



## Mrs. Rosie Lee Johnson Dillon

February 13, 1928 - July 16, 2024

On February 13, 1928, on an 80-acre farm in Brandon, MS, Rosie Lee Johnson was born. Her parents, Willie and Mary Hoard Johnson, already had four other children (Mary Ellen, Willie Jr., George Albert, Hattic Lee), and, as you would expect, she was nick-named "Baby!"

One year after her birth, Baby's mother passed away, but her grandparents filled the void, lavishing on her all the love and encouragement any little girl could want. As a child, she joined Taylorsville United Methodist Church and was educated in the Taylorsville community. After her father remarried, she gained two additional brothers, Leon and Arthur Johnson. All of her siblings preceded her in death.

After completing the 8th grade in Rankin County, she attended Holy Ghost Catholic School in Jackson where she graduated in 1947 with honors. She had wanted to go to college to become a math teacher, but the money was not to be found. Instead, she did something better: one month after graduation, on June 22, 1947, she married a tall, dark, handsome, recently-discharged Army veteran from Magnolia, MS, Anglon Dillon. They settled in the Pearson Community and joined Sweet Rest Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A. People often said that he was a husband of husbands, which was true. However, when the Bible says, "He who finds a wife finds a good thing," it applied to Rosie Lee. Anglon didn't just find a wife; he found a WIFE. The two

were true partners in life. He was the head of the house, but she ran the home. When he opened Dillon's Auto Repair Service, he did the labor, but she managed the finances. They were blissfully married for 43 years until his death, on July 18, 1990.

She was a great cook and "breaking bread together" with family and friends was a frequent occurrence in her home, and she was not fearful of entertaining strangers. On any given day, strangers were brought to her home by her husband or son to enjoy a home cooked meal.

Their eleven children came fast, one right after the other. As one can imagine, the Dillon home was a noisy, lively place, full of laughter and love. Together, Anglon and Rosie Lee reared their children with Christian values, but Rosie poured herself into each of them. One son, Allen Leon, born Oct. 22, 1960, preceded them in death on March 10, 1961. She was her children's first teacher and, she instilled a love of learning in each of them. Although she had a house full of children, she took the time to build unique bonds with each of them. She was proud of her children, and they were proud to call her Mom.

After God and family, her next priority was the Church. Sister Dillon served God and his people faithfully and often quietly. As a deaconess at Sweet Rest, she prepared the Lord's Supper for Communion for many years and ministered to the sick and shut-in by providing meals and words of comfort and encouragement. After her husband had been called to preach, he pastored three churches, and she supported him at each. She freely shared spiritual guidance and wisdom with many. She also served in Sunday School, women's ministry, but most importantly, she was a prayer warrior. She prayed for her family and church family without ceasing: In 2019, she received the status of Deaconess Emerita.

She leaves to cherish her memory ten (10) children, Carolyn Crum (Earl) of

Southfield, MI; Rae Dillon of Pearl, MS; Cheryl Bibb (Jerry) of Pearl, MS; Charles Dillon of Pearl, MS; Alice Snow (Larry) of Byram, MS; Easter Dillon of Pearl, MS; Willie Dillon (Judy) of Brandon, MS; Brenda Taylor (David) of Austell, GA; Denese Sutton (Ricky) of Brandon, MS, and Sylvia Beck of Douglasville, GA; twenty (20) grandchildren, twenty-eight (28) great-grandchildren, three sisters-in-law, Dolly Johnson of Brandon, MS, Gloria Jackson of St. Louis, MO, and Ethel Wilson of Centralia, IL, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and the many children she kept in her home who call her "Grandmama."

# Cemetery Details

## Sweet Rest Cemetery

Pearl, MS

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 22. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Homegoing Service

JUL 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sweet Rest Church of Christ Holiness U.S.A.  
215 Old Whitfield Road  
Pearl, MS 39208

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Rosie Lee Johnson Dillon*



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**Dean Memorial Funeral Home** - July 20, 2024 at 02:35 PM



“ *Vergie jackson lit a candle in memory of Rosie Johnson Dillon*



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**Vergie jackson** - July 25, 2024 at 09:46 AM



“ *Sparkling Cider & Snacks Gift Box was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rosie Lee Johnson Dillon.*



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July 24, 2024 at 07:39 PM

BS

“ *Condolences to the Dillon family. We have been praying for you since we heard of your mother's transition. Know that we love you and truly loved and appreciated your mother. She helped us raise our sons, Jamal & Justin and was the 1st babysitter for our Justin. Her neighbors and your friends, John and Barbara Sanders*

barbara Sanders - July 24, 2024 at 07:29 PM

CH

“ *Carolyn Harper lit a candle in memory of Rosie Johnson Dillon*



Carolyn Harper - July 23, 2024 at 06:03 PM

DE

“ *Delois Burk Trigg*



Delois - July 23, 2024 at 11:31 AM



“ *Phyllis Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Rosie Johnson Dillon*



Phyllis Jenkins - July 22, 2024 at 10:55 PM

AC

“ *Addie Carter lit a candle in memory of Rosie Johnson Dillon*



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**Addie Carter** - July 22, 2024 at 06:45 PM

DJ

“ *Delphine Jenkins-Davs lit a candle in memory of Rosie Johnson Dillon*



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**Delphine Jenkins-Davs** - July 22, 2024 at 12:09 PM

