

## *I'm Free*

I Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call:

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way;

I found my place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void

Then fill it with remembered joys.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Ah yes, these things I too shall miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow:

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savoured much;

Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.

Perhaps my life seemed all too brief:

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me;

God wanted me now, He set me free.

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Kevin Walker | Billie Ross Baker

Larry Sims | Ricky Rivers

## *Active Pallbearers*

Freddie Linton Jr. | Dedric Hardy | Dennis Williams

Harold Crawford | Donteal Carter | Rodney Minor

## *Flower Attendants*

Grandchildren | Ushers | Friends

## *Acknowledgements*

The family of the late Mr. Elise Johnson extends our heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation to all who supported us during this time of loss. We are especially grateful to the presiders, officiants, eulogist, pallbearers, ushers, and friends who played a role in the "Celebration of Life" service. We deeply appreciate every act of kindness: your prayers, visits, phone calls, floral tributes, food, and the love you shared in so many meaningful ways. May God continue to bless each of you abundantly.

- *The Johnson Family*

## *Interment*

Oak Grove Cemetery  
411 Crossroads Church Road  
Pearson, Georgia 31642

## *Repast*

Pearson Civic Center  
786 E. Austin Avenue  
Pearson, Georgia 31642

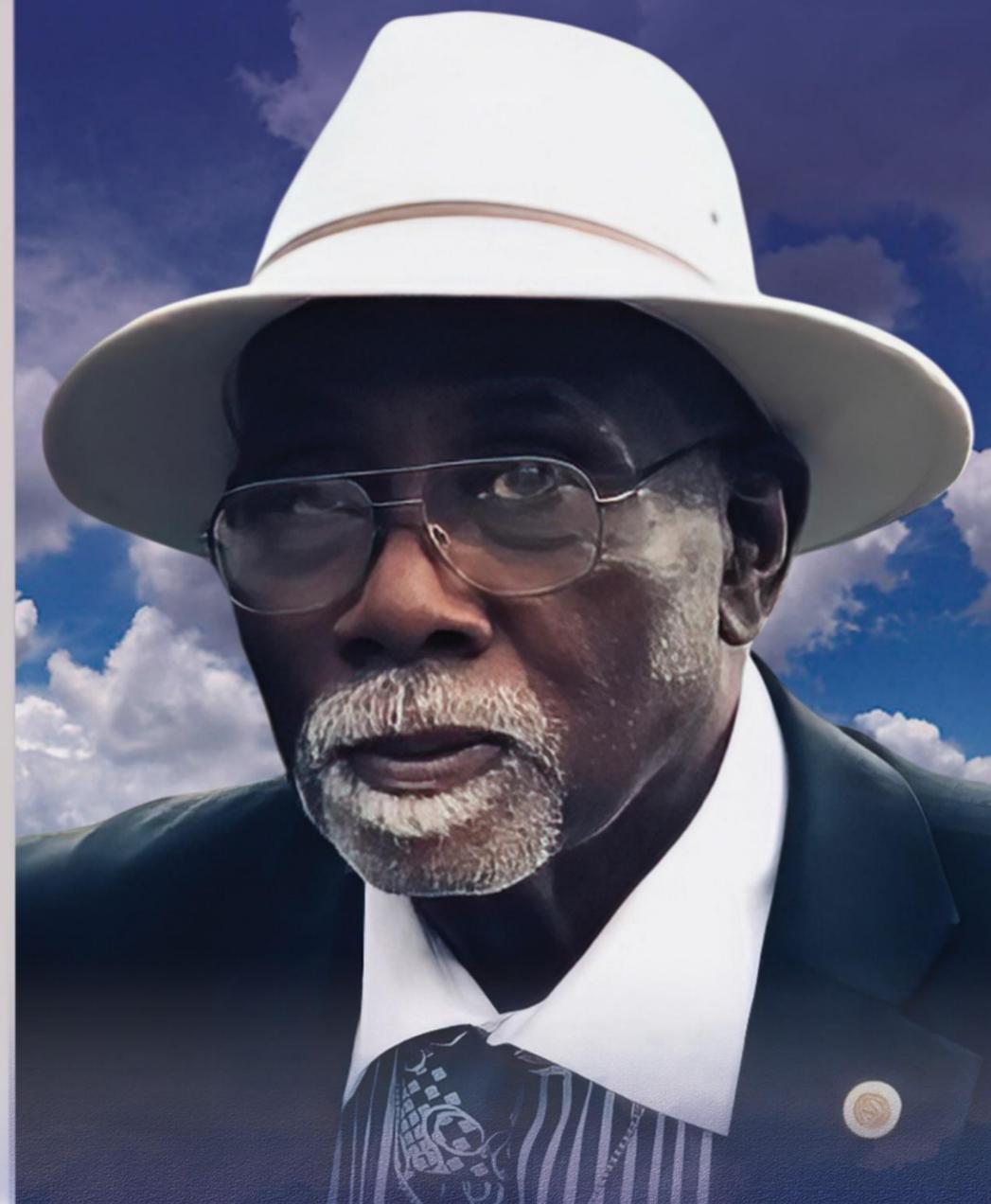
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# *Celebration of Life* for



