



## Mary Johnson

May 5, 1938 - July 13, 2025

Mary Ann Johnson was born May 5, 1938 in Louise Mississippi, to the late Gwin and Annie Bell Jackson. She was the sixth child born to this union.

She was raised in Louise, Mississippi, where she made a living working on her father's farm. From a tender age, she dedicated her life to Christ, embracing her faith with unwavering devotion. She was blessed with a large family, nurturing and guiding a lively household of twelve children. Her home was a place of comfort and consistency, and her presence brought a steady kind of love that can't be replaced. In 1974 at the age of 36, she moved herself and her children to Kankakee, IL. During her stay in Kankakee, she was employed as a cook at KinderCare and Manteno Veterans home, in Manteno IL. She moved back to Mississippi and rededicated her life to Christ at Mt. Zion Church of Yazoo City, Mississippi.

She was married two times in her lifetime; to the late Henry Lee Wilkes and Doyle Johnson. She enjoyed cooking, dancing, planting and singing.

She leaves to cherish her memory, six daughters, Bobbie Ann Jackson of Yazoo City, MS, Margaret A. Dixon of Fayetteville, NC, Linda Gardner (Ross) of St. Louis, MO, Katherine Wilkes, Mary B. Wilkes and Josephine Wilkes, all of Kankakee, IL; two sons, Joe Jackson (Bobbie) of Yazoo City, MS and Henry Wilkes Jr. of Chicago, IL; one brother, Gwin Jackson Jr. (Ethel) of Chicago, IL;

grandchildren, Casey (CaTina) Burrell of Yazoo City, MS, Catrina Jackson of Kankakee, IL, Maggie Jackson of Yazoo City, MS, Daphene and Curtis Johnson of Yazoo City, MS, Lakeshia Wilkes of Houston, TX, LaTika S. Dixon of Alexandria, VA, LaNika D. Dixon and Sheronica S.R Grayer of Fayetteville, NC, Kenneth Johnson of Mesa, AZ, Kimberly Jackson (Elton) of Kankakee, IL, Henry Wilkes III (Deanna) of Louisville, KY, Irene Wilkes of Peoria, IL, Henry Wilkes of Zion, IL, Reico Ewing and Marco Ewing of Kankakee, IL, Clifton Johnson of Carbondale, IL, Clinisha Walker (Cortez) of Phoenix, AZ, Ivan Farrell of Kankakee, IL, Andrea Wilkes of Minneapolis, MN, Latorious Wilkes of Indianapolis, IN, Felicia Riley of Kankakee, IL, Danny Riley Jr. of Terre Haute, IN, Khariee Wilkes of Richton Park, IL, Tiffany Gray and Olivia Manau-Wilkes of Kankakee, IL, Kwamain Wilkes of Atlanta, GA and a host of great-grandkids, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Doyle Johnson; four children, Rosemary Johnson, Gladys Johnson, Otha Wilkes and her precious stillborn child; four sisters, Ruby Townsend, Maggie Trippet, Beulah Mae Coleman and Annie Jackson; three brothers, Lee Aurby Jackson, Willie Jackson and Monroe Jackson; three grandsons, De'Arrion Harris, Estrada Ousley and James Wesley Thomas III.

# Cemetery Details

## Mound Grove Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood  
Kankakee, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Second Baptist Church  
717 N Wildwood Ave  
Kankakee, IL 60901-2542  
(815) 939-2421

## Service

JUL 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Kankakee, IL

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ *joann ford-box lit a candle in memory of Mary Johnson*



joann ford-box - July 20, 2025 at 03:10 PM

VF

“ *My Condolences to the family*



vickie farrell - July 19, 2025 at 10:55 PM

LF

“ *Lewis Coleman and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Johnson.*



Lewis Coleman and Family - July 19, 2025 at 07:02 PM

AJ

“ *Annie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mary Johnson*



Annie Johnson - July 19, 2025 at 05:21 PM