

Pallbearers and Floral Bearers

Family and Friends



Acknowledgements

The family of Mary Woods sincerely thanks everyone for your prayers, love, support, and acts of kindness during this time. Your thoughtfulness and compassion are deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

With love and gratitude,
The Family

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Celebration of Life
Mary Jackson Woods Johnson

Sunrise
December 14, 1933

Sunset
September 24, 2026



Thursday, October 1, 2026

12:00 Noon

Salem Chapel and Heritage Center
101 S Salem Avenue, Sumter SC 29150

Rev. Dr. Ernest W. Frierson, Eulogist
Rev. Devon Wright, Presiding

Life’s Reflections

“In my Father’s house are many mansions... I go to prepare a place for you.” (John 14:2)

With hearts full of love and gratitude, we celebrate the beautiful life of Mrs. Mary Jackson Woods Johnson, affectionately known to all as “Annie.” After 92 years of faith, family, and cherished memories, God called His faithful servant home on Thursday, September 24, 2026. She passed peacefully at Medical University of South Carolina-Northeast in Columbia, South Carolina, and now rests among the angels who went before her.

Mary was born on December 14, 1933, in Sumter, South Carolina, to the late Sheppard Jackson Sr., Maggie White Jackson, and stepmother Pansy Moody Jackson. Mary grew up in Sumter and was educated in Sumter public schools. Faith was the foundation of Mary’s life from an early age through St. Luke AME Church. She was a devoted member of Antioch United Methodist Church and served with the United Methodist Women. Her faith and strength guided her through every season of her life.

Mary was united in holy matrimony to the late Leroy Woods Sr. Their union gave them seven children that became one of the greatest joys of her life. She later married the late Herbert Johnson.

Mary was employed at U.S. Textile Company and later at Becton Dickinson, where she worked until her retirement. Family and neighbors always looked forward to her homemade cakes and pies. She enjoyed sewing where she made beautiful garments for family and the community.

Mary enjoyed traveling and experiencing new places with her children and grandchildren to include Canada, Virginia, California, Florida and Hawaii. No distance was too far when it came to spending time with her family, and those visits created many treasured memories that will continue to live on for generations. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren always knew how deeply they were loved by their grandmother.

Mary was preceded in death by the late Leroy Woods Sr. and Herbert Johnson; her sons, Leroy Woods Jr. and Wayne Woods Sr; her parents, Sheppard Jackson Sr. and Maggie White Jackson; her stepmother, Pansy Moody Jackson; her sister, Brazela Wells; and seven brothers, George, Sheppard Jr., Sidney, Moise, Moses, Warren, and James Jackson, and six sister-in-law’s Fannie, Eloise, Irene, Rhodie, Carrie, and Harryette Jackson and two brother-in-law’s Charles Gaillard and Lesley Haynesworth, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories her daughters, Francenia (Herman) Vaughn of Sumter, SC; Evelyn (Newton) Loo of LaGrangeville, NY; and Carrie (Reginald) Taylor of Blythewood, SC; two sons, James (Cynthia) Woods and Olin Woods, both of Sumter, SC; a daughter-in-law, Helen Woods; one sister, Ida Gaillard; two brothers, Willie Francis Jackson of Sylacauga, AL, and Olin (Rosa) Jackson of Augusta, GA; her beloved 20 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends.

Rest peacefully, Mary. Your mansion is ready, your work here is complete, and your legacy will live on in every life you touched.

Order of Service

Rev. Devon Wright, Presiding
Pine Grove Baptist Church, Cades, South Carolina

Musical Prelude Medley of Selections

Processional Clergy and Family

Opening Hymn What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Scripture Readings Rev. Devon Wright

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer Rev. Arthur L. Gamble
Spring Town United Methodist Church
Smoaks, South Carolina

Solo Darnetta Richburg

Reflections:

Church Johnny Cooke

Community Samuel “Merk” Oliver

Family Demetrius Vaughn, Grandson
Reggie Taylor, Son-in-law

Acknowledgements Rosa Jackson, Sister-in-law

Solo Rev. Dr. Ernest W. Frierson
Friendship United Methodist Church, Nesmith, SC

Words of Comfort Rev. Dr. Ernest W. Frierson

Solo Michael Almeida, Great Grandson

Recessional Medley of Songs

Interment

Hillside Memorial Park