



## Johnnie DeLinda Watson

September 27, 1958 - April 24, 2021

Johnnie DeLinda Watson was born to the union of Johnny and Josie B. Dixon Watson on September 27, 1958 in Jackson, Mississippi. She began singing at the age of two. The family relocated to Kankakee, Illinois, and she joined Morning Star Baptist Church where she served as a soloist and sang in the adult choir, as well as taught vacation Bible school with Addie Ervin. DeLinda won several local and regional awards in gospel music and also traveled with renowned artists such as Albertina Walker, Angela Spivey, Ethel Holloway, Reverend Clay Evans, Kevin Lennox, the Thompson Community Singers and Commissioned.

DeLinda graduated from Westview High School and attended Kankakee Community College. She worked as a crew member at McDonald's for 16 years and was also an awesome worker for the food pantry, Center of Hope, helping others in need, as was her nurturing spirit. She was the type of person who never met a stranger, with her welcoming smile, sass and pizzazz. Her voice was loved by many and her singing was requested at weddings, funerals and events. She enjoyed gardening and keeping her neighborhood clean. She especially loved her parents, sisters, and her only brother "Smoke."

DeLinda had a very personal relationship with her Lord and Savior and recognized Him as the head of her life and remained a faithful servant her

entire life. Her life was a testimony of His healing touch restoring her body. After a while she attended Second Baptist Church, but returned to her home of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, August 7, 2011.

DeLinda leaves to cherish her memory, her sons, Issaclerome Watson and Johnny Watson (Yolissa Jackson) both of Kankakee, IL; her brother, Jimmie Lee (Nancy) Dixon of Minnetonka, MN, her sister, Kathlyn Ann Miller of Peoria, IL; her stepmother, Bernice Watson of Kankakee, IL; her aunts, Rosie Lee Nelson of Jackson, MS, Christine (Rev. Roger) Sykes of Kankakee, IL, Katherine (Harry) Edmond of Minneapolis, MN and Carrie (Robert) Williams of Gary, IN; uncles, George T. (Patricia) Dixon and Rev. Roosevelt Dixon, both of Gary, IN; grandson Jeremiah Watson; godchildren, Soni Lloyd of St. Louis, MO and Lovely Richardson of Atlanta, GA; her very close friends, Priscilla Jones and Melisha Turner, both of Minneapolis, MN, Brenda Wells, Mary Williams and Shirley Powell, all of Kankakee, IL and Maxine Montgomery of St. Louis, MO, and numerous cousins, extended family and friends.

Waiting to greet her at Heaven's gates are her parents, Johnny and Josie Watson; sisters, Sybil Watson and Willie Bell Daniels; her grandson, Davontae Wallace and close friend, Johnnie Poindexter Callum.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Lax Mortuary  
187 S. Greenwood Avenue  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 935-0090  
laxmortuary@laxmortuary.com  
<http://laxmortuary.com/>

## Visitation

MAY 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Morning Star  
570 N. Harrison  
Kankakee, IL

## Service

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Morning Star  
570 N. Harrison  
Kankakee, IL

# Tribute Wall

SF

“ *Samuels Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Johnnie DeLinda Watson*



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**Samuels Family** - May 29, 2021 at 02:25 PM

JW

“ *Jeremiah Watson lit a candle in memory of Johnnie DeLinda Watson*



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**Jeremiah watson** - May 19, 2021 at 11:36 AM

LH

“ *Condolences to the family.*



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**Lataira Harris** - May 09, 2021 at 09:47 AM

VG

“ *My condolences to the family and deep sympathy. May the LORD comfort you in your time of need. Praying for the family.*



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**Velma Green** - May 09, 2021 at 12:38 AM

CB

“ You will be miss but we know to be absence from earth means you’ve join the heavenly choir sing on my sister !



Crystal Bryant - May 08, 2021 at 12:43 PM

DJ

“ Dr. Preston & Mrs. Ivy Williams , Jr. lit a candle in memory of Johnnie DeLinda Watson



Dr. Preston & Mrs. Ivy Williams , Jr. - May 07, 2021 at 07:42 PM

JA

“ Jacqueline Alford lit a candle in memory of Johnnie DeLinda Watson



Jacqueline Alford - May 07, 2021 at 06:44 PM

JA

“ Delinda, you will truly be missed. Although you used to joke with me all the time, I know you really cared. Gone from our presence but forever in our heart. Rest well my friend.  
Dr Rodney & Jackie ‘Red’ Alford

