



## Deacon Johnny Albert Winsley, Sr.

November 28, 1930 - November 29, 2025

### "Mom Boy"

Mr. Johnny Albert Winsley, Sr., was born on November 28, 1930, in Langford, Mississippi. He was the youngest of eight children born to the late Fred "Fed" and Bertha "Birdie" Hoard Winsley. Johnny joined True Vine Missionary Baptist Church and was baptized at the age of 6. He loved his parents dearly but held a special bond with his mother, who served as the church's first secretary. At her encouragement, he attended Piney Woods Country Life School, where he met the love of his life, Edna Ruth Thompson Winsley.

In 1951, Johnny's education was interrupted when he was drafted as a tanker in the United States Army during the Korean War, serving 21 months with honor and distinction. Upon returning in 1953, he worked faithfully as a bulldozer operator for the City of Jackson and married his beloved "Edna Ruth" in June 1954. Johnny later returned to school and obtained his Bachelor of Religious Education from Mississippi Baptist Seminary in 1961. He retired from the City of Jackson in 1991 after 38 years of dedicated service.

### "Deacon Winsley"

Johnny remained a faithful and active member of True Vine Missionary Baptist Church throughout his life. He began serving in 1964 as the musician for Sunday School, and his love for helping children led him to transport many young people to church and play for the Sunbeam Choir. In 1970, Johnny

volunteered as the Sunday School Class #9 teacher and was ordained as a deacon in 1974. Under the leadership of the late Henry Ward, he was selected to serve as Chairman of the Deacon Ministry in 1975.

Johnny remained dedicated to the Sunday School Ministry and served as Assistant Superintendent beginning in 1987. Over the years, he faithfully served as Assistant Superintendent for more than 27 years, Chairman of the Deacons for 30 years, and as a musician for more than 60 years until his health declined. His ministry touched countless lives and his dedication to God's work never wavered.

#### "Uncle Boy" or "Uncle Johnny"

Johnny cherished his family deeply, both blood relatives and extended family. He had more than 50 biological nieces and nephews and gained 16 more by marriage. Over the years, he would load many of them into his vehicle to transport them to church and Sunday School, always ensuring that everyone in his presence was well-fed and cared for.

In 1977, Johnny worked with his late uncle, Albert Hoard, to establish the Winsley Family Reunion, where he served as Chairman until his health declined. At its peak, the reunion welcomed more than 600 family members to his home to share a meal and celebrate the bonds of family. His commitment to keeping the family together was unwavering and created a legacy of unity that continues today.

#### "Mr. Johnny"

Johnny was deeply committed to serving his community. In 1956, he joined the M.W. Stringer Grand Lodge and became Worshipful Master for his local chapter in 1987.

Johnny volunteered courageously during the civil rights movement to assist

people in their fight for equality and served as a poll worker from 1960 to 1994, helping to ensure every voice was heard.

In 2002, he volunteered to serve on the board of the Langford Water Association until 2023, ensuring his community had access to clean water. He also visited the elderly at nursing homes to play music for the mission ministry from 2009 until 2020, bringing joy and comfort to those in their final years.

### "Johnny" & "Papa"

Throughout his life, Johnny had a passion for photography and enjoyed capturing precious moments with his cameras. He preserved memories of love, laughter, and family gatherings for generations to cherish. As "Papa," he was a source of wisdom, encouragement, and unconditional love to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Whether teaching them life lessons, sharing stories of the past, or simply spending quality time together, Johnny created memories that will be treasured forever.

### Preceded in Death

Johnny was preceded in death by his parents, Fred "Fed" and Bertha "Birdie" Hoard Winsley; his seven siblings, Mary Grant, Elizabeth (Lee David) McKee, Lillie Winsley, David Lee (Lucille) Winsley, Moses (Arlee) Winsley, Fred (Helen) Winsley, and Minnie (Johnnie) Anderson; and two daughters, Jocelyn Winsley Kashmere and Joel Aniece Winsley.

### Survivors

He leaves to cherish his loving memories: his devoted wife of 71 years, Edna Winsley of Brandon, Mississippi; his son, Johnny Winsley Jr. of Brandon, Mississippi; six grandchildren, Shalonda Winsley of Brandon, Mississippi, Jason Winsley of Dearborn, Michigan, Johnny (Alescia) Winsley III of Orlando, Florida, DeAngela Winsley of Brandon, Mississippi, Joshua Winsley of

Brandon, Mississippi, and Kathryn Winsley of Memphis, Tennessee; 10 great-grandchildren, Asia Winsley, Jakyrius Thomas, Allen Perry, Kameryn Winsley, Kameron Winsley, Johnny Winsley IV, Kaleah Hall, Jasen Winsley, Josiah Winsley, and Jayce Winsley; and a host of nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

#### A Life Well Lived

Mr. Johnny Albert Winsley, Sr., lived a life of unwavering faith, selfless service, and boundless love for his family and community. His legacy of devotion to God, dedication to his church, and commitment to uplifting others will continue to inspire all who knew him. From the church pews to family reunions, from Sunday School classrooms to community service, Johnny's life was a testament to the power of faith, love, and dedication.

