A Celebration of the Life

of

Shirley Stean Johnson



Sunrise
February 28, 1945

Sunset
February 3, 2026

Saturday, February 14, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Galilee Church of Christ Holiness USA
1672 Highway 583 North
Jayess, Mississippi 39641

Elder Gayland Sayles, Pastor
Pastor Mark Johnon, Eulogist

"Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate." Proverbs 31:31 (NIV)

Order of Service

Hattie Young, Mistress of Ceremonies

Prelude ..... *Soft Music*

Processional ..... *Clergy and Family*

Selection ..... *Galilee Church of Christ Holiness USA Choir*

Scripture

Old Testament ..... *Pastor Arlandas Johnson*

New Testament ..... *Minister Rochea Johnson*

Prayer ..... *Minister Rochea Johnson*

Selection ..... *Galilee Church of Christ Holiness USA Choir*

Expressions ..... *(Two Minutes Please)* ..... *Friends*

Family Tribute ..... *The Johnson Family*

Words of Comfort ..... *Elder Gayland Sayles*

Obituary ..... *Soft Music* ..... *Read Silently*

Acknowledgments

Solo ..... *Jackie McDougal*

Eulogy ..... *Pastor Mark Johnson*

Recessional ..... *Funeral Directors of J&M in Charge*

Repast ..... *Galilee Church of Christ Holiness USA Fellowship Hall*

Obituary
Shirley Stean Johnson

Shirley Stean Johnson was born on February 28, 1945, in Mendenhall, Mississippi, to Willie McCullum and Augustine Woods.

Shirley attended school at Harper High School and secured a job with Universal Manufacturing Plant. While working there, fate smiled upon her, when she met and married the love of her life, Houston Johnson. After marriage, they moved to Des Moines, Iowa, to begin their life together with their three sons.

Shirley received her Associates of Arts from Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) and went on to have several jobs in Iowa from working for the governor of Iowa at Economic Development and as a surveyor with the Department of Transportation. After moving to Tylertown, Mississippi, she began a long career in retail management until retirement. Shirley believed in giving her best in all things. She was not one to shy away from hard work or responsibility. Those who worked alongside her knew her as dependable, driven, tough, and uncompromising in her standards.

Shirley and Houston fostered many children before adopting a son and daughter in 1985. In 2010, they adopted and became guardians of five more children.

Shirley was a woman of unshakable faith, fierce dedication, and an unmistakable presence. She trusted God without wavering and lived out her beliefs not just in words, but in action—through perseverance, service, and a steadfast moral compass. No matter the season, she stood firm, believing that God would make a way, and that conviction guided every step she took. Her life was a testament to faith in action and strength with heart.

She had a strong personality and never pretended otherwise. Shirley spoke her mind with courage and clarity, always standing in her truth. While she could be firm and direct, her honesty came from a place of integrity and compassion. Alongside her strength was a wonderful sense of humor. She was comical, quick-witted, and knew how to lighten a room… or stir it up. Her laughter, stories, one-liners, and candid remarks brought joy and connection to those around her, even in difficult moments.

She was a devoted mother, grandmother, Momo, and mother figure to many, giving all to those she cared for. Her home was a home for anyone in need and her doors were always open. She unselfishly gave her time, attention, and love to her children and family. When anyone needed her, she showed up, was present, and gave love, attention, and support in many forms.

Shirley will be deeply missed and forever remembered by her family, friends, and all who were blessed to know her. Though her absence is felt, her legacy lives on in the lives she touched and the example she set. "Well done, good and faithful servant." (Matthew 25:23)

Shirley departed this life on Tuesday, February 3, 2026. She is preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, along with beloved brothers and sisters. She leaves to cherish her memory: five daughters, Coretta, Chelsey, Aaliyah, Deondra and Keondra; five sons, Edward, Glen, Stanley, Jermaine, and Adreyan; six sisters, Willie R. Holmes, Francis Jones, Mary Williams, Brenda (Odell) Moore, Sherry (Michael) Johnson, and Leontyne Roby; one brother, Randy (Ruby) McCullum; three sisters-in law, Sadie Lee, Joyce Fleming, and Dollie (David) Carter; three brothers-in-law, Carl Ray (Gloria) Johnson, and Paul (Denise) Johnson; 18 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

Family...









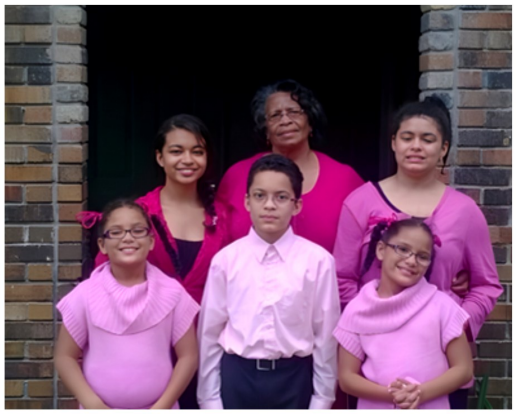








Family...

















To Those Whom I Love & Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, let me go and release me,
I have so many things to do and see.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,
But be thankful we had so many good years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess,
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.
So grieve a while for me if you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on,
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near,
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear.
All my love around you soft and clear,
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a 'Welcome Home.'

Precious Memories...

Celebrate My Life

Remember me with love and joy.
Let gratitude fill your heart.
Thankful for the time we had. Gone....yet not apart.

If we measured life in moments,
Not in months or years. I lived a hundred lifetimes.
Loved by all who hold me dear.

I hope you'll find your smile.
And generously speak my name. Share stories and my heart.
Your love for life unchanged. Celebrate the life I lived.
I will be watching from above. I am always with you.
Sending you my light and love.

Shirley Stean Johnson

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Mom,

They say memories are golden
well maybe that is true.
We never wanted memories,
we only wanted you.
A million times we needed you,
a million times we cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
you never would have died.
In life we loved you dearly;
in death we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a place
no one could ever fill.
If tears could build a stairway and
heartache make a lane,
We'd walk the path to heaven
and bring you back again.
Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same.
But as God calls us one by one,
the chain will link again.

We love you always,
Your Children

Aunt Shirley

I'll remember you forever
each and every day
Time and space and years will pass
Yet your memory will always stay
Deeply bound within my heart
I love you dearly!
Love, Your niece, Sandra

Our Dear Sweet Sister

You fought a good fight all the way to the end,
we felt it in our hearts,
but God knew you would win.

You've been a Great sister, wife, mother and friend, all rolled up in one, again and again.

God knew that you were tired and
had done your very BEST,
So He whispered in your ear, come home my child and REST.

The weary hours, the days of pain, the sleepless nights no more remain. Now that you're home with God how happy you will be you have your Angel Wings now, and you are now set free.

We love you dearly and God loves you more.

Your brother Randy
and wife, Ruby McCullum

Acknowledgment

The family of Shirley Stean Johnson wishes to express our deep appreciation and sincerely thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy during this difficult time. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much.

A friendly smile, a casual touch, these are the things that mean so much. To know you are with us in our time of sorrow, sharing our prayers, today and tomorrow. God gives us the comfort in the form of good friends. May His peace be with you, May His love never end.



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