

## Poem

### “STILL MY MOTHER, ALWAYS MY HOME”

You held my hand before I knew the way,  
Guiding my steps through each uncertain day.  
Your voice was calm when storms would rise,  
A steady light, my truest guide.  
You saw in me what I could not see,  
A future shaped by your belief in me.  
With gentle strength and quiet grace,  
You made the world a softer place.  
From childhood dreams to grown-up fears,  
You stood beside me through the years.  
Every tear I cried, you somehow knew,  
And healed my heart the way you do.  
You gave without counting the cost,  
Even in moments when you felt lost.  
Your love was deep, your spirit wide,  
A constant presence by my side.  
And now though I must walk alone,  
It doesn't feel like you are gone.  
For in my heart, you still remain,  
In every joy, in every pain.  
I hear your voice in silent prayer,  
I feel your love—it's everywhere.  
In every step, in all I do,  
There's a piece of me that lives from you.  
So I will not say a final goodbye,  
For love like ours will never die.  
You're still my mother, strong and true,  
And someday I'll come home to you.



## Casket Bearers

Family & Friends

## Flower Bearers

Family & Friends

## The Christian Committal

Citizens Cemetery

# CELEBRATING THE LIFE

— of —



# Doris

## MARIE (RAY) JOHNSON

February 23, 1935 – March 17, 2026

## Expression of Gratitude from the Family

The Johnson family want to express heartfelt thanks to all who prayed, visited, called, gave food, flowers, cards and rendered any act of kindness. Your concern has been a comfort.

## Comfort, Care & Understanding

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# Obituary

Mrs. Doris Johnson, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, peacefully departed this life on March 17, 2026, and began her heavenly walk around Heaven with the Lord.

Doris Johnson was born on February 23, 1935, in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, to the late Homer L. Ray Sr. and Edna Ray. She was the third child born into the family and was raised with strong values of faith, family, and community.

She received her education in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, where she attended elementary, secondary and high school at Lincoln in Fort Gibson. Shortly after graduation, Doris married the love of her life, Claude Johnson Sr. of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and together they built a life centered on family, faith, and hard work.

Doris was a devoted wife and a loving mother who found great joy in caring for her children and nurturing her home. She worked during the winter months and devoted her summers to being home with her children. She was known throughout the neighborhood and community for her generous spirit and kind heart, often opening her home and extending warmth and encouragement to many of the neighborhood children.

She took great pride in her children and was deeply involved in their school and sports activities, always cheering them on and supporting their dreams. Her presence was a constant source of love, stability, and guidance.

Doris was also a faithful servant in the church. She attended Christ Temple Methodist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she faithfully served as an usher for many years. Her gentle spirit, welcoming smile, and dedication to service touched many lives within the church family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Homer Ray Sr. and Edna Ray, her beloved husband Claude Johnson Sr., her brothers Homer Ray Jr. and Clifford Ray, her sister Thelma Ray, two sisters Allie Mae Ray and June Ray. She leaves to cherish her precious memories her children:

Ronnie Johnson (Janet), Orlando Johnson (Justina), Edna Johnson-Brown, Claude Johnson Jr., Demetra Johnson, and Edwardo Johnson (Tracey). Along with a loving family that includes 19 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren.

She also leaves behind her beloved sisters Shirley Ray, Wilma Ray, Loretta Plum Sutton, Geraldine Travis, Charlene Wilson, and Gwendolyn Tucker: one brother, Brother Joe Lewis. along with a host of nieces, nephews, extended relatives, and dear friends whose lives were blessed by her kindness and love.

Though she has departed from this earthly life, Doris Johnson leaves behind a legacy of love, faith, compassion, and devotion to family. Her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.



# The Sacred Farewell

Friday, March 27, 2026  
The Eleventh Hour  
Spencer United Methodist Church  
534 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401  
Pastor Hardman, Officiating Minister

## MUSICAL PRELUDE

## PROCESSIONAL

Funeral Directors, Clergy & Family

## GREETING

Pastor Herbert Hardman  
New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Tulsa Ok

## COMFORT FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament - Michelle Brown  
New Testament - Zachariah Thomas

## PRAYER OF COMFORT

Rev Walter Brown Jr.  
Pilgrim's Faith Ministries, Muskogee Ok

## MUSICAL SELECTION

BRO. GALIAN MURPHY

## RESOLUTIONS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

## Reading of Obituary

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## REMARKS

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## VIDEO TRIBUTE

Demekka Hall and Tyra Brown

## WORDS OF COMFORT

Pastor Hardman

## RECESSIONAL

Keith D. Biglow Funeral Directors, Inc.

