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In Appreciation

The family of **Loretta Baker Johnson** wishes to thank everyone for the kindness shown during their hours of bereavement. Thank you for your many expressions of sympathy and concern. God bless you all.

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Home of Distinctively Finer
Funeral Service

Celebration of Life



Alpha
February 2, 1951

Omega
April 30, 2026

Loretta B. Johnson

Saturday, May 9, 2026
3:00pm

Salem Chapel & Heritage Center
101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter SC 29150
Elder Barrington Pierson, Officiant

Life Reflections

SUNRISE....

Sister Loretta Baker Johnson was born in Sumter, South Carolina on February 2, 1951 to her wonderful parents, the late Mr. Sam and the late Mrs. Henrietta Baker.

SUNSET

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”
2 Timothy 4:7-8

Loretta departed this life on Thursday, April 30, 2026 at Prisma Health Tuomey Medical Center in Sumter, South Carolina.

A TIME TO GROW....

Loretta attended the public schools of Sumter, SC and graduated from Ebenezer High School with the class of 1969. In her earlier years, **Loretta** often talked about her first job, working in a plant with her father-in-law at Georgia Pacific in Sumter, SC. Talking about that experience brought laughter and joy to her heart. Later in life as an adult, she began working in the food service department for Sumter School District 17. Also, while working for the School System, she enjoyed driving the School Bus for the District and later she held a part-time job, during the summers, driving the City Bus for RTA. After 30 plus years of service for the Sumter School District, Loretta decided to retire. However, retirement did not last long as she started working as a Crossing Guard for the Sumter School District. In between working and retiring for the first time, she found a passion for Knitting, Quilting and Sewing. She never met a stranger and enjoyed working for the Lord and participating in various church activities

A TIME TO LIVE....

Loretta was married to the love of her life, Richard Johnson and to this union four sons, Jermaine, Derrick, Gerard and Matthew, were born.

A TIME TO WORSHIP....

As a young child, **Loretta** began her spiritual journey at Quinn Chapel AME Church in Sumter, SC with her parents and siblings. In 1979, she joined the St. Paul Pentecostal Holiness Church in Sumter, SC under the leadership of the late Elder Mark Pierson. There she confessed being filled with the Holy Ghost and was baptized in the Name of Jesus. **Loretta** was very eager to begin working for the Lord. She joined the Gospel Choir and later became an usher. As a member of the Gospel Choir, she served faithfully and enjoyed leading her favorite song, “Lord, Oh Lord, I’m asking you one more time”. The presence of the Lord just filled the house when she sung that song. If she was not singing in the choir, she was performing her duty as an usher or sitting in the pews giving God Glory and Praise. As time progressed, she was appointed as President of the Usher Board in the late 1980’s. She served faithfully as president of the ushers for over 30 years and initiated the Annual Health Fair in September of 2012. Although she never wore the title of a counselor, she enjoyed counseling and encouraging people. She was indeed a jewel for the body of Christ. She retired her usher’s badge and uniform in November of 2025 and was honored by the church with a great celebration.

A TIME TO MOURN....

Sister Loretta Johnson leaves to cherish her loving memories her four sons; Jermaine (Candace) Johnson of Atlanta, Georgia, Derrick (Cheries) Johnson of Sumter, South Carolina, Gerard Johnson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Matthew (Ryan) Johnson of Norfolk, Virginia; five grandchildren; Sasha, Mattilyn, Jada, Javier and Daquan Johnson, two great grands; Eli Johnson and Ximena Myles, two brothers; Albertus (Deloris) Baker of Clinton, Maryland and John (Edna) Baker of Columbia, SC; eleven brothers in law and five sisters in law, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In addition to her parents, **Loretta** was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Johnson, one sister; Beulah R. Green and two brothers; Moses and Nathaniel Baker.

Order of Service

Elder Barrington Pierson, Worship Leader

- Prelude Soft Music
- Processional Clergy and Family
- Opening Selection Choir
- Prayer Pastor Letel Rutherford
- Scripture Readings:
 - Old Testament Pastor Julie A. Hayes
Psalm 121
 - New Testament Minister Timothy Vaughn
St. John 14:1-6
- Solo Shari & Unique
- Reflections :
 - Community Sam Generette
 - Church Deacon John Holliday
 - Family Matthew Johnson, son
Gary Johnson / David Johnson
Dr. Ryan Johnson / John Ray Baker
 - Friends Sis. Evelyn Garland
Sadie Richardson
Cynthia Moses-Nedd
- Solo Shonda English
- Poem/Acknowledgements Sis. Kimberly Oliver
- Selection Choir
- Words of Comfort Elder Barrington Pierson
- Closing Prayer Minister
- Recessional Medley of Songs

Committal, Benediction, Interment
Evergreen Memorial Park
802 N. Guignard Dr., Sumter SC 29150