

Pallbearers

Sumter High Class of 1981 and 1982

Flower Bearers

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Honorary Floral Bearers

JMBC Hospitality Ministry

Acknowledgements

The family of Mary Johnson Arthur is deeply appreciative of all acts of kindness expressed, implied or demonstrated to them during their bereavement.

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Life Reflections

Mary Jenkins Johnson Arthur, 85, of Sumter, South Carolina had her wings securely attached, with golden threads, as she transitioned to her eternal home on Tuesday, August 18, 2026. Born in Sumter, on May 11, 1941, she was the only daughter of the four children born to the late George and Mary Harrison Jenkins.

Mary attended Savage Glover Elementary School and was a 1960 graduate of Lincoln High School in Sumter, South Carolina. After high school, Mary served as the first female in the City of Sumter Police Department and later retired as a supervisor from the South Carolina Department of Corrections after 25 years of service.

After her retirement from the SC Department of Corrections, she was employed by Sumter School District Two, as Director of Teen Moms and Teen Dads.

Mary was a devoted member of Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church. When the 'church house' was a wooden structure on the corner of Royal Avenue and Harvin Street, Mary Jenkins Arthur was there. She sang on the Children, Young Adult, and Chancel Choirs, and later the MH Newton Mass Choir. She served as a Boy Scout Den Mother, President of the Hospitality Ministry and was one of the first female members of the Trustee Ministry of Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church.

She is survived by her beloved son, Donald L. Johnson of Charlotte, North Carolina; her niece who she raised like a daughter, Sutra Jenkins Dorsey (Frank) of Atlanta, Georgia, Willie Mae Cokley (cousin) of Sumter, South Carolina; nieces, Yvette Maxwell of Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, Mary Collins (Steve) of Brooklyn, New York, Lenora Hayes (Freddie) of Columbia, Maryland, Diane Lee of Brooklyn, New York, Senta Benson (Darryl) of Baltimore, Maryland and Jymayce Wescott (Villie) of Millsboro, Delaware; nephews, Pastor Reginald T. Byrden (Dorothy) of Columbia, South Carolina and Gregory Jenkins of Brooklyn, New York; close friends, Mildred E. (Millie) Byrden, Mary Hallums, Patricia Tolbert, and Tom Garland of Sumter, South Carolina; godsons and goddaughters: Pastor Terry Law and George McElveen of Florence, South Carolina, Tony Wilson, Wayne Muldrow, Tasha Gardner-Greene and Niecy Washington of Sumter, South Carolina, Teresa Hickmon of Queens, New York and Shelly Moss of Boston, Massachusetts.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, John Johnson, her beloved daughter Rosalind Renee Johnson Smith, and brothers, John David, and James Jenkins.





CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Thursday, August 27, 2026
12:00 Noon

Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church
609 Manning Ave., Sumter SC 29150

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE
Pastor Reginald Byrden, Presiding
Grace Fellowship Church, Columbia, SC

Prelude Shonda English
Processional and Viewing Clergy and Family
Opening Hymn *Hold to God's Unchanging Hand*

Scriptures:

Old Testament Psalm 23
Elder Harold Cuff, Associate Pastor
Bibleway Church of Atlas Road, Columbia SC

New Testament 2 Corinthians 15:50-58
Minister Maria Newton-Ta'Bon

Prayer Elder Alvah Lawson
Bibleway Church of Atlas Road, Columbia SC

Proclamation Councilwoman, Tasha Gardner-Greene
Solo George McElveen

Reflections:

Church Deacon David Weeks
Family Sutra Jenkins Dorsey, niece
Family Pastor Terry Law, godson

Acknowledgments Dr. Mary Hallums

Selection Bibleway Church Ensemble

Words of Comfort Pastor Marion H. Newton

Call to Discipleship

Recessional Medley of Songs

Interment

Hillside Memorial Park

