



God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,
He knew that you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone...
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.



Interment
Forest Lawn Cemetery
3210 South Washington Avenue
Saginaw, Michigan 48601

Pallbearers
Trevion Curry
Jaquavis Curry
Demetris Brown
Steven Smothers
Carl Cheers
Kevin Jones Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers
Brian Jones
Kozo Lawson
Jaymond Lawson
Derrick Robinson
Devon Newton
Harold Jackson Jr.

Flower Bearers
Friends of the Family

Acknowledgement

The family of Joe Ann Thompson-Johnson wishes to thank everyone for their love and support during our time of bereavement. Knowing that one day, everyone will cross the same threshold, it is comforting to know that in our time of need, there are special people like you.



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Celebrating
The Life of



Mrs. Joe Ann
Thompson-Johnson

God Saw the Road

God saw the road was getting rough,
The hill was hard to climb.
He gently closed those loving eyes
And whispered, "Peace Be Thine."

The weary hours, the days of pain,
The sleepless nights have passed.
The ever-patient worn-out frame
Has found sweet rest at last.

God saw that you were weary
So He did what He knows best.
He came and stood beside you,
And whispered, "Come and rest."

You bid no one a last farewell,
Not even a goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.



I just wanted to let you know that I made it home.
The journey wasn't an easy one, but it didn't take too long.
Everything is so pretty here, so white, so fresh and new.

I wish that you all could close your eyes and that you can see it too.

Please try not to be sad for me. Try to understand God is taking care of me...

I am in the shelter of His hands. Here there is no sadness, no sorrow, and no pain.
Here there is no crying and I'll never hurt again. Here it is so peaceful when all the angels
sing. I really have to go for now...I've just got to try my wings.



Joe Ann

Mrs. Joe Ann Thompson-Johnson passed away on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, in Galveston, Texas, at the age of 75. Joe Ann was born April 22, 1950, in Saginaw, Michigan, to Annie Mae Collins-Frazier and James Thompson.

Joe Ann was educated in the Saginaw Public Schools. After graduation, she was employed by Saginaw Steering Gear for many years. Later, Joe Ann moved to LaMarque, Texas. Joe Ann was grounded in her beliefs. She was the head usher of Accepting God's Favor Ministry and an O.E.S. Worthy Matron. Joe Ann had an unwavering faith in Jesus and expressed her love by playing the tambourine. Aside from praising God, Joe Ann enjoyed spending time with family and fishing.

Joe Ann leaves to cherish her memories one daughter, Demuriel Thompson, LaMarque, Texas; and one son, Kevin O'Burton Jones Sr. (Roylea), Saginaw, Michigan; grandchildren, Demonte Thompson, DeMichael (Brenda) Smothers, Steven Smothers, LaMarque, Texas; Kevin Jones Jr., Carl Cheers, Melvin Smothers, and Kalayia Jones, Saginaw, Michigan; twelve great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; aunt, Henreen (Willie) Robinson; many other relatives and friends including, Cinthia Boone, Janice Garth, Sonya Lampkin, Larrie Packard, Dee Boles, Willard Francois, and Margaret Huggins.

Joe Ann was preceded in death by her husband, William Johnson; parents, Annie Mae Collins-Frazier and James Thompson; brothers, LeAndre and Tyrone Thompson; sister, Ruth Ann Harris; and great-grandparents, Rebecca (Stanley) Collins; stepfather, JC Frazier; and stepmother, Betty Thompson.

The family would like to express special thanks to Youlanda (Marese) Belvin; Tyronza and Everett Harris.

Celebration of Life

Tuesday, July 29, 2025 - 11:00 AM

Paradise Funeral Chapel
3100 South Washington Avenue
Saginaw, Michigan 48601

Reverend Thelma Williams, Officiating

Order of Service

Prelude Musician

Processional Family

Scripture Reading
Old & New Testament Reverend Dr. Dennis Laffoon,
Pastor

Prayer Minister

Selection

Acknowledgements & Obituary Read Silently

Expression (Please Limit to 2 Minutes) Family & Friends

Selection

Eulogy Reverend Thelma Williams

Committal

Benediction

Recessional