

TOGETHER AGAIN



**A reunion occurred in heaven this week,
Of the sweetest and most joyful kind,
As Mom's spirit moved beyond this earth
Released from her mortal life she left behind.**

**And what a reunion it must have been! A joy beyond our conceiving,
When Mom met Dad in heaven again, ending her dignified grieving.**

**And we are certain Dad is still holding Mom's hand
While she cherishes each moment by his side
And they're experiencing the joy of being together again
Catching up on the time they were denied.**

**We are confident they are also looking over us
Hoping this happiness will lessen our pain
As we contemplate the joy that they finally feel
Now that they are together again.**

**And though we'll miss them terribly
And will long for them with deepest grief
We are reminded that love is more powerful than death
And this knowledge gives us comfort and peace.**

**For we know this isn't the only reunion
Someday we'll be called back to be with them
For life can lead us to greater happiness
With the Lord and our loved ones in heaven.**

**So although we'll miss our Mom profoundly
Our grief is somewhat lessened
For we are comforted knowing that she led a good life
And she and Dad are now together in heaven.**

TRIBUTES

Dear Mama,

You made the entire world become silent Thursday afternoon. It was a day filled with confusion, disbelief and tears. The only question that keeps playing in my mind is what more could I have done for you? You will forever be the four F's; Flawless, Fierce, Fabulous and Funny. With a heart of pure gold you would give the shirt off your back if anyone of us needed it. You didn't want anyone of us going without. Anyone that knew you quickly fell for your lovable personality and your humor. Friends, family and faith is what kept you motivated. The person I am today is because of the way you taught, showed me and raised me to be. So mama I will forever be grateful and thank you. Rest easy baby girl.

Mom now that you're gone:

As I look back on the years I understand how every time you were tough on me was because you loved me as only a mother can. I thank you for loving my siblings and I unconditionally, for being there for us through ups and downs, success and failures Every word of wisdom whether I wanted to hear it out not Stays with me forever and will passed down. I love you momma forever and always to the moon and back !

Love your daughter Pauleshia

Hey...it's Tyree, your grandson.

I just wanted to say I love you. I know I may not acted like it because we argued even though we shouldn't have. Granny you and Major were like my best friends. I'm going to miss yall because now you both are gone. I will remember the times we had together and the talks we had. Granny I feel like a part of me is gone with you, but I know you wouldn't want me to stop doing things because of your passing. I'm going to really miss you...going to get the ice with you and having many laughs with you. Even though it didn't seem like it as I got older, I appreciated the time I had with you. If I had more time with you I would read you all this, tell you how much I love you and how much I appreciated how much you did that you didn't have to do. I really regret not being with you and not giving you a hug. I mean if I had more time with you I wouldn't want to let go.

Love your "Road dog" Tyree



Dear Granny and tell Major,
I miss you so much. I'm going to miss us going on vacations together. I liked when you used to talk to me when I was down. All I'm trying and can say is that I miss you very, very much.
Thank you for your time.

Marq Thompson

To our sister, Leasteria,

We've reached many milestones together, but this time you had to travel alone. We said a prayer for you to thank the Lord above for blessing us with a lifetime of memories we shared. We became family and friends by God's House. We will forever be connected by genuine family love and HIS BLOOD! We were blessed to have you as our sister and will forever be grateful for the times we shared together. You will remain in our hearts and spirit forever. We always have and always will love our sister as she has always loved us. Remember to save a seat for us.

A Brother's Love...Elbert, Jr. and Michael

FLOWER LADIES
Nieces & Cousins



PALLBEARERS
Nephews

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Our family can't express enough our sincere appreciation and gratitude to everyone for all the acts of love, care, kindness and thoughts to us during this time. To the Hill and Crutchfield Family, thank you. Special Thanks to Ms. Jacqueline Hill, Ms. Minnie Pearl.
May God continue to bless each of you abundantly.

-The Family-



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LEASTERIA JOHNSON JONES

SEPTEMBER 28, 1964 - AUGUST 12, 2021

A Time to be Born: Leasteria Annette Johnson-Jones was born in Lebanon, TN on September 28, 1964 to the late Elbert Johnson Sr. and Elizabeth Ray Simpson Johnson.

A Time to Rest: Leasteria was called home to be with God August 12, 2021.

A Time to Weep: Leasteria was preceded in death by her parents, Elder E. D. Johnson, Sr. and Elizabeth Ray Simpson Johnson; one brother, Vincent A. Johnson Sr. and devoted and loving husband, Major Jones.