Jacqueline Alford - May 07, 2021 at 06:42 PM



*Delinda,,,, Well well done though good and faithful servant Rest in Heaven my friend you have been a blessing over the years.God bless you Apostle-Bishop Dexter and Callia Thompson*

**Dexter Thompson** - May 09, 2021 at 09:11 AM

TW

“ *Terry Wilson-Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Johnnie DeLinda Watson*



**Terry Wilson-Lloyd** - May 07, 2021 at 08:14 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Johnnie DeLinda Watson.*



May 06, 2021 at 01:55 PM

RF

“ *Renee Fulton lit a candle in memory of Johnnie DeLinda Watson*



**Renee Fulton** - May 06, 2021 at 12:10 PM

RF

“ Renee Fulton lit a candle in memory of  
Johnnie DeLinda Watson



Renee Fulton - May 06, 2021 at 12:09 PM

DE

“ Johnnie your wonderful soul will be dearly missed .... my crazy cat  
lady ❤️🙏 Prayers and condolences for your family

dee - May 06, 2021 at 01:53 AM

TS

“ Johnny DaLinda Watson I loved you so much  
I was always one of your baby and I  
appreciate your love! I'm truly going to miss  
you. R.I.P ❤️ My Condolences to the family!



Tamika Smith - May 06, 2021 at 01:17 AM

LS

“ LaJuene & Dwayne Sommerville lit a candle  
in memory of Johnnie DeLinda Watson



LaJuene & Dwayne Sommerville - May 05, 2021 at 07:49 AM

DJ

“ *Denise Williams Jones lit a candle in memory of Johnnie DeLinda Watson*



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**Denise Williams Jones** - May 04, 2021 at 08:49 PM

KP

“ *Kimberly Pitts lit a candle in memory of Johnnie DeLinda Watson*



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**Kimberly Pitts** - May 04, 2021 at 08:30 PM

MB

“ *Minnie Brewer Brewster lit a candle in memory of Johnnie DeLinda Watson*



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**minnie brewer brewster** - May 04, 2021 at 07:43 PM

RE

“ Well Johnnie Delinda Watson, my heart is filled with sorrow, you were one of a kind and there will never be another Delinda Watson. Just two Saturdays ago you were fussing me out not knowing I had just paid you and your friends breakfast bill at Crazy Joe. When you tried to pay the bill and the waitress inform you that I had paid the bill, there was that Delinda's smile and then the loud voice "Robert Snipes thank you, that was so nice of you, I ain't gonna fuss you out no more today!" I could do nothing more than laugh, I said "today?" and you responded "don't push it Robert Snipes!" Well suffice it to say I'm going to miss you, playing behind you doing a solo or singing to your tracks or hearing you say "I don't play with my music!" Wow, What a life! RIJ my friend.



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Robert S Ellington-Snipes - May 04, 2021 at 03:04 PM

CM

“ COLETTE MALLETT lit a candle in memory of Johnnie DeLinda Watson



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COLETTE MALLETT - May 04, 2021 at 01:01 PM

PJ

“ To the family of DeLinda, my sincerest condolences and prayers to each of you. DeLinda is singing her story, this is her song, singing her praises all the day long. R.I.H. DeLinda



Patricia Jamison - May 04, 2021 at 12:39 PM

DB

“ I knew Johnnie many years ago. She was one of the sweetest people I ever met with such a beautiful singing voice. She was a blessing.

Dee Bess - May 04, 2021 at 10:56 AM

VH

“ Vanessa A. Holden lit a candle in memory of Johnnie DeLinda Watson



Vanessa A. Holden - May 04, 2021 at 08:39 AM

DD

“ Isaac you and the family have my condolences baby!! Sorry I can't make it ❤️❤️



Dee Dee - May 04, 2021 at 05:11 AM

EL

“ *My sincere condolences to Delinda’s family. I will miss her presence and her beautiful voice. May she rest in the arms of the Father, for she was a good and faithful servant* 🙏🙏



Ethel Lee - May 04, 2021 at 12:59 AM

PJ

“ *Priscilla Jones lit a candle in memory of Johnnie DeLinda Watson*



Priscilla jones - May 03, 2021 at 08:32 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Johnnie DeLinda Watson.*



May 03, 2021 at 04:49 PM

MP

“ *Ms. Gloria Parker lit a candle in memory of Johnnie DeLinda Watson*



Ms. Gloria Parker - May 03, 2021 at 04:29 PM

PV

“ Miss Johnnie will be truly missed by everyone at PNC. She was not only my customer but she was one of my dearest friends. All my thoughts and prayers go out to the family.



