

Celebrating The Life Of



*Vanilla Marie
Johnson*

Sunrise | Sunset

03.17.1927

01.04.2025

Order Of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

The Musical

Solo

The Prayer

The Scripture

The Solo

The Poem

Acknowledgements

Opening Remarks

Remarks

The Obituary

Eulogy

The Recessional

The Organ Postlude

Pastoral

Ernest Rudolph

Pastoral

Fletcher F. Daniels

Sharita Mayberry

Sonya Pouncy

Darlene Grayson
Turner

Ewa Perry

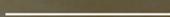
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Obituary



Vanilla Marie Grayson (Johnson) was born March 17, 1927 to Holsey Grayson and Hilda Pope Grayson in Bashi Alabama; both parents preceeded her in death.

Vanilla Marie was the fourth in a sibship of seven; Jessie Grayson (deceased), Eunice 'Virgia' Grayson-Glass (deceased), Roosevelt Grayson, Annie Bell Grayson (Nickens) (deceased), Bedell Grayson (deceased), and Hosie Mae Grayson Eckford (deceased).

Vanilla Marie attended Detroit Public Schools; McMichael and Northwestern High School. She then served at Henry Ford Hospital and Veterans Hospital as a certified Dietician Technician. Where she proudly worked at Veterans' Hospital until her retirement. In addition she was an active former member of the Queen Vashti Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Stars.

Vanilla Marie loved to cook for her family and friends, hosting many gatherings that brought us all together for sweets, savories and smiles. At a mature age she began to participate in 'Hot Yoga' and walking as an exercise. She was an active volunteer in the community for years, contributing to the Meals on Wheels and Focus Hope programs. She attended Renaissance Unity Church of Royal Oak, where she proudly performed her duties as a Greeter.

Vanilla Marie met and married Willie Frank Johnson in 1964. She was the mother of six (6) children; Cornell Grayson, (deceased) Curtis Edwards (deceased), Gail Grayson, Willie "Billy" Johnson (deceased), Vicki Johnson, and Tara Johnson (deceased).

Vanilla Marie leaves to cherish her memory two children; Gail Grayson (John Cooper-deceased), and Vicki Johnson Daniels (Frederick Daniels), ten (10) grandchildren, twenty-seven (27) great grandchildren, a host of great-great grandchildren, neices, nephews, relatives and friends.

Vanilla Marie Johnson had an amazing life of 97 and 3/4 years, she will be loved, cherished and her memory will live forever in all the hearts that she touched. May the cherished memories of Vanilla Marie bring comfort to those who mourn and may her spirit find peace in the hearts of those who loved her.

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Tributes



"When, I think of you I remember your meek spirit, your smile and laughter. The gracious generosity you extended to my boys and me. Thank You especially for those Amazing Sweet Potato Pies you made me. You will be Greatly Missed!"

- Love, Tracey

"We need more light about each other. Light creates understanding, understanding creates love, love creates patience and patience creates unity." ~ Malcolm X
- Love, The Other Vanilla



"It is a life that we hold so dear, cherished. It is like the day fleeting. We espouse our woes and tribulations, and rebuke that which has been casted away. Yet in all the days and nights that come we welcome life with full arms' embrace. And like Life, with our arms stretched wide, it is YOU that we hold so dear...cherished like the day fleeting. I love you Grandma, FOREVERMORE."
- Fletcher F. Daniels

"My grandmother introduced me to gatherings, a house full of laughter and love and good food; and I'm going to keep that going."

- Tene Grayson



"To My Love,
I will miss you, your warmth and compassion was evident in everything you did, from your nurturing spirit. You've always had this unique ability to make each person feel special and cherished. I love you."
- Karrie "Charlie" Huston



"Dear Nana,
I love you and will miss you, especially all the times you've made me laugh."
- Love, Kaleb Walker





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PALLBEARERS

KARI HUSTON
CORNELL JONES
FLETCHER F. DANIELS
PARNELL MALONE-JONES
DR. DENNIS TREECE
REGGIE ALLEN

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

EVAN F. DANIELS
DAVID BONNER
IAN PATTERSON

FLOWER BEARERS

REQUESTING THE FAMILY & FRIENDS

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS
ENTRUSTED TO

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16100 SCHAEFER HWY
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48235

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPRECIATION

The family of the late Vanilla Marie Grayson acknowledge with sincere appreciation, your understanding, your prayers and all acts of kindness at this time of bereavement. A special prayer for the family and friends that have traveled to express their love. May GOD be with you all.