## **ELISE "EJ" JOHNSON**

Sunrise: February 2, 1943 - Sunset: May 24, 2025

Saturday, May 31, 2025

11:00 AM

Eulogist, Reverend Isaac Ross

Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church

411 Crossroads Church Road

Pearson, Georgia 31642

# Life Reflections

# Order of Service

## Precious Memories

Elise "E.J." Johnson was born on February 2, 1943, in Pearson, Georgia, to the late Ceffie Mae (David) Holland and Jack Minor Sr. A life rooted in faith, service, and love, E.J. was united in holy matrimony to Barbara J. Baker, with whom he shared over twenty-eight devoted and loving years.

A pillar of his church and community, E.J. was a faithful and active member of Oak Grove "Crossroads" Missionary Baptist Church, where he served honorably as a Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent. He was a man of wisdom, patience, and unwavering commitment to both his faith and his fellow parishioners.

Throughout his working years, E.J. exemplified a strong work ethic and dedication in every role he undertook. He was employed by Georgia Pacific, Gold Kist Feed Mill, and later served the children and faculty of Pearson Elementary School with kindness and consistency.

On the morning of Saturday, May 24, 2025, Elise "E.J." Johnson peacefully transitioned to be with the Lord.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Ida Mae Tillman and Barbara Johnson Wilkins; two brothers, Benjamin Holland and Jack Minor Jr.; two grandchildren, Amber Wilson and Ka'vozia Walker; and one daughter, Angela Miller.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories: his devoted wife of over twenty-eight years, Barbara Baker Johnson, and his loving children: Pam Johnson, Paulette Johnson, Estelle Johnson, Antonio Johnson, and Pamela (Kevin) Walker, all of Douglas, Georgia; his siblings: Evelyn Brown, Janie Taylor, Caroline Nunnally, Coleen Minor, David (Hattie) Holland Jr., Elijah (Patricia) Holland, Carolyn (Horace) Foster, Kelly Holland, Willie Joe Holland, Trudy (George) Johnson, and Tracy Holland; five sisters-in-law: Maggie McGriff, Geraldine Mitchell, Jennie (Joe) Crawford, Verdie (Clyde) Andrews, and Deloris Merritt; and two brothers-in-law: Billie Ross (Shirlene) Baker and Will Rivers Sr.

He was the proud grandfather of sixteen grandchildren: Brian Wesley, Gary Williams, Kyeanna Williams, Quintavius Johnson, Taniya Johnson, Zion Johnson, Miracle Johnson, Raelyn Johnson, Kadarius Walker, Kaliyah Walker, Aquashia Buckley, Dedric (Chandra) Hardy, Cedric Hardy, Barry Miller, and Brandill Miller; and ten great-grandchildren who will carry his legacy forward. Elise also shared close bonds with special friends Donnelle Smallwood, Elijah Porter, Aubree Fullwood, and Kasyn Porter; a beloved cousin, Berneice Minor Roberts; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family, and friends who will continue to be inspired by his love, strength, and unwavering faith.



*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."*

~2 Timothy 4:7

Presider, Bishop Craig Johnson

- Processional.....Ministers and Family
- Final Glimpse
- Invocation.....Reverend Bettye Drayton-Williams
- Scripture Readings:
  - Old Testament.....Bishop Craig Johnson
  - New Testament.....Bishop Craig Johnson
- Solo.....Sister Josalin Simpson
- Reflections.....Please Limit To Two Minutes
  - As a Son.....Antonio Johnson
  - As a Deacon.....Deacon Larry Williams
  - As a Friend/Co-Worker.....Deacon James Johnson
- Church Resolution.....Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church
- Solo.....Sister Anterius Vickers
- Eulogy.....Reverend Issac Ross
  - Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church
  - Pearson, Georgia
- Acknowledgments.....Harrell's Staff
- Committal Service
- Benediction