



Loretta Johnson

February 12, 1957 - March 27, 2026

Loretta Johnson was born on February 12, 1957, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Willie Johnson, Sr. and Elizabeth Johnson. She was educated in the Philadelphia public school system, attending Harrington Elementary School, Shaw Junior High School, and graduating from West Philadelphia High School in 1975.

From an early age, Loretta lived a vibrant and active life. Deeply rooted in her faith, she was baptized as a young girl and became a devoted member of Enon Baptist Church. Her love for gospel music was evident throughout her life, she sang from childhood and went on to lead the Heavenly Chimes Choir while also lending her voice to the Sanctuary Choir. In addition to her church involvement, Loretta participated in Girl Scouts and enjoyed tap dancing.

After graduating high school, Loretta pursued higher education at the Community College of Philadelphia, where she earned an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. She continued her studies at the Philadelphia College of Textile and Science, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology. Lastly, she earned her Paralegal's certificate.

Loretta dedicated her life towards helping the community through service. She started her professional career as a Social Worker in Philadelphia. She then went to the Philadelphia Department of Corrections, where she worked

faithfully until her health required her to retire. After retirement, she worked as a para legal at PNC. Finally, she came full circle as a CASA worker for the state of Delaware. Even after relocating to Wilmington, Delaware, she remained active in church services and choir groups until the declining health led her to step away.

A woman of strong faith and deep love for family, Loretta found joy in bringing people together. She and her beloved wife and life partner, Gladys, were known for hosting family and friends with warmth and generosity. Their home was often filled with laughter, good food, and joyful gatherings by the pool. Loretta especially expressed her love through cooking, using comfort food to bring happiness to those around her and the wisest of counsel to anyone in need, be they family or stranger.

Loretta and Gladys were blessed with four boys: Damon, Jabbar, Shawn, and Antoine. They also lovingly helped raise their nieces, Briana and Tianna. Loretta took great pride in her children, who have grown into accomplished individuals with families and professional careers of their own.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Eula and Hattie Ruth. Two brothers in law Isaac and David. Loretta leaves to cherish her memory her devoted wife, Gladys; her four boys, Damon, Jabbar, Shawn, and Antoine; daughters-in-love Tira, Toya, Monique and Geneva; two sisters, Belinda and Nanette; one brother, Willie Jr.; five sisters-in-law Beverly, Deann, Yolanda, Natasha and Skylit; three brothers-in-law Elliott, Jahza and Isaiah and a host of loving family members and dear friends.

Loretta's life was guided by her unwavering faith, inspired by the words: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea."

She will be deeply missed and forever cherished.

Cemetery Details

PRIVATE

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 24. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Life Christian Center
400 Hillcrest Ave
Wilmington, DE 19809

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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Cousin Delores Bowman and Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Loretta Johnson.*



Cousin Delores Bowman and Family - April 22 at 10:51 AM

RJ

“ *Renee Jackson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Loretta Johnson.*



Renee Jackson - April 20 at 11:48 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Loretta Johnson.*

April 17 at 06:43 PM



“ *Majestic Heart was purchased for the family of Loretta Johnson.*



April 17 at 06:43 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Loretta Johnson.



April 17 at 10:38 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Loretta Johnson.

April 17 at 10:38 AM



“ Sheila Parks and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Loretta Johnson.

Sheila Parks and Family - April 08 at 09:38 PM



“ Sheila Parks and Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Loretta Johnson.



Sheila Parks and Family - April 08 at 09:38 PM



“ Your brother and sisters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Loretta Johnson.

Your brother and sisters - April 07 at 12:37 PM

YS

“ Your brother and sisters purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Loretta Johnson.



Your brother and sisters - April 07 at 12:37 PM

S'

“ Sisters of '75 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Loretta Johnson.

Sisters of '75 - April 06 at 07:59 PM

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“ Sisters of '75 purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Loretta Johnson.



Sisters of '75 - April 06 at 07:59 PM

AJ

“ Loretta was such a loving, strong & intelligent woman. She had the ability to speak softly but her presence was loud. If she loved you, she loved you with her WHOLE heart. We know she's in the presence of GOD and we pray her soul is at peace now. We will miss you dearly. Love Pat & Ayesha.

AYESHA JENKINS - April 05 at 10:09 AM