Peggy Vautsmeier - May 03, 2021 at 04:11 PM

JS

“ I have known Miss Johnnie for 2 years, but feels much more like a lifetime and I will say I have so many amazing conversations, laughs and many things with her! Miss Johnnie was a delight to know and her sass and humor was just one the things that made her unique. Her love for her children, grandchildren, extended family and friends was genuine! Miss Johnnie will be very much missed myself and many others! Fly high with the Angels and sing your heart out in praises from above!



Jeannie S - May 03, 2021 at 04:05 PM

SH

“ I met Delinda through my mom. Her mom and my mom were good friends, they worked together at one time. She always had a smile with those dimples. Never hesitated to sing whenever she was asked. She will be missed and loved



sherri - May 03, 2021 at 12:42 PM

EC

“ Sending heartfelt condolences to the family.  
The last time I saw Delinda, she gave me her  
phone number to call her because my mother  
had requested that when she passed, she  
wanted Delinda to sing at her funeral. I know  
she is now singing with the angels in heaven.



Elayne Coffie - May 02, 2021 at 08:35 PM

MM

“ Maxine Montgomery lit a candle in memory of  
Johnnie DeLinda Watson



Maxine Montgomery - May 02, 2021 at 07:16 PM

KH

“ Kimberly Hudson lit a candle in memory of  
Johnnie DeLinda Watson



Kimberly Hudson - May 02, 2021 at 06:51 PM

JF

“ JOANN FORD-BOX



JOANN FORD-BOX - May 02, 2021 at 06:45 PM

JS

“ *Joyce Shoemaker lit a candle in memory of  
Johnnie DeLinda Watson*



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**Joyce Shoemaker** - May 02, 2021 at 05:05 PM

JA

“ *Rest peacefully , from the Allen Family*

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**Janet** - May 02, 2021 at 01:12 PM

CJ

“ *Catherine Jackson lit a candle in memory of  
Johnnie DeLinda Watson*



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**Catherine Jackson** - May 02, 2021 at 12:53 PM

MC

“ *Our condolences and prayers to the family.  
Mark and Annie Calbert*



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**Mark and Annie Calbert** - May 02, 2021 at 12:13 PM

MG

“ *Condolences to the family. May the Lord give you the strength to endure in your time of sorrow. Love you*



mary gaddy - May 02, 2021 at 11:01 AM

CB

“ *Cheryl Butler lit a candle in memory of Johnnie DeLinda Watson*



cheryl butler - May 02, 2021 at 08:58 AM

TG

“ *Prayers & Condolences to the family. DeLinda was one of the sweetest and kindness woman I know. People heard God's love through DeLinda's voice. I loved to hear her singing. Love you DeLinda. Rest In Heaven. 🙏🙏❤️*



Tammy Gray - May 02, 2021 at 04:04 AM

GH

“ *Delinda my deepest sympathies to your family!! The times and joy you shared with us in Minneapolis were always so memorable. Your voice and spirit blessed us beyond words. Keep singing, keep smiling, keep praising God!! You will be missed, but never forgotten!!  
Gloria*

Gloria Hudson - May 02, 2021 at 01:55 AM



“ I will Miss Johnnie calling me Grandma, calling me for prayer and just being my friend my angel of song. I know you are singing for Jesus..

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**Carolyn Wright** - May 02, 2021 at 01:23 AM

MG

“ Mary Gant lit a candle in memory of Johnnie DeLinda Watson



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**Mary Gant** - May 01, 2021 at 10:31 PM

ES

“ Sorry for your loss my condolences to you and your family God Bless You all 🙏🕯️🌹❤️ Praying for the family



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**Elizabeth Stevenson** - May 01, 2021 at 09:05 PM

RS

“ Rakeya Smith lit a candle in memory of Johnnie DeLinda Watson



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**Rakeya Smith** - May 01, 2021 at 08:57 PM

WS

“ Deepest condolences to Issac & the Family I will truly miss Her saying Wendy don't be jealous 😊



Wendy Sharks - May 01, 2021 at 08:14 PM

DA

“ Debbie Autman lit a candle in memory of Johnnie DeLinda Watson



Debbie Autman - May 01, 2021 at 06:22 PM



“ I grew up with Delinda on Schuyler Ave. We sung in the youth choir together. Under the direction of her mother Mrs. Josie Watson, and her sister Willie Bell.



Cheryl Wilson - May 01, 2021 at 05:38 PM