

A LIFE WELL LIVED

A LEGACY *Remembered*

Mrs. Marilyn Ronda Johnson was born on August 22, 1955, in Eastover to the late Deacon Samuel Roberts and Deaconess Irene Roberts. She peacefully departed this life on Sunday, May 24, 2026, at home, surrounded by her loving family.

Marilyn was a proud graduate of Lower Richland High School in Hopkins, South Carolina, where she first began shaping the drive and determination that would guide her throughout life. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from Limestone College and later achieved a Master of Arts degree from Webster University, accomplishments that reflected her passion for learning and excellence.

With a remarkable career spanning more than 28 years, Marilyn dedicated her talents to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. Her commitment, professionalism, and warm spirit touched countless colleagues and community members, leaving an enduring impact on all who had the privilege of working with her.

Marilyn was a faithful and devoted member of St. James Baptist Church, where she poured her heart into serving others especially the children. She taught Sunday School and Children's Church, shared her creativity during Vacation Bible School, organized church events, and was an active member of the Women's Missionary. Beyond her church work, Marilyn cherished every moment spent with her grandchildren and found joy in shopping, decorating, event planning, and nurturing her beautiful flower garden. Her vibrant spirit and loving touch shone through in all that she did. She also faithfully served for many years as the secretary of the Old McGraw Community Club, the beloved community where she lived her entire life.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Christopher Roberts, Willie Roberts, and Randolph Roberts; and her sister, Deaconess Mamie Mack.

Marilyn leaves to cherish her devoted husband of 50 years, Leroy Johnson; one son, Marcus Leroy (Tenikie) Johnson of Columbia, South Carolina; and one daughter, Nekeisha Irene (Joshua) Dial of Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

Her greatest joy was her grandchildren: Madisyn Dial, Marcia Johnson, Marcus Johnson, Jr., and Joshua Dial, Jr.

She is also survived by her brother, Samuel (Luella) Roberts, Jr.; three sisters, Catherine (Elvin) Harrison, Dr. Bernice R. Kennedy, and Brenda Roberts; one brother-in-law, Willie Mack, two sisters-in-law, Patricia Roberts and Cindella Roberts, all of Eastover, South Carolina; along with a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and dear friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional and Final Farewell

The Hymn of Celebration
Saint James Choir

Old Testament
Reverend Elrich Vance

New Testament
Reverend Christena Reed

Prayer of Comfort
Deacon George Hampton Jr.

Selection
Saint James Choir

Reflections
Mrs. Chrishonda Kennedy-Baker
Mrs. Veronica Merriman

Acknowledgments
Mrs. Jennifer Harris

Solo
Mrs. Maggie Bostic

Words of Comfort
Reverend James W. Abrams, Jr.

Selection
Saint James Choir

Recessional

Benediction

Internment
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29229
Tuesday June 2, 2026, at 12:00 PM

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 forever.

Memories



Pallbearers
NEPHEWS AND FRIENDS

Floral Bearers
NIECES AND FRIENDS

Expression of Gratitude

THE FAMILY OF MRS. MARILYN RONDA JOHNSON EXTENDS OUR HEARTFELT APPRECIATION FOR THE MANY ACTS OF KINDNESS SHOWN DURING OUR TIME OF LOSS. WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR EVERY VISIT, PRAYER, CALL, AND EXPRESSION OF LOVE. YOUR SUPPORT HAS BROUGHT COMFORT TO OUR HEARTS. WE ALSO SINCERELY THANK PRISMA HEALTH HOSPICE AND MRS. BERNICE PHELPS FOR THE COMPASSIONATE CARE, LOVE, AND DEDICATION SHOWN THROUGHOUT MARILYN'S ILLNESS. YOUR KINDNESS WILL FOREVER BE REMEMBERED. MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS AND SUPPORT.



CELEBRATION
of Life for



AUGUST 22, 1955 - MAY 24, 2026

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026
1:00 PM

SAINT JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH
1131 BLUE -JOHNSON ROAD HOPKINS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29061
REVEREND JAMES W. ABRAMS, JR., PASTOR



CELEBRATING OVER 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

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