



Family Acknowledgement

The family of Joy Ann Johnson wishes to express sincere gratitude for the prayers, flowers/plants, cards and all acts of love and kindness that you have shown. It is reassuring to know that we have you to lean on for support. Your words have encouraged us, and your prayers have sustained us and for that we thank you and pray our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ blesses each of you.

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Task left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine tomorrow.
My life's been full; I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now; He set me free.

Author Unknown

INTERMENT

XII Gate Memorial Gardens
9500 E. Bannister Road
Kansas City, MO 64138



Pallbearers

Bryant J. Johnson
Deonta Dodd-Young
John Gunnels
Xion Sorrells
Matthew "Marty" Terry
Dominique Hampton
Kiy'Shon Nelson
Kendall Calhoun

Honorary Pallbearers

Jayvion M. Smalls
Darius Hampton
Deon D. Smalls
Demetrius Hampton
Eddie L. Dodd
James Dorsey, Jr.
Wayne Harvey Jr.
Harold Sauls, Jr.
Kevin Harvey
Jamon Buford II
Glenn Gunnels
Timothy Malachi Flowers-Kern
Walter G. Lester
Erick Carr
Shane Michael Terry

Celebration of Life



Joyce Ann
JOHNSON

APRIL 17, 1947 - JUNE 17, 2026

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026

THE OASIS CHURCH INTERNATIONAL
11500 EAST 53RD STREET~ KANSAS CITY, MO 64133

PASTOR MICHAEL E. BROOKS, OFFICIATING

9:00 AM VIEWING

10:00 AM SERVICE

REMEMBERING *Joyce*

Joyce Ann Dodd Johnson, affectionately known as “J.J.,” was born on April 17, 1947, in Memphis, Tennessee, to Mathew Terry, Sr. and Emma Bell Dennis. After her mother married J.D. Dodd, Joyce was lovingly raised by a family who nurtured her with unwavering love and support. At the age of four, she moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where she grew into a woman of deep faith, accepting Jesus Christ as her Savior and dedicating her life to serving Him. Throughout her years at Zion Grove Missionary Baptist Church, The Oasis Church International, and later The Church Without Walls in Houston, Texas, Joyce faithfully served in numerous ministries, living out her belief that faith is best expressed through love and service.

Joyce was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, educator, and lifelong learner. She united in marriage to Ronney Lee Johnson in Kansas City, Missouri, and from that union, he lovingly embraced her daughter, Carma Annette Dodd. A year later, they welcomed their daughter, Rhonda Ann Johnson, completing their family circle and later expanding their legacy through generations of grandchildren. Determined to continue growing, Joyce, a graduate of Lincoln High School class of 1966, earned both associate and bachelor's degrees while serving as a leader in her college alumni association. Her professional journey—following 18 years at TWA—lead to a fulfilling second career as a teacher in the Kansas City Missouri Public School District and reflected her passion for helping others succeed. She found boundless joy in mentoring students and shaping young lives with patience, encouragement, and care.

Service to others was woven into every part of Joyce's life. Whether organizing fashion shows and gospel musicals to support charitable causes, volunteering through her church, or simply extending kindness to friends, neighbors, and strangers, she gave generously of her time, talents, and heart. Her radiant smile, warm embrace, and compassionate spirit made everyone she encountered feel welcomed, valued, and loved.

Joyce delighted in life's simple blessings. She found peace tending her garden, preparing meals for family and friends, and baking her beloved dinner rolls, which lovingly helped support her children's college education. She embraced opportunities to travel, celebrated family reunions with enthusiasm, and remained an avid fan of Kansas City sports. More than anything, she treasured the relationships she cultivated, believing that family, friendship, and fellowship were among God's greatest gifts.

On June 17, 2026, Joyce peacefully entered eternal rest at the age of 79. Though she was preceded in death by her beloved parents, several siblings, and her beloved daughter, Rhonda Ann Johnson-Doxey; cherished grandsons, Kaylan Bryant Johnson and Byron Damond Doxey, Jr.; her legacy of unwavering faith, unconditional love, generosity, and perseverance continues through her daughter Carma Annette Dodd of Houston, Texas; her son, Bryant J. Johnson (Jessica) of Independence, Missouri; and her seven grandchildren: Sydney L. Doxey, Symone L. Doxey of Houston, Texas; Jayvion M. Smalls, Deon D. Smalls, Katelyn L. Johnson, Londyn L. Johnson, and A'nyla J. Johnson of the Kansas City metropolitan area, along with a host of siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, countless friends, church family, classmates, co-workers, former students, and all whose lives she touched. Joyce lived with purpose, served with humility, and loved without reservation—a legacy that will continue to inspire generations to come.

ORDER *Of* SERVICE

Musical Prelude.....Soft Music

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Old Testament Psalm 23.....Phyllis Gunnels

New Testament John 14:1-3.....John Gunnels

Prayer/Words of Comfort.....Pastor Darron Edwards

United Believers Community Church

Musical Selection.....Amazing Grace, by Mable Brooks

Acknowledgments & Condolences.....Berit Pitchford

Life Reflections.....Read in Silence
(soft music)

Family Tribute.....Bryant Johnson & Carma Dodd

Tributes & Remarks.....(1 to 2 minutes please)

Musical Selection.....God Is, by Mia Ramsey

Eulogy.....Pastor Michael E. Brooks

The Oasis Church International

Benediction

Recessional



Repast at Oasis Church International;
Immediately following Interment at XII Gates Memorial Gardens.

