



CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Laverne Washington

SUNRISE: JANUARY 23, 1958

SUNSET: NOVEMBER 19, 2025

*"I left so soon, but still I stay,
In every memory, every day."*

Saturday, November 29, 2025 | 2:00 p.m.
SMITH CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 323 Livingston Vernon Road - Flora, MS 39071
 Rev. Roosevelt Barrett, Officiating

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you for your love, support, and sympathy during our time of loss. Your care has brought peace to our hearts and strength to our spirits. We appreciate each of you more than you know. May God bless each of you richly.

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Percy Winters

Cynjarois Johnson

Robert White

John Gray

Tony Bryant

Johnny Carson

FLOWER BEARERS

Family & Friends

INTERMENT

*Smith Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
 323 Livingston Vernon Road
 Flora, MS 39071*

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A LIFE REMEMBERED

Laverne Washington

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God... eternal in the heavens." - II Corinthians 5:1

Mrs. Laverne Washington, daughter of the late Mr. Tommie Johnson and Essie Lou Carpenter Johnson, was the last of four children, born on January 23, 1958.

She confessed to Christ early in life and joined the Smith Chapel M.B. Church under the leadership of Rev. Charles T. Simmons.

Laverne departed this life, Wednesday November 19, 2025, at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson, MS. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her Tommy Johnson, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memories two children: Carlos (Elizabeth) Johnson of Jackson, Mississippi and Orlandus Johnson of Flora, Mississippi; two grandsons: Carlos Johnson, Jr of Sarasota, Florida and Orlandus Johnson, Jr. of Flora, Mississippi; one special granddaughter, Orlandria Johnson of Houston, TX; two sisters: Mary (James) Battle and Pearlie Mae (Roy) Ransom and one brother: Roby Johnson of Rockford, Illinois and an adopted sister Jessie Taylor of Jackson, MS and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

I lift my eyes up to the hills where does my help come from?

My help comes from the Maker of the heavens and the earth.

The God of Israel is my guide Wherever I may go,

And his strength, I will abide Until he leads me home.

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference"

ORDER OF SERVICE

- Processional..... Clergy, Deacons and Family
Musical Selection.....Choir
Scripture Reading Earnest Pate
HymnRosie Gowdy
Prayer..... Vicky Gowdy
Musical Selection.....Choir
Words of Comfort..... Evangelist Glenda Faye Ball
Acknowledgements Evangelist Joann B. Weathersby
Solo.....Pastor Pernell Gibbs
Eulogy..... Pastor Roosevelt Barrett

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- Recessional Clergy, Family & Friends

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." | Philippians 4:7

"From My New Home"

From Heaven's gentle, open door,
I whisper love forevermore.
No pain, no fear, no suffering here,
Just peace that wipes away each tear.
So live with courage, live with grace -
And know I miss your warm embrace.
Until we meet again one day,
I'm with you in each step you take.

TRIBUTES OF LOVE

Mom

Thank you for being unapologetically you. Thank you for being our beacon. The light that brought us through. You were our mother, father and friend. You nurtured, instilled and taught us to be men. We will cherish the time we had with you. Remembering your smiles and laughter. The lessons you taught will journey on with us as will your essence. Although you're physically not here with us. We still feel your presence. We will miss you dearly. But you gave us strength to get through. That's the one of the many things we admired and loved and seen in you. The defiant strength and your everlasting love for us, that bright personality and fierce determination you possessed. We will carry on these memories. God called his Angel home to be free of the worldly trials. That gives us cause to smile, knowing that you are resting well. This is the time we bid you farewell. Until we meet again, we will rely on our faith, your teaching and Psalm 62:7-8 to aid us through...
Your boys fraternally, Mom we love you.

Our Little Woman

You were our everything- our knight in shining armor. It was always us and you. It was only three of us and you made each of us feel so special. You kept our first diapers and even some little bows, holding on to every piece of us. We were so blessed to have you; you were truly one of a kind. Your name and your beautiful spirit will never be forgotten. Your queen's chair at the kitchen table will stay spotless and always filled with love.

Love Your Grandchildren

Our Precious Sister

Our precious sister you have left us
A precious one from us has gone, a voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home that never can be filled.
And after a lonely heartache and many a silent tear,
but always beautiful memories of one we loved so dear.

Love your Sisters and Brothers

Auntie, you leaving us has brought us sorrow
But we know that there will be a better tomorrow.
and God does no wrong and He has come to carry you home.
For your body is tired and your spirit is free,
And heaven is a better place for you to be.
With no more suffering and no more pain,
And all sunny days and no more rain.
So, we will never worry, only weep and cry,
And say so long and never goodbye.
For heaven is the same place we hope to see
And when our day come just look for us
And when our day come just look for us
But until then we count on God to help us mend.
Love Always, Your Nieces and Nephews