A Time to Live: Leasteria gave her life to Christ at an early age. The baby sister to all brothers, Elbert D. Johnson, Jr., Michael Johnson, Vincent Johnson and extended brother, Raymond Johnson. As a preacher's kid, Leasteria joined and was a faithful member of her father's established church, Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church.

As a young adult, Leasteria was a very outgoing person. She played sports with close friends, played basketball, on Mrs. Mary Harris's softball team, and was a part of the "Dream Girls" skating group. She was also a part of the TSU & UT Extension Face South West Community club in Lebanon, TN. Leasteria graduated from Lebanon High School, Class of '82. She never met a stranger, within minutes you would automatically feel like she have known you forever, her personality would draw you in. She loved to go to Kentucky to play Bingo, listen to music, and in spite of her health, she would travel to Cincinnati for music festivals and to see family in Columbia, TN, Detroit, Atlanta and California.

Leasteria raised three loving children, Shaventa, Johnta and Pauleshia, additionally she helped raise Tyree and Marquious, her grandboys... "her young men she would call them". Her love of family was her heart. From nieces, nephews to cousins, her house was open to all family. If Leasteria, had it to give, from a place to stay to words of encouragement, or for someone to have listen, she was there for you. She loved her brothers, Jr., Michael and late Vincent, unconditionally, being the baby sister, she made sure her voice was heard amongst them. She loved her two sisters-in-law, Emma Dale and Tracy and her late husband's family. Leasteria looked forward to the Johnson's family trip to Florida, Thanksgiving with the Martin family and the annual Simpson family reunions. Most of all she loved being around family and having a good time.

Leasteria was employed at Clover Bottom Developmental Center for many years until retiring from the State of TN and also employed as a correctional officer at Riverbend Maximum Security Institution. She had a caring spirit for others, in spite of her own health, she worked many years as a private caretaker.

In 1998, Leasteria met the love of her life, late Major Jones. They were together 22 years. Life partners that loved each other. November 6, 2010, Leasteria and Major united and became one. They loved to travel and enjoyed each other going to family reunions. Leasteria and Major loved to spoil their grandchildren.

A Fighter Until the End: Leasteria had health battles that she did overcome to live the life she desired to have. She was a fighter, her will to live was unmatched and the strength she carried will always remain.

Memories to Cherish: Leasteria leaves behind to forever cherish her beautiful memories, her brothers Elder Elbert Johnson Jr., Michael (Emma Dale) Johnson, Raymond (Linda) Johnson, sister-in-law Tracy Johnson, loving daughters Shaventa Thompson and Pauleshia Davis, loving son Johnta (Phylcia) Johnson, grandchildren Tyree Thompson, Marquious Thompson, Ivory Nowlin, Damichael Nowlin, Ladamion Nowlin and Jaquarius Nowlin. Her loving niece and nephews, Vincent Johnson Jr., Jacqueline Johnson, Alexander Johnson, Isaiah "Trey" Johnson and Reginald Seay. Loving great nephews Julian and Axel.

Leasteria also leave to cherish her memory, devoted and host of loved friends, Ms. Pat Marble, Tina High, Rhondalyn Jones-Larrieu, Linda McCabe, Sinchona Beasley, Glenda Seay, Kaleshia Bowman, Wonda Wade-Matthews, Edie Coder, Nicky Neal, Tina Laws, Kia Churchwell, Deborah Andrews, Melba White and Deangelo Weir; loving cousins/sisters from Detroit, MI Debra Simpson and Rhonda Wallingford and a host of cousins and friends.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND LOVE

Officiating: Minister Michael Neal

Prelude

Solo & Speech....."As I Knew Her".....Deangelo Weir

Scripture.....Elder Jeffery Huddleston

Prayer.....Reverend Raymond Burns

Solo.....Bishop Belita McMurry Fite

Acknowledgement and Resolutions.....NMFH Staff

Obituary.....*(read silently with soft music)*

Solo.....Pastor Falesia Butler

Words of Comfort.....2-4 minutesJohnta Johnson (son)

Special Tribute.....Debra Simpson (cousin)

Elbert Johnson (brother) & Michael Johnson (brother)

Eulogy.....Dr. Cordell Simpson

Memorial

Recessional.....Ministers, Flower Ladies Pallbearers,

Neuble Monument FH Staff and The Family

Final Resting Place

Mount Lebanon Memorial Gardens

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Officiating: Minister Michael Neal