

A close-up portrait of Dr. Janice Sales Hardaway, a woman with voluminous, wavy dark hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a red, textured garment and a silver necklace. The background is a soft, out-of-focus brown.

*Celebrating The Life of
Dr. Janice Sales Hardaway*

Light of Life Faith International Ministries

Athens, Tennessee

Saturday, March 29, 2025

12:00 noon

"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'"

Life's Reflections and Reminiscing with Love

Janice Sales Hardaway was born November 28, 1948 in Birmingham, AL. She was the eldest daughter of the late Deacon Willie and Minister Julia Sales. At an early age, Janice confessed Christ as her Savior and was baptized in Jesus Name.

As a young child, Janice was captured by a deep love for God's house and His people. To this day, our hearts smile as we remember the stories that she would tell of the "seasoned saints" of her days faithfully attending church, and the things she learned from them. Her mother raised her (that's how they said it), to know that ONLY what you do for Christ is going to last. Therefore, from serving in the kitchen to singing in the choir, Janice did it with all of her heart.

Janice attended the public schools of Birmingham, AL. She graduated from A.H. Parker High School, completed two years of study at Jefferson State Junior College, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Alabama in Birmingham. As the Lord continued to open doors for her, she was appreciative and stepped through every door. She received a Master of Science degree from the University of Tennessee of Chattanooga in Industrial & Organizational Psychology, and a Doctorate of Ministry from the Ministry International Institute. She never was one to flaunt titles nor accomplishments, but she knew that all that she acquired came from the mighty God that she served.

The Word of God declares, whoso findeth a wife findeth a GOOD thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord. After a 7-year on and off courtship with a young man named Vant Hardaway, and only after Vant finally surrendered his life to the Lord, Vant and Janice united in holy matrimony on August 16, 1975. What a pivotal moment! To this union came Vanessa Anjanette and Julie Lorelle. As a wife and mother, Janice always prioritized the needs of her family. The girls declare, "we've had the privilege of having a front row seat during the good times and bad, sickness and health, richer or poorer." Proverbs 31 declares that her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

All in all, our lives were extremely BLESSED to have Janice Sales Hardaway. Above all else in life esteemed or attained, Janice's treasure was her Faith in God, life of worship, and service in ministry. She served as a Pastoral Helpmeet with her husband for 19 years at First Church of Sweetwater. In her community and across the miles: Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, and beyond, when called upon, whatever her hands found to do, she did wholeheartedly.

Janice has left a notable impression in the city of Athens and surrounding areas in her profession, civic related contributions, and service to the Kingdom of God. Professionally, she was the Financial Aid Director for Cleveland State Community College, Employee Relations Supervisor for Johnson Controls, Inc. and their Human Resource Manager upon retirement. In

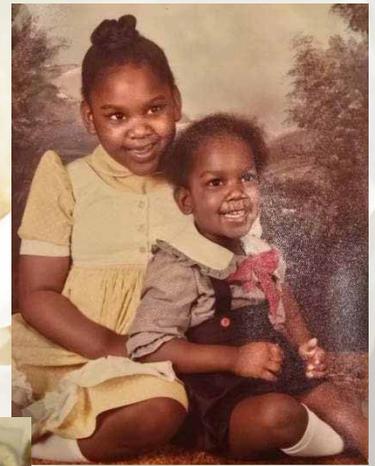
2014, Janice began serving as an Adjunct Professor for Tennessee Wesleyan University instructing in various business-related subject matters. Over the years, she served on various boards to include the Athens Regional Planning Commission, Athens Utilities Board, Optimist Club of Athens, Greater Athens Personnel Association, Tennessee Wesleyan Business Department, United Way Board, and the Athens Education Foundation.

On March 13, 2025, a day predestined in time beforehand, surrounded by her family, with a glowing smile upon her face, Janice transitioned from labor to rest and reward. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her aunt, Ms. Charlie Mae Morris - January 3, 2025. Janice leaves cherishing the memories and accomplishments of her life: Dr. Vant H. Hardaway - her loving husband of 49 years; two daughters, Ms. Vanessa Hardaway and Mrs. Julie (Brandon) Williams; three beautiful grandchildren - Destiny, Jakobi, and Sydney; two 'surrogate supportive sons' Narcisco Lee and Andre 'Tank' Montgomery, one sister, Ms. Angela Fe' Sales; Two sisters-in-law Pastor Cynthia Hardaway and Minister Rhoda Trainer; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and ministry constituents.









Order of Service

Officiant- Elder Micheal B. Swinney (Bethel Christian Assembly, Fayetteville, NC)

Processional- Ministers and Family

Musical Selection.....Pastor Corey Prather

Scripture

Old Testament..... Pastor Zach Davis

New Testament.....Rev. Archie Smart

Prayer..... Pastor Larry Saunders

Ministry through Song.....The Douglas Sisters

Words of Reflection

Family Expressions.....Dr. Vant Hardaway and the Girls

Dr. Tyler ForrestPresident of Tennessee Wesleyan University

Ms. Jona Garrett.....Chairman of the Athens Regional Planning Committee

Rev. Homer Cobb.....Hardaway Family Representative from Hammond, IN

Bishop Jerry D. Swinney..... Pastor of Bethel Christian Assembly Fayetteville, NC

Ministry Through Song.....Sis. Senetra Lansden of Chattanooga, TN

Resolutions and Acknowledgement of Communication

Apostle Rodney Brown

Ministry through Song.....Pastor Corey Prather

Eulogistic Message-.....Apostle Joseph Hamilton

(Pastor of Zion Church, Birmingham, AL and Founder of Apostolic International Alliance Fellowship)

Recessional

Interment

Cedar Grove Cemetery

Athens, Tennessee

(Please turn headlights on and drive safely)

Pall Bearers

Tony Murdic ~Edgar King~Eric Buchanan~Micah Buchanan~Vince Brown
Brian Smith~Justin Thomas~Marcus Johnson ~ Rev. Frank Walker

Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

Acknowledgement

We are walking in a way that the Lord allows us to with a special wife and mom, with a peace in knowing that Jan transitioned leaving us with a "BEAUTIFUL SMILE" making us to believe that she had "experienced a connection with HER LORD".

We CELEBRATE her freedom and victory over ALL sickness. No more pain and struggle of this life. Thanks for praying for us and with us as we celebrate her life. Peace. Vant