Though he has transitioned from labor to reward, his spirit lives in the countless lives he touched through his music, ministry, and compassionate heart. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten, and his memory will forever remain in our hearts. Well done, thy good and faithful servant.

#### IN LIEU OF FLOWERS

The family requests that memorial contributions be made in honor of Mr. Johnny Albert Winsley, Sr., to:

Piney Woods Country Life School  
P.O. Box 209 Piney Woods, Mississippi 39148

Or donate online at: [www.pineywoods.org](http://www.pineywoods.org)

Your generous contributions will support the institution that held a special

place in Johnny's heart and where he began his journey with his beloved wife, Edna.

# Cemetery Details

## TrueVine M. B. Church Cemetery

124 Vine Drive  
Brandon, MS 39042

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home  
745 Highway 468  
Brandon, MS 39042  
(601) 825-3884  
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

## Homegoing Service

DEC 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

TrueVine M. B. Church  
124 Vine Drive  
Brandon, MS 39042

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sympathy Meat & Cheese Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Deacon Johnny Albert Winsley, Sr..*



December 15, 2025 at 02:50 PM



“ *BB Anderson and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon Johnny Albert Winsley, Sr..*

**BB Anderson and family** - December 15, 2025 at 02:50 PM



“ *Renee McCoy lit a candle in memory of Johnny Winsley,*



**Renee McCoy** - December 14, 2025 at 12:55 AM



“ *Ralph & Daisy Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Johnny Winsley,*



**Ralph & Daisy Johnson** - December 08, 2025 at 09:26 PM

KM

“ Karen McCoy lit a candle in memory of Johnny Winsley,



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**Karen McCoy** - December 08, 2025 at 08:42 AM

LM

“ Mr Johnny was a Humble and Kind Man. Praying that God will Strengthen this Family.

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**Linda McLaurin** - December 07, 2025 at 11:18 PM

LB

“ Memory of Mr. Johnny Winsley: magic fingers playing "Amazing Grace", on the organ. So precious...much prayer for Mrs. Edna & family .  
Ledoria Burks

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**Ledoria Burks** - December 07, 2025 at 12:21 PM

EA

“ Ella Anderson lit a candle in memory of Johnny Winsley,



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**Ella Anderson** - December 07, 2025 at 07:20 AM

LM

“ *Mr Johnny was a Nice and Humble Man. I would often see him when my Mother-InLaw Mrs Vicie was living. I Pray that will Comfort this family as only he can.*

Linda McLaurin - December 07, 2025 at 12:58 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memorial Video*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - December 06, 2025 at 11:32 PM

BM

*Condolence to family and friends* ❤️🙏

Betty Melvin - December 07, 2025 at 05:31 PM

RW

“ *Praying healing, peace, comfort and strength for family and friends.  
Love you, I give my deepest condolence!*

*Rosemary Winsley!*

Rosemary Winsley - December 06, 2025 at 12:58 PM



VE

“ Vergiejackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Johnny Winsley,



Vergiejackson - December 06, 2025 at 10:23 AM

JD

Will miss You, my supportive friend ❤️

Joyce davis - December 06, 2025 at 12:34 PM

DF

“ Truly a man of God. A smile and a story for everyone. People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care and he truly cares for people. He is not replaceable and will be missed terribly.

Diane Fletcher - December 05, 2025 at 11:15 PM

DA

“ Dorene Anderson lit a candle in memory of Johnny Winsley,



Dorene Anderson - December 05, 2025 at 06:25 PM

AC

“ Addie Carter sent a virtual gift in memory of Johnny Winsley,



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**Addie Carter** - December 05, 2025 at 05:13 PM

IP

“ Ivon Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Johnny Winsley,



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**Ivon Prewitt** - December 05, 2025 at 01:43 AM

AM

“ Our sincere condolences during this difficult period. May God strengthen your family in the day, weeks and months to come. Anthony & Dana Myles



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**Anthony Myles** - December 04, 2025 at 11:08 PM

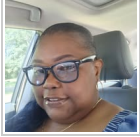
AQ

“ Annice Quinn lit a candle in memory of Johnny Winsley,



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**Annice Quinn** - December 04, 2025 at 09:07 PM



“ Jennifer McLaurin lit a candle in memory of Johnny Winsley,



Jennifer McLaurin - December 04, 2025 at 08:21 PM



“ Barbara Magee sent a virtual gift in memory of Johnny Winsley,



Barbara Magee - December 04, 2025 at 06:48 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to the family in their time of sorrow..



Sarah McIntyre Smith - December 04, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ Calvin, Jean, Darrell & Dwight purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Deacon Johnny Albert Winsley, Sr..



