



K. G. Photo

A Limb Has Fallen

A limb has fallen
from the *family tree*.
I keep hearing a voice that says,
Grieve not for me.

Remember the best times,
the laughter, the songs.
THE GOOD LIFE I LIVED
while I was **strong**.
Continue my heritage,
I'm counting on you.

Keep smiling and **surely**
the sun will shine through,

My mind is at ease,
My soul is at rest.

Remembering all, how
I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions,
No matter how **small**.
Go on with your life,
don't worry about falls.

I miss you **dearly**
So, keep up your chin,
Until the day comes we're
Together **again**.

Honorary Pallbearers

J-Shun Harris II
Kendall Smith
Leonard Barnes, Jr.

Micah Jones
Leonard Barnes, Sr.
Reginald Barnes

Active Pallbearers

J-Shun Harris
Alexander Barnes

Alpha Barnes, Jr.
Abraham Barnes

Fred Glenn, Sr.

Flower Attendants

East Grove Missionary Baptist Church
Usher Board

The Service of Committal & Interment

Mt. Olive Church Cemetery * Monticello, Florida

Repast

There will be **NO** Repast.

The Family's Message of Gratitude

We, the family of **Karen Barnes Johnson**, express our sincere appreciation for the care and concern you have shown during our time of bereavement. Your kind expressions of sympathy shared through your calls, food, visits, prayers, florals, and all other acts of kindness, are greatly appreciated. What you have done will never be forgotten and we pray that God's abundant blessings will always be yours.

Services Entrusted To:

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Tillman... Making A Difference Since 1931

Celebrating the Life

OF

Karen Barnes Johnson



Sunrise: July 29, 1957 – Sunset: January 5, 2026

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026
ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

East Grove Missionary Baptist Church
1642 OAK RIDGE ROAD EAST * TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32305

The Reverend Ronald Wiggins, Sr.

PASTOR

Minister Alpha Barnes, Sr., Eulogist

Reflections of Life

Karen Barnes Johnson was born on July 29, 1957, and peacefully transitioned on January 5, 2026. She was the daughter of Clarence Barnes and Bertha Barnes. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Andre Barnes; and her sister, Kiwanis Barnes.

Karen accepted Christ at the age of 12, beginning a lifelong walk of faith. She attended James S. Rickards High School, Class of 1975, and later attended Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU).

Karen was a devoted member and faithful Usher of East Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Woodville, Florida, where she served diligently and welcomed all with grace and humility.

Karen retired in 2014 after 36 years of dedicated service with the Florida Department of Education, where she served as a Program Specialist IV.

Karen was united in Holy Matrimony to Matthew Johnson, with whom she shared 42 years of marriage. From this union came three daughters: Kara Williams (Lemar Williams), Karla Harris (Kelvin Harris), and Kieara Johnson. She was a proud and loving grandmother to Marcus Williams and Karlee Harris.

Karen was a devoted wife, loving mother, cherished grandmother, and a woman of faith whose life reflected service, love, and an unwavering commitment to her family, friends, and community. **Karen's** favorite scripture was Isaiah 40:31: *“But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”*

Karen's love and legacy will remain in the hearts of her **loving husband:** Matthew Johnson; **three daughters:** Kara (Lemar) Williams, Karla (Kelvin) Harris and Kieara Johnson; **two grandchildren:** Marcus Williams and Karlee Harris; **brother:** Alpha (Shery) Barnes, Sr.; **sister:** Benita Smith; **nieces:** Antonia Barnes and Alexis Smith; **nephews:** J-Shun Harris, Alpha Barnes Jr., Alexander Barnes, Abraham Barnes, and Kendall Smith; **great-nephews:** J-Shun (Lea Kohne) Harris II and Micah Jones; **great-nieces:** Jourdan Harris and Syria Smith; **great-great-nephews:** J-Shun Harris III and Isaiah Harris; **goddaughters:** Tanza Thompson and Karen Denise Hills; her **cherished supportive adoptive family:** Betty Glenn, Catherine Horne, and Annie Lynn and Mary Still; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Cherished Memories



The Order of Service

Processional..... East Grove M. B. Church Choir

Processional..... Pastor, Eulogist, Clergy, Officers & Family

The Parting Glance & Seating of Family..... The *Tillman* Staff

Devotion..... East Grove M. B. Church Deacons

Family Prayer..... Evangelist Barbara Ellis

Selection..... Choir

Scripture Readings:

Old & New Testaments..... Pastor Ronald Wiggins

Isaiah 40:31 / 1 Peter 4:12

Selection..... Choir

Reflections & Tributes:

Poem Tribute..... Sister Jacqueline Y. Perkins

JAMES S. RICKARDS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1975

Resolutions & Acknowledgements..... Sister Felicia Branton

Selection..... Choir

Eulogy..... Minister Alpha Barnes, Sr.

Recessional..... *“He’ll Welcome Me”*

