



Mrs. Panessa Lavern Johnson

December 4, 1960 - November 10, 2023

Panessa Lavern Miller Johnson was born on December 4, 1960, in Jackson, Mississippi to the late Dorothy Mae Miller and the late Jesse D. Washington Sr. She was raised by her maternal grandmother Florice Miller after the passing of her beloved mother Dorothy Mae Miller.

Panessa entered eternal rest on Friday, November 10, 2023, at St. Dominic's Hospital surrounded by family.

Panessa attended Carter High School until integration, later attended and graduated Brandon High School (Class of 1978). She furthered her education at Hinds Community College where she received her Pharmacy License and began her career as a Pharmacy Technician at Eckerd's Drug Store where she retired after 29 years.

Panessa then began her career at MS Department of Corrections in 1997 where she retired this past June. Panessa spent much of her life working multiple jobs, balancing family life, shopping at her favorite retail stores (Belk and JCPenney) and watching her favorite teams the Dallas Cowboys and the Los Angeles Lakers,

Panessa joined Greater New Friendship M. B. Church in her youth and was baptized under the leadership of Pastor A. L. Burns. In adulthood, she joined Pilgrim Rest M.B. Church where she served on the Usher Board, a member of the Sanctuary Choir, Sunday School Secretary and recently joined the Youth Department.

Panessa was preceded in death by her parents Dorothy Mae Miller and Jesse

D. Washington, Sr., her maternal grandparents George and Florice Miller, her paternal grandparents Noble and Dora Lee Washington along with uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Panessa leaves to cherish her memory, one (1) son Darrius Eubanks; two (2) sisters, Flora Anthony of Brandon, Mississippi, and Valarie Washington Bailey (Steve) of Riverside, California; one (1) brother Jesse D. Washington, Jr. of Rockford, Illinois; three (3) aunts Jannie L. Dawson of Brandon, Mississippi, Doris Angrum of Terry, Mississippi and Jerel Miller of Brandon, Mississippi; two (2) godmothers, Myrtis Dorsey and Bobbie Harvey both of Brandon, Mississippi; one (1) godson, Jordan Spann; one (1) godbrother, Ava S. Harvey, Sr. (Leslee), one (1) godsister, Latasha H. Jones (Eric), and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and loved ones.

Cemetery Details

Greater New Friendship MB Church Cemetery

755 Shiloh Road
Brandon, MS 39042

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

NOV 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Pilgrim Rest MB Church
925 Trickhambridge Road
Brandon, MS 39042

Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Panessa Lavern Johnson*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - November 21, 2023 at 06:10 AM

MD

“ *Mary Davis lit a candle in memory of Panessa Johnson*



Mary Davis - November 20, 2023 at 01:18 PM

GM

“ *My heart definitely grieves. I send my condolences. I remember when I was younger I used to call you Vanessa for the longest. Didn't realize it is with a "P". You are truly going to be missed. I love you dearly. We will see each other again. Rest In Heaven.*

Gloria Martinez - November 18, 2023 at 01:01 PM

JM

“ *Juanita Mangum lit a candle in memory of Panessa Johnson*



Juanita Coleman Mangum - November 18, 2023 at 12:56 PM

YR

“ *Yolanda Randolph lit a candle in memory of Panessa Johnson*



Yolanda Scott Randolph - November 18, 2023 at 10:13 AM

LM

“ *Nessa I've know since we were kids in Sunday School at Greater New Friendship. We had so much fun trying to get to the back of the church to get a drink out the machine and Bro. Miller would be saying stop running in this Church. One of my Fondest Memory is when we were at Carter High School when we were in Elementary when it was time for Recess you would always get to the playground first and get on the Horse Swing, You were a runner then. We had a great a Friendship throughout our Adult Life in which I will always Cherish. You ran your Race and henceforth Your Crown Awaits You. Rest in Peace my Friend my Classmate.*

Linda McLaurin - November 18, 2023 at 12:19 AM

ST

“ My condolences to the family and friends of Panessa Johnson. Thinking of you during your time of bereavement 🙏🙏🙏! ”



Shirley Thomas - November 17, 2023 at 06:33 PM

NK

“ One of God's sweetest creations. She will truly be missed. ”



Natalie Keyes - November 17, 2023 at 06:27 PM

MA

“ Mary Anderson lit a candle in memory of Panessa Johnson ”



Mary Anderson - November 17, 2023 at 02:39 PM

AB

“ Alexis Bilbro lit a candle in memory of Panessa Johnson ”



Alexis Bilbro - November 17, 2023 at 12:18 PM

MM

“ Michelle May lit a candle in memory of Panessa Johnson



Michelle May - November 17, 2023 at 11:10 AM

JF

“ This is so heartbreaking! I give my deepest heartfelt condolences 🌸 “P” is the true example of “D” COWBOYS. This is not bye but see you later.

Jessie J. Dorsey Flowers - November 17, 2023 at 10:59 AM

MR

“ Michelle Rawls lit a candle in memory of Panessa Johnson



Michelle Rawls - November 17, 2023 at 10:22 AM

BM

“ Barbara Magee sent a virtual gift in memory of Panessa Johnson



Barbara Magee - November 17, 2023 at 09:28 AM

MW

“ *Mary Walton lit a candle in memory of Panessa Johnson*



Mary Walton - November 17, 2023 at 09:19 AM



“ *Rashida Taylor lit a candle in memory of Panessa Johnson*



Rashida Taylor - November 17, 2023 at 01:47 AM

SC

“ *Shawn Chambers lit a candle in memory of Panessa Johnson*



Shawn Chambers - November 16, 2023 at 10:25 PM

DS

“ *Debra Scott lit a candle in memory of Panessa Johnson*



Debra Scott - November 16, 2023 at 03:53 PM

LJ

“ *Latasha Jones lit a candle in memory of Panessa Johnson*



Latasha T Jones - November 16, 2023 at 12:22 PM

MT

“ *Michelle Taylor lit a candle in memory of Panessa Johnson*



Michelle Kersh Taylor - November 16, 2023 at 09:09 AM

DJ

“ *Deepest Heart felt Sympathy for the family, Ralph and Daisy Johnson*



Daisy Johnson - November 15, 2023 at 11:16 PM

KM

“ *We lit a candle for Panessa and wish the Johnson family godspeed.*

KENNETH MCELROY - November 15, 2023 at 07:31 PM

JB

“ *Josephine Boyd sent a virtual gift in memory of Panessa Johnson*



Josephine Boyd - November 15, 2023 at 07:13 PM

TF

“ *Tim and Family lit a candle in memory of Panessa Johnson*



Tim Williams and Family - November 15, 2023 at 06:28 PM

CP

“ *Carolyn Palmer sent a virtual gift in memory of Panessa Johnson*



Carolyn Palmer - November 15, 2023 at 04:58 PM

ET

Sincere condolences to family and friends, praying God's peace and comfort will abide with you today and always.

Evelyn Tillis - November 18, 2023 at 12:17 PM

CB

“ *clara batiste lit a candle in memory of Panessa Johnson*



clara wilson batiste - November 15, 2023 at 01:38 PM

DH

“ *Dena Harvey-Brown lit a candle in memory of Panessa Johnson*



Dena Harvey-Brown - November 15, 2023 at 12:16 AM

BT

“ *Bessie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Panessa Johnson*



Bessie Taylor - November 14, 2023 at 06:58 PM