Calvin, Jean, Darrell & Dwight - December 04, 2025 at 10:21 AM

LS

“ *LILLIE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Johnny Winsley,*



LILLIE SCOTT - December 02, 2025 at 02:42 PM

VL

“ *My condolences to the family*



Victoria Love - December 02, 2025 at 01:40 PM



“ *Robbie Buckhalter-Singleton lit a candle in memory of Johnny Winsley,*



Robbie Buckhalter-Singleton - December 02, 2025 at 10:24 AM

EW

“ *I didn't have the pleasure of meeting Mr. W however I met his sweet spirit in a little young lady that I met as a little girl, she talked about her Dad, Grandmother, Grandfather and her Brother, I said to myself there is something special about her, she has been raised right. DeAngela, remember God makes no mistakes (Ms Jackson)*



Eletha Walker - December 01, 2025 at 08:51 PM

LC

“ *Condolences to the family Grace and Peace in Jesus*

**Lloyd B Collier** - December 01, 2025 at 05:25 PM

LC

“ *Lloyd B Collier lit a candle in memory of Johnny Winsley,*



**Lloyd B Collier** - December 01, 2025 at 05:11 PM

DH

“ *Mr. Winsley was one of the most kindest, sweetest and spiritual men I have ever met. We would talk about a little of everything going on in the world when I would see him at Kroger. He will be greatly missed. Prayers ascending for the whole Winsley family.*

**Dana Hampton** - December 01, 2025 at 03:31 PM

DH

“ *Dana Hampton sent a virtual gift in memory of Johnny Winsley,*



**Dana Hampton** - December 01, 2025 at 03:26 PM

DH

“ *Dana Hampton lit a candle in memory of Johnny Winsley,*



Dana Hampton - December 01, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ *Phyllis Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Johnny Winsley,*



Phyllis Jenkins - December 01, 2025 at 03:16 PM

CA

“ *Cathy Alexande lit a candle in memory of Johnny Winsley,*



Cathy Alexande - December 01, 2025 at 10:28 AM

MM

“ *Mary McCoy lit a candle in memory of Johnny Winsley,*



Mary McCoy - November 30, 2025 at 11:35 PM

MM

“ *Mary McCoy sent a virtual gift in memory of Johnny Winsley,*



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**Mary McCoy** - November 30, 2025 at 11:33 PM

CA

“ *Carolyn Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Johnny Winsley,*



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**Carolyn Anderson** - November 30, 2025 at 10:14 PM

BT

“ *Bessie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Johnny Winsley,*



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**Bessie Taylor** - November 30, 2025 at 09:57 PM

PJ

“ *Patricia Hobson Jones lit a candle in memory of Johnny Winsley,*



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**Patricia Hobson Jones** - November 30, 2025 at 07:49 PM

AB

“ Alexis Bilbro lit a candle in memory of Johnny Winsley,



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**Alexis Bilbro** - November 30, 2025 at 07:25 PM

DJ

“ Delphine Jenkins-Davis lit a candle in memory of Johnny Winsley,



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**Delphine Jenkins-Davis** - November 30, 2025 at 06:37 PM

BB

“ Barbara Buckhaultler lit a candle in memory of Johnny Winsley,



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**Barbara Buckhaultler** - November 30, 2025 at 04:01 PM

FW

“ Frances Wallace lit a candle in memory of Johnny Winsley,



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**Frances Wallace** - November 30, 2025 at 03:48 PM

WK

“ *WillieNatalie Keyes lit a candle in memory of Johnny Winsley,*



WillieNatalie Keyes - November 30, 2025 at 02:20 PM

CP

“ *Carolyn Palmer sent a virtual gift in memory of Johnny Winsley,*



Carolyn Palmer - November 30, 2025 at 09:40 AM

EA

“ *Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Johnny Winsley,*



Eddie Ainsworth - November 30, 2025 at 07:38 AM

YA

“ *Youlandia Addison lit a candle in memory of Johnny Winsley,*



Youlandia Addison - November 29, 2025 at 10:41 PM

MB

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Winsley Family, the Boone Family.*



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**Myra Boone** - November 29, 2025 at 10:19 PM

EY

“ *Extending Prayers And Condolences To The Winsley Family And Friends During Their Time Of Sorrow. May God Grant You All Peace And Comfort.* 🙏🙏🙏



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**Evelyn Young** - November 29, 2025 at 08:40 PM

LT

*Our deepest condolences to the Winsley Family. Going to miss our Uncle. Put he is in Heaven now. R.I. H Uncle Johnny. U will always be in our ❤️..  
Lo/ Kelvin*

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**Loretta Thompson-Jamison** - December 01, 2025 at 02:11 PM

ET

“ *Ervin Taylor lit a candle in memory of Johnny Winsley,*



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**Ervin Taylor** - November 29, 2025 at 07:29 PM

GS

“ Thoughts of love and prayers for Comfort and Strength. To our family.



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**Gwendolyn & Dallas Sutton** - November 29, 2025 at 05:23 PM

ET

*My sincere condolences to the family during this difficult time. 🙏*

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**Evelyn Tillis** - December 02, 2025 at 03:23 PM

RJ

*My prayers and condolences to the Winsley family,*

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**Robert Williams Jr** - December 05, 2025 at 11:55 AM