Charles Young, Jr., Jonathan Johnson, Jarrod Johnson, and Markis Johnson; 5 great grandchildren, Michael Howard, Ja'Niyah Smalls, Jordan Ramsey, Ja'On Warner, and Ja'Marion Warner. She is also survived by one sister, Rosa B. Walker; brother-in-law, Jimmie Roberson (Sandra); prior daughter-in-law, Marie Johnson; and host of family, friends, and church family.







A virtuous woman is someone who loves the Lord and reflects this love as well to all those around her. Proverbs 31:30 Shares that a woman who "fear the Lord, she shall be praised." A virtuous woman knows that she wouldn't be where she is in life without God's provision and love, so worshipping Him daily through her words and actions sets her apart as one to admire.

The Order of Service

<i>Presiding</i>	<i>Minister Lorraine Middleton Ross Clifton Baptist Church</i>
<i>Processional/Viewing</i>	<i>Pastors, Ministers, and Family Members</i>
<i>Selection</i>	<i>Combined Choir Bro. Kevin Cook, pianist Sis. Julia King, pianist</i>
<i>Prayer</i>	<i>Pastor Alexander Grant Bible Connection Ministries</i>
<i>Scripture –</i> <i>Old Testament</i> <i>New Testament</i>	<i>Pastor Anthony Edwards, Beulah Baptist Church Pastor Harold Edwards, Fairlawn Baptist Church</i>
<i>Solo</i>	<i>Lady Monica Daughtry</i>
<i>Reflections (2 minutes, please)</i> <i>As A Deacon</i> <i>As A Church Member</i> <i>As A Choir Member</i> <i>As A City Official</i> <i>As A President of Garden City Homestead Association</i> <i>As An Organizer of Feed the Hungry</i> <i>As A Member of Garden City Recreation Department</i>	<i>Deacon Arthur Wallace</i> <i>Mother Delores Middleton</i> <i>Sis. Ayana Lee</i> <i>Councilman Richard Lassiter Garden City District 4 Rev. Gary Monroe</i> <i>Pastor Carl Gilliard</i> <i>Sis. Pauline Shaw</i>
<i>Selection</i>	<i>Combined Choir Bro. Kevin Cook, pianist Sis. Julia King, pianist</i>
<i>Reflections (2 minutes, please)</i> <i>Family Members</i> <i>As A Grandmother</i> <i>As A Great-Grandson</i> <i>As An Aunt</i>	<i>Bro. Jonathan Johnson</i> <i>Bro. Michael Howard</i> <i>Sis. Ann Devoe</i>
<i>Acknowledgement/Resolutions</i>	<i>Sis. Carolyn Rivon</i>
<i>Selection</i>	<i>Combined Choir Bro. Kevin Cook, pianist Sis. Julia King, pianist</i>
<i>Words of Comfort</i>	<i>Pastor Craig Daughtry, Sr. Pastor of Clifton Baptist Church</i>

Interment

*Cherokee Hill Cemetery
Water Filtration Plant Road, Port Wentworth, Georgia 31407*

Repast:

Clifton Baptist Church | 100 Big Hill Road | Garden City, Georgia 31408

Honorary Pallbearers

Master Ja'Marion Warner
Master Ja'On Warner

Active Pallbearers

Deacon Bernard Bowen
Bro. Michael Howard
Bro. Jarrod Johnson
Bro. Jonathan Johnson

Bro. Khalil Revels
Bro. Dimitrius Rhett
Bro. Patrick Walker
Bro. Charles Young

Floral Attendants:

Ushers and Friends

Special Thanks



Pastor Craig Daughtry, Sr. and Clifton Baptist Church Family
The Staff of Memorial Health University Medical Center

911 Dispatcher for assisting me with CPR and Mouth to Mouth Resuscitation
All Emergency First Responder Personnel

Bishop Matthew M. Odum, Sr., and Temple of Glory Community Church Family

Persons assisting with the care of the late Mrs. Eloise M. Johnson (Sis. Rosa Walker, Sis. Paulette O'Neal, the late Cousin Martha Whitehead, Sis. Diane Torrance, Bro. Harold Torrance, and the late John Henry Johnson, Jr. (for 4.5 years of care) and Bro. Charles Young, Jr. (for 4 years of care)

The '68' Class of Tompkins High School
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The family of the late Mrs. Eloise "Ms. Sista" Wilson Johnson would like to express their gratitude for your prayers, words of encouragement, sympathy, condolences, phone calls, text messages, cards, monetary gifts, thoughtfulness, and other acts of kindness. May the Lord continue to richly bless each of you.

Love, The Family



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