

# *My Words of Comfort for You*

## ALWAYS IN YOUR HEARTS

*Picture me as I was  
Full of life and love,  
Although not with you now  
I'm watching from above.  
I know how much you miss me  
And I miss you too,  
It was my time to leave  
As each of us will do.  
Although not in your presence  
I'm always in your heart,  
The precious love we shared  
Means we're never far apart.*

*Remember Me Always & Forever, Rhonda*



## IN OUR HEARTS

*We thought of you today, but that is nothing new,  
We thought about you yesterday and days before that too.  
We think of you in silence, we often speak your name,  
Now all we have are memories and your pictures in a frame.  
Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part,  
God has you in His keeping, we have you in our hearts.*

*Your Loving Family*

# *In Loving Memory of*



## *Rhonda Melissa Johnson*

SUNRISE: JANUARY 4, 1980 - SUNSET: NOVEMBER 21, 2022

# Forever Remembered ...

The world became a little colder on November 21, 2022 due to **RHONDA MELISSA JOHNSON'S** passing. The youngest of two, Rhonda was the only daughter of the late Reginald F. Johnson Jr. and Arnedra Johnson; they have been united in heaven.

*"To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." - 2nd Corinthians 5:8*

Rhonda, affectionately known as "Beef Jerky" by her big brother, Reginald "Reggie" Johnson Jr., was a warrior when it came to her 15-year fight against lupus.

She received her education attending Baltimore City Public Schools, graduating from Baltimore "City" College Preparatory High School in the class of 1998 along with her sister-in-law Tynika "Ty" Johnson. At City, Rhonda joined the marching and concert bands, playing the clarinet and the cello. After graduating from high school, Rhonda continued her education attending Howard University and obtaining her Bachelor of Arts degree. She worked for Johns Hopkins Hospital until she was diagnosed with lupus and fell ill.

At an early age, Rhonda accepted Christ and was baptized at Bible Way Baptist Church in West Baltimore and later became a member of Pillar of Truth Christian Church, where she served as a devoted choir member, singing for the Lord.

Rhonda enjoyed spending time with family and friends, always having the latest updates. This included talking on the phone for hours with Kenya, J.W., Micki, Neecey, and "The Golden Girls", which consisted of Moni, Tita, and Butter with Rhonda being the fourth member. Her niece Eysa and nephews Monte and Kyle were the reason Rhonda fought so hard and long against her battle with lupus; when she was first diagnosed, she promised them she would be there to watch them grow up, a promise she kept. The bonus was that she was also able to meet and help spoil her great nephew Karter, who she affectionately called her "Nugget" or "Karter Boop".

Rhonda was an avid reader, reading hard copies or via her cell phone, she always had her head in a book. She loved good food and a good time. She did not let her illness get the best of her, she was optimistic and always referred to attending dialysis as "going to work". It was her optimism that made everyone else a little less worried about her battle. After a 15-year-long battle, her job was done, and the Lord called her home and said job well done. For the battle was not hers to fight any longer, promises were kept, and closure received.

*"The battle is not yours... it's the Lord's." - 2 Chronicles 20:15*

Rhonda leaves to honor her memory and life: her brother, Reginald F. Johnson Jr.; her sister-in-law Tynika Johnson; her niece, Eysa Johnson; nephews, Monte Johnson and Kyle Matthews; her great-nephew, Karter Matthews; two aunts, Faye Jackson and Joan Merritt; her godmother, Umillas McIntrye; several godchildren and a host of loving cousins, other relatives and friends.



## ORDER OF SERVICE

MUSICAL SELECTION ..... Organist

### SCRIPTURE

Old Testament - Isaiah 3:1-4 ..... Deacon James Lilly 3rd

New Testament - 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 ..... Deaconess Deborah Lilly

MUSICAL SELECTION ..... Organist

OBITUARY ..... Desserae Donaldson

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MUSICAL SELECTION ..... Organist

EULOGY ..... Deaconess Deborah Lilly

THE LORD'S PRAYER ..... Attendees



### LETTER TO MY SISTER IN HEAVEN

*They say there is a reason  
They say time will heal,  
Neither time nor reason  
Will change the way I feel.  
Gone are the days we used to share  
But in my heart, you are always there,  
The gates of memories will never close  
I miss you more than anybody knows.  
Love and miss you every day, Reggie*