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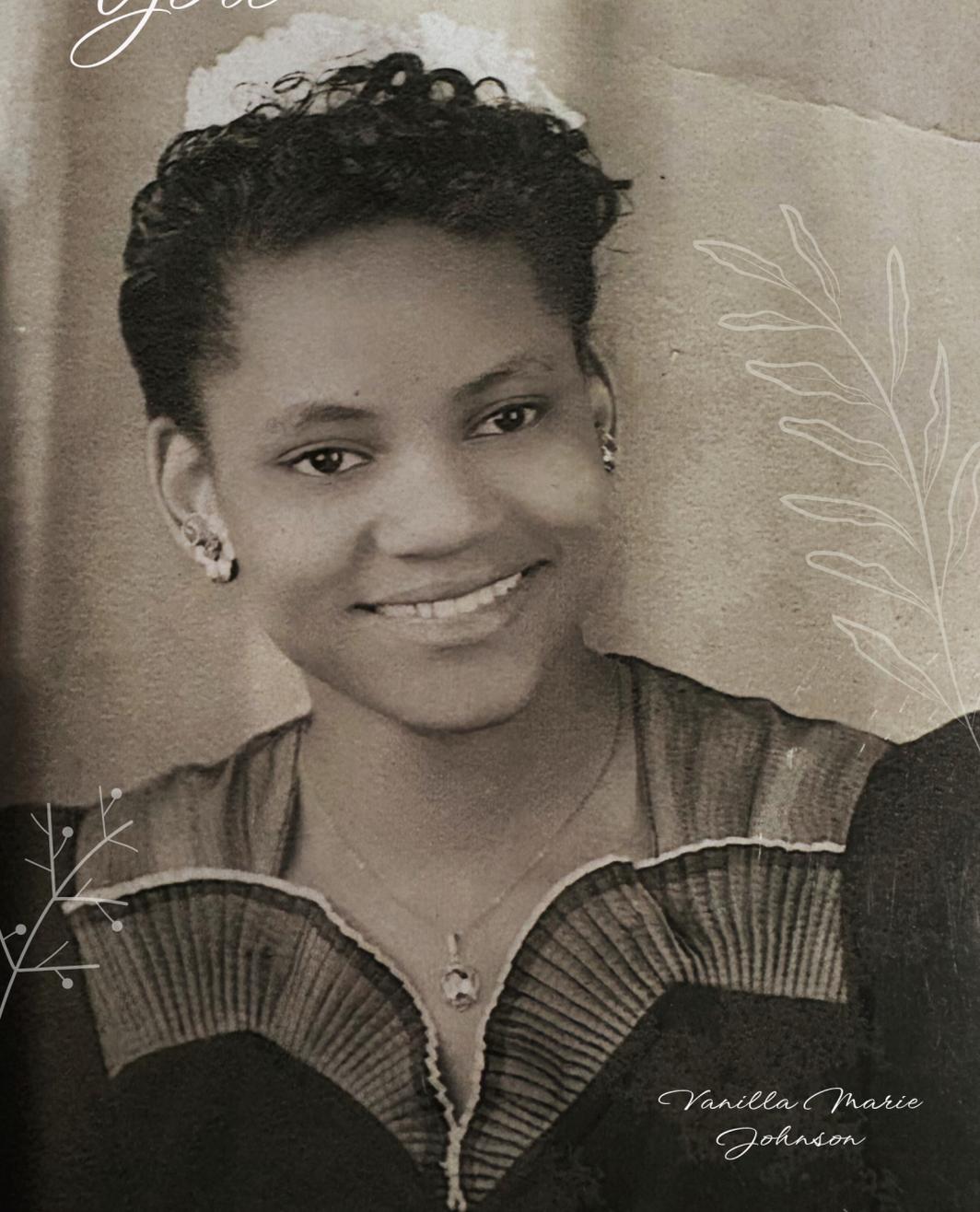


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Thank
You

· Psalm 91:16 | GOD'S Promise of Protection ·
I will satisfy you with a full life and with all that I do
for you. For you will enjoy the fullness of my
salvation!



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