GS

“ *Sincere condolences*



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**Gwendolyn & Dallas Sutton** - July 22, 2024 at 09:01 AM

GW

“ *George & Marcie Williams purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Rosie Lee Johnson Dillon.*



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**George & Marcie Williams** - July 21, 2024 at 08:52 PM

EW

“ *Eletha Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosie Johnson Dillon*



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**Eletha Walker** - July 21, 2024 at 08:13 PM

JC

“ *Jearline Steen Cousin lit a candle in memory of Rosie Johnson Dillon*



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**Jearline Steen Cousin** - July 21, 2024 at 03:29 PM

YF

“ *Your State Farm Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Rosie Lee Johnson Dillon.*



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**Your State Farm Family** - July 21, 2024 at 09:39 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memorial Video*



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**Dean Memorial Funeral Home** - July 20, 2024 at 07:43 PM

YF

“ Your Northwest Middle School Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mrs. Rosie Lee Johnson Dillon.



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**Your Northwest Middle School Family** - July 20, 2024 at 04:35 PM

YF

“ Your Northwest Middle School Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Rosie Lee Johnson - Dillon.

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**Your Northwest Middle School Family** - July 20, 2024 at 04:35 PM

LJ

“ *Deepest condolences to the Dillon family.* 🕊️



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**Linda Jones** - July 20, 2024 at 08:46 AM

DJ

“ *Daisy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rosie Johnson - Dillon*



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**Daisy Johnson** - July 19, 2024 at 08:49 PM

LF

“ Love Always, Adrienne “Age” Ferguson purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mrs. Rosie Lee Johnson Dillon.



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**Love Always, Adrienne “Age” Ferguson** - July 19, 2024 at 05:49 PM

NL

“ Nancy Loney-Taylor lit a candle in memory of Rosie Johnson - Dillon



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**Nancy Loney-Taylor** - July 19, 2024 at 10:22 AM

GC

“ Noble and Gazelle L. Carson



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**Gazelle Carson** - July 19, 2024 at 09:01 AM

CS

“ Sending my sincere condolences to the family.

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**Carolyn Jenkins Stewart** - July 18, 2024 at 11:01 PM

GM

“ Gwendolyn Mack lit a candle in memory of Rosie Johnson - Dillon



Gwendolyn Mack - July 18, 2024 at 10:39 PM

EA

“ Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Rosie Johnson - Dillon



Eddie Ainsworth - July 18, 2024 at 10:11 PM

MM

“ Mary McCoy lit a candle in memory of Rosie Johnson - Dillon



Mary McCoy - July 18, 2024 at 08:59 PM

MA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mary Anderson - July 18, 2024 at 07:53 PM

KT

“ *Kenya Taylor lit a candle in memory of Rosie Johnson - Dillon*



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**Kenya Taylor** - July 18, 2024 at 07:25 PM

AL

“ *Alexander lit a candle in memory of Rosie Johnson - Dillon*



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**Alexander** - July 18, 2024 at 05:22 PM

RO

“ *Thinking of the Dillon family and praying for peace and comfort during this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Robbie Buckhalter-Singleton*

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**Robbie** - July 18, 2024 at 03:21 PM

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“ *1-98th Cavalry Squadron purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Rosie Lee Johnson Dillon.*



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**1-98th Cavalry Squadron** - July 18, 2024 at 02:13 PM

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“ 1-98th Cavalry Squadron planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Rosie Lee Johnson - Dillon.

1-98th Cavalry Squadron - July 18, 2024 at 02:13 PM

CA

“ Carolyn J Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosie Johnson - Dillon



Carolyn J Anderson - July 18, 2024 at 01:27 PM

VJ

“ Vergie jackson lit a candle in memory of Rosie Johnson - Dillon



Vergie jackson - July 18, 2024 at 12:38 PM

!P

“ !Peaches lit a candle in memory of Rosie Johnson - Dillon



!Peaches - July 18, 2024 at 11:55 AM

BK

“ Ben and lida knight lit a candle in memory of Rosie Johnson - Dillon



Ben and lida knight - July 18, 2024 at 11:55 AM

AC

“ Addie Carter lit a candle in memory of Rosie Johnson - Dillon



Addie Carter - July 18, 2024 at 09:39 AM

SH

“ Sharon Hoard lit a candle in memory of Rosie Johnson - Dillon



Sharon Hoard - July 18, 2024 at 08:33 AM

BT

“ Bessie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Rosie Johnson - Dillon



Bessie Taylor - July 18, 2024 at 03:58 AM

EY

“ Evelyn Young lit a candle in memory of Rosie Johnson - Dillon



Evelyn Young - July 18, 2024 at 12:42 AM

DJ

“ Debbie L. Jenkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosie Johnson - Dillon



Debbie L. Jenkins - July 17, 2024 at 11:40 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rosie Lee Johnson Dillon.



July 17, 2024 at 10:11 PM

AB

“ Alexis Bilbro lit a candle in memory of Rosie Johnson - Dillon



Alexis Bilbro - July 17, 2024 at 09:48 PM

SS

“ Sarah McIntyre Smith lit a candle in memory of Rosie Johnson - Dillon



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Sarah McIntyre Smith - July 17, 2024 at 06:25 PM

SS

“ Sarah McIntyre Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosie Johnson - Dillon



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Sarah McIntyre Smith - July 17, 2024 at 06:23 PM