



The Committal Service

Bethel Cemetery
Cordele, Georgia

Acknowledgement

Words are inadequate to express the humbleness and gratefulness we feel toward all of our friends who have consoled us during our bereavement. Your prayers, love, presence and service has sustained us. Your cards, emails, flowers and gifts of food were warmly appreciated. We saw all of these as God's love expressed through you. Whatever you did to console our hearts, the members of our entire family thank you so very much. May God bless each of you.

The Ruthie Mumphery Johnson Family

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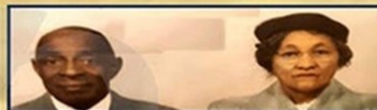
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Celebrating the Life of

our beloved

Mrs. Ruthie Mumphery Johnson

August 27, 1952 - July 21, 2026



Saturday | August 1, 2026 | 10:00 AM

J. W. Williams Funeral Home Chapel

407 West 17th Avenue | Cordele, Georgia

Reverend Johnny Dean | Officiant

Pastor | New Poplar Spring Baptist Church | Byromville, Georgia

Reverend Nelson Mainor | Eulogist

Pastor | Cross Road Baptist Church | Cordele, Georgia

The Obituary



Ruthie Mumphery Johnson was born on August 27, 1952, in Cordele, Crisp County, Georgia, to the late Deacon John Lee Mumphery and the late Mrs. Annie Pearl Mumphery.

At an early age, Ruthie accepted Christ as her personal Lord and Savior at Crossroad Missionary Baptist Church, where she served and worshiped with her family. She later joined Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church in Queens, New York, and upon her relocation back to Georgia, she again attended Crossroad Missionary Baptist Church, where her family continues to worship.

Ruthie was educated in the public school system of Crisp County, where she attended A. S. Clark High School. She was a member of the last senior class to graduate in May 1970. Ruthie moved to Queens, New York, to join her sisters and was hired by New York Telephone, later known as Verizon. While in New York, Ruthie took up photography as a hobby and became known among her family and friends as the one who always captured life's special moments. She later pursued photography courses at Queensborough Community College. Upon her retirement from Verizon in 2001, Ruthie relocated to Georgia to be closer to her parents, family, and childhood friends.

After returning to Cordele in 2001, Ruthie reconnected with Paul Johnson. What began as a friendship grew naturally as they spent time together enjoying some of life's simple pleasures – good music, dancing, and laughter. Their bond continued to deepen, and on July 29, 2005, Ruthie and Paul were united in marriage, started on a beautiful journey together.

On Tuesday, July 21, 2026, Ruthie was called home to be with her Lord and Savior following a severe illness at City of Hope Hospice in Newnan, Georgia. Ruthie was preceded in death by her parents, Deacon John Lee Mumphery and Sister Annie Pearl Mumphery; her beloved twin brother, Mr. Rufus Mumphery; her brothers, Mr. Willie B. Brown and Mr. Early Lee Mumphery; and her sister, Ms. Margaret Ann Mumphery.

Ruthie leaves to cherish her memory her devoted and loving husband, Paul Johnson; her chosen daughters, Frinchiss Dennard and Cheron Crouch; her nephew, whom she loved as a son, Michael Mumphery; and her stepsons, Larosstin Johnson and Marquis Johnson. She also leaves her cherished grandchildren, Tayedel, Chelsea, Jayden, and Stacy; and her great-grandchildren, Kaysen and Carmen.

She is also survived by her brothers, Deacon Edward Lee (Ethell) Mumphery, Deacon Rodger Mumphery of Cordele, Georgia, and Deacon Lorenzo (Sherran) Mumphery; her sisters, Mrs. Mattie P. Brown of Cordele, Georgia, and Mrs. Bernice (Verdry) Harris of Snellville, Georgia; her brother-in-law, Mr. Holly Johnson; her sister-in-law, Ms. Evelyn Johnson, both of Cordele, Georgia, her sister-in-law, Mrs. Helen McClendon of Battlecreek, Michigan; and her uncles, Sammy (Fannie) Mumphery of Cordele, Georgia, and George Stewart of Miami, Florida.

Ruthie also leaves to cherish her memory a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, coworkers, dear friends, and all those whom she welcomed into her circle of loved ones. She touched many lives through her straight-forward spirit, kindness, and generosity, leaving behind memories that will be treasured for years to come.

One of her favorite sayings was, "To God Be the Glory," and it is with grateful hearts that we give God the glory for the blessing of her life and for the many years He allowed us to share with her. We are comforted in knowing to be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord.



Psalm 23

*The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

The Order of Service

Reverend Johnny Dean | Officiant
Reverend Nelson Mainor | Eulogist

Musical Prelude
Sister Robin Jones

Processional
Led by Clergy

The Final Viewing
The Final Closing of the Casket

Hymn of Comfort
Steward Wilmon Barrett
Davis Chapel CME Church

Prayer of Comfort
Deacon Jimmy Charles Mumphery
Crossroad Missionary Baptist Church

Old Testament Scripture
Pastor Nikitoe Lester
New William Grove Missionary Baptist Church

New Testament Scripture
Dr. Frankie Harmon | County Commissioner Elect
New Saint Stevens Church

Musical Selection
Sister Brenda Harvey
Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church

Obituary Reading
Sister Melissa Ann Harris
Ray of Hope Christian Church | Decatur, Georgia

The Two Minute Reflections
Sister Louise Dennard | Friend
Deacon Bobby Robinson | Friend
Commissioner Vesta Beal Shepard | Class of 1970
Deacon Lorenzo Mumphery | Family Tribute

Musical Selection
Deacon Kenneth Smith
Greater Morris Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church

Eulogy
Reverend Nelson Mainor

Acknowledgements, Heirloom Bible
& Memorial Blanket Presentation
J. W. Williams Funeral Home Staff

Recessional | Postlude

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