



Pallbearers

Carlton Martindale Jr. Isaac Johnson
Malik Jordan Dovante Torres
Dre Burgess Josh Torres
Kelvin Sullivan

Acknowledgements

The family of Karen Jean Johnson wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has shared their prayers, love, and support during this time of loss. Your kindness and presence have been a great comfort. May God continue to bless you, is our prayer.

Interment

Oak Hill Cemetery
4620 US Highway 98 S
Lakeland, Florida 33801

Repast

Church of God Gospel Tabernacle
1035 N. Virginia Avenue
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A Celebration Of Life
In Loving Memory of



Karen Jean Johnson

October 23, 1965 - March 5, 2026

Saturday, March 14, 2026 11:00 a.m.

Church of God Gospel Tabernacle
1035 N. Virginia Avenue Lakeland, FL 33805
Pastor Barbara Giles-Coleman

Forever In Our Hearts

Obituary

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Karen Jean Johnson, affectionately known as CJ or Karen Jean, whose gentle spirit and vibrant energy graced the lives of many. Born on October 23, 1965, in Fairfax, South Carolina, she departed this world on March 5, 2026, in Lakeland, Florida, where her legacy will forever resonate.

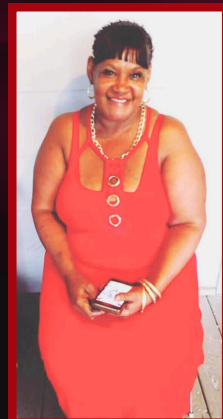
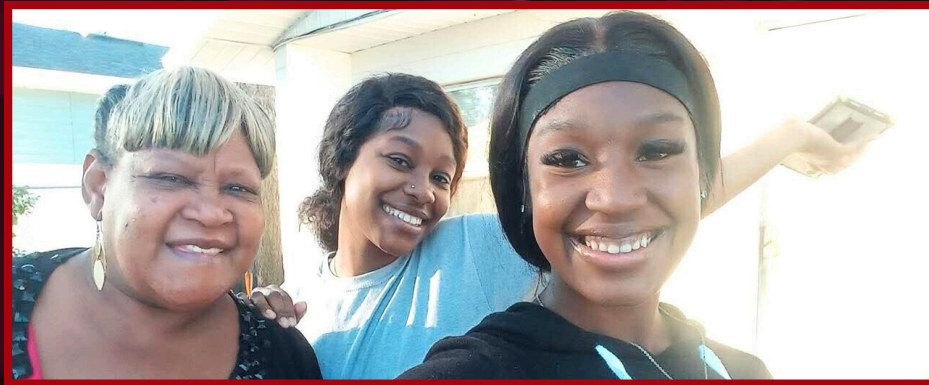
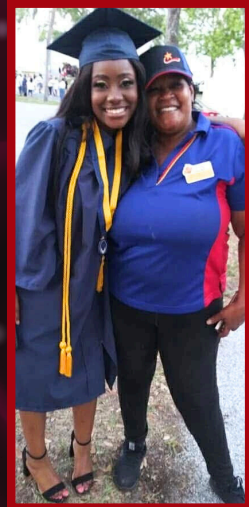
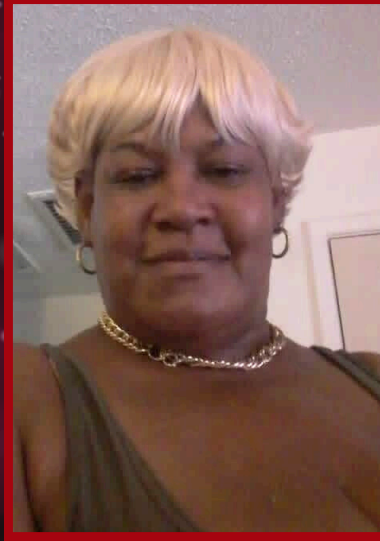
Karen Jean was a beacon of light, characterized by her caring nature and infectious humor. She was not merely loved; she was adored by everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. With a personality that could brighten the darkest of days, she always kept it real, endearing herself to all with her authenticity and kindness. Her remarkable talent on the basketball court and track fields during her time at Kathleen High School marked her as a standout athlete, a reflection of her unyielding determination and spirited zest for life.

Her family, who remain to honor her memory, includes her beloved children: Shoshanna Johnson, Carlton Martindale Jr., Malik Jordan, Shadiqua Patton, Carlisa Sullivan, and Carlnesha Ferdinand. Each of these individuals carries forward her legacy, enriched by the values she instilled and the love she imparted. The joy Karen Jean found in her grandchildren was palpable; they were her pride and joy: Kameron D. Sullivan, Kelvin D. Sullivan, My'Shon Johnson, Jerzi Patton, Demaria Young, Malik Jordan Jr., Kelvon West, Makhi Jordan, Malaysia Jordan, Peyton Jordan, and Massiah Jordan, each of whom will surely cherish the memories of their grandmother with everlasting fondness.

She shared her life with two devoted siblings, Moses Johnson Jr. and Melissa Johnson, who supported her through the years, as well as a host of nieces and nephews: Jermaine D. Johnson, Amari Johnson, Detangelia Williams (Jonathan), Keycierra Johnson, Moses Johnson III (Jenobia), Isaac Johnson, Tavarus Johnson, Dyman'e Johnson, and Zaniyah Johnson. United in their love for her, they remember her not only for her laughter but for the strength that she embodied.

Karen Jean joins the embrace of those beloved family members who have departed this life before her, including her cherished mother, Johnnie Mae Martinez, her father, Moses Johnson, and her step-father, Pedro. Though they are separated by the passage of time, their bonds remain unbroken, and her spirit lives on in the hearts of those she has left behind.

In her timeless essence, Karen Jean will be remembered as someone who genuinely cared for others, someone who brought laughter to every gathering, and someone whose legacy will continue to inspire. Her life, though far too short, left an indelible impact on our hearts and souls, and she will be sorely missed but forever cherished.



Order of Service

Officiant: Minister Xantie Ford
Eulogist: Elder Tyrus Richardson

Processional: Clergy and Family

Solo: Tavares Shaw

Prayer: Minister Chris Ford

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament:

Dr. Carrie Risher

New Testament:

Dr. Barbara Giles-Coleman

Reflections:

As a Daughter:

Carlisa Sullivan

Solo: Carlnesha Ferdinand

Eulogy: Elder Tyrus Richardson

Acknowledgements: Richard Staff

Recessional: Clergy & Family



*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Matthew 5:4*