

JOHNNIE MAE *McGowan* “ J A N I C E ”

PALL BEARERS

Marquan McGowan, Antonio Roath, Michael McGowan,
Jackie McBride, Dwan Taylor, Michael McBride

HONORARY PALL BEARERS

Sharee McBride, Denisha McGowan, Brittany McBride,
Latasha McBride, Jameisha McGowan, Rodnisha Willard,
Tierra Brown, Miesha McGowan, Tahlisha McBride,
Rodnay Willard, Myka McGowan, James McGowan,
Michael McGowan, Mei'Quell McGowan

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Johnnie “Janice” McGowan sincerely thank each of you for the prayers, love, support, and kindness during this difficult time. Whether through a phone call, encouraging words, a thoughtful gesture, or your presence today, your compassion has been a great comfort to our family. May God bless each of you, and may Janices’ memory remain in your hearts.

INTERMENT

Blue Ridge Lawn Cemetery

 **SERENITY**
FUNERAL HOME

1101 E. Bannister Rd. | Kansas City, MO 64131 | SFHKC.com

In LOVING
MEMORY OF

JOHNNIE MAE *McGowan* “ J A N I C E ”

December 29, 1965
July 23, 2026

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026
VISITATION: 1:30PM - 2:00PM SERVICE: 2:00PM

Serenity Funeral Home
1101 E. Bannister Rd. | Kansas City, Missouri 64131
Officiating, Apostle Marvin Kirkwood

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JOHNNIE MAE MCGOWAN

Johnnie Mae McGowan was born in 1965 in Little Rock, Arkansas, and later made Kansas City, Missouri her home. On July 23, 2026, surrounded by love and in the care of Saint Luke's Hospice House, she peacefully answered God's call to eternal rest.

Johnnie was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend whose love knew no limits. She had a warm, contagious smile, a caring heart, and a gift for making everyone feel welcome. Her family will always remember the joy she brought to every gathering, especially Sunday dinners, where laughter, love, and togetherness filled the room.

Known affectionately by many as Janice, she was truly the life of the party. She loved dancing, spending time with her family, and creating lasting memories with those she loved most. Her presence could brighten any room, and her kindness left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know her.

Johnnie dedicated many years of her life as a caregiver, serving others with compassion and selflessness. Whether caring for those in need or supporting her own family, she gave of herself wholeheartedly. She wore many hats throughout her life, and she wore each one with grace, strength, and unconditional love.

In 2023, Johnnie publicly professed her faith in Jesus Christ through baptism and became a devoted member of Contagious Life Ministries. Her faith became an important part of her life, providing her with strength, hope, and peace. She found comfort in God's promises and cherished the fellowship of her church family.

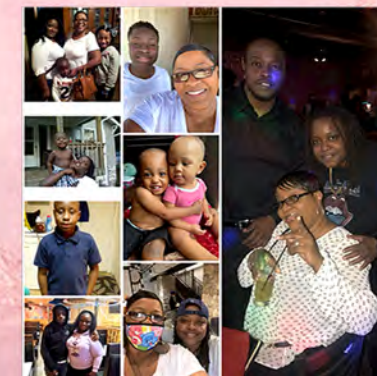
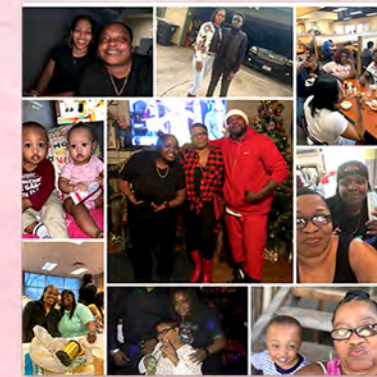
After courageously fighting a long and difficult illness, Johnnie's earthly journey came to an end, but her love and legacy lived on. She taught her family the importance of resilience, generosity, and loving one another without conditions. The lessons she shared and the love she poured into her children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces, nephews, and friends will continue to guide them for generations to come.

Though our hearts are heavy with her absence, we find comfort in knowing that her suffering has ended and she is now resting peacefully in the presence of the Lord. Her memory will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Johnnie was preceded in death by her father, Johnny McGowan; mother, Johnnie Mae McGowan; grandparent, Johnny-Helen Manning; god-mother, Annie B. Oliver; sister, Dorothy Jean McBride; brothers: Charles McGowan, Michael McGowan, Richard McGowan, Larry Murphy, Christian Crockett, Johnny McGowan; nephew, Anthony McBride, cousins: Charles Harris, Sammy Cockshell, Janet Boose; aunt, Willie Mae Boose; and best friends: Rhonda Young and Kimberly Peters.

She is survived by her children, Wahkenna McGowan daughter, Michael (Nicole) McGowan son, Teonna (Lauren) Roland daughter, grandkids Makiya White granddaughter, Marquan McGowan grandson, Michael McGowan Jr. grandson, great grandchild Journei White, siblings: Barbara (Jim) Newcomer sister, Dian (Frank) Tabron sister, James (Seneca) McGowan brother, Nikki Mathew sister, Desiree McGowan sister, Kori McGowan sister, Tina McGowan (stepmother). Mary Manning aunt, Esaline Phifer aunt, Ruby (Emmanuel) Myers aunt, Charles Manning uncle, Ray Manning uncle, Ricky Manning uncle, Faye (Tony) Taylor aunt, Beatrice McKinzey aunt, Ira (Lovely) Manning.

"Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your Lord." — Matthew 25:23



ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Scripture – Dian Tabron

Prayer

Apostle Marvin Kirkwood

Musical Selection

"The Storm Is Over"

by Kirk Franklin

Acknowledgments

& Condolences

Monique McBride

Words of Reflection

Silently Read

Musical Selection

"It's So Hard To Say Goodbye"

by Michael McBride

Words of Comfort

Apostle Marvin Kirkwood

Benediction

Recessional

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Mom

The Lessons You Gave Me

You showed me that kindness matters,
even when the world is not kind.
You taught me that strength is not
loud, but steady and
faithful through every season.

Through your life,
I learned that love is a choice we make
daily and faith is a life we live.

Because of you,
these lessons became part of who I am
and the legacy I will carry forward.

Your love shaped my life
in ways words could never fully express.
Thank you Mom for these lessons.
I will carry them with me always.

Love Your daughter
Teonna....



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