

Order of Service

Reverend Ricky Simmons, Presiding

Prelude.....Musician

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Final Viewing of Loved One

Invocation.....Reverend Ricky Simmons

Selection.....Choir and Congregation

"Amazing Grace"

Scriptural Readings:

Old Testament.....Reverend Wayne Johnson

Psalms 90:1-12

New Testament.....Reverend Aretha Gibson- Johnson

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Joe Roberts

Selection.....Choir

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Expressions **(Three-minute limit, please):**

Church.....Mrs. Gloria "Bee" Johnson

Family.....Mr. Cedrick Tidwell, Son-in-Law

Selection.....Choir

"Goin' Up Yonder"

Words of Comfort.....Pastor Terry Johnson

Elizabeth Baptist Church

Manning, South Carolina

Directions of the Funeral Director Samuels Funeral Home

Recessional

Committal and Benediction

Interment

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

Columbia, South Carolina

Floral Bearers

Friends of the Family

Casket Bearers

Friends of the Family

To Our Sister

If You Could Only Have Stayed

Constantly thinking, never to be the same.

The tears fall quickly just hearing your name.

Silence is golden, yet not anymore.

Silence brings thoughts we just can't ignore.

The nights are sleepless, dreams out of reach.

Crying in our pillow to you we beseech.

Surrounded by family, we still feel alone.

Our hearts are so empty. This pain we must own.

We wish we could hug you and just see your face.

But now we have memories to stand in your place.

Gone but not forgotten, that's what they say.

Of course that is true... but if only you could have stayed.

~Love, Your Sisters and Brothers

Acknowledgements

The family of the late **Sadie Johnson Sowell** wishes to thank you for your loving expressions of sympathy and comfort. You have filled our hearts with love during this time of sadness. May God's richest blessings be upon each of you.

-The Sowell Family



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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Sadie Mae
JOHNSON SOWELL



Saturday, August 9, 2026

1:00 PM

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church

105 Dinkins St., Manning SC

Rev. Ricky Simmons, Interim Pastor

Rev. Terry Johnson, Eulogist

“A Life’s Story”

**Reward
1940**

**Labor
2026**

Early Wednesday morning, July 29, 2026, Our Heavenly Father dispatched an angel to Chandler Place Assisted Living and Memory Care in Rock Hill, South Carolina to summon our beloved **Sadie Mae Johnson Sowell**, from her Earthly labor to her Heavenly reward. She heeded the Call of the Master and went quietly to sleep.

Born on April 19, 1940, in Clarendon County, South Carolina, Sadie was the fourth child and the first daughter of the late Matthew Johnson, Sr. and Susie Mae Tindal Johnson.

Being reared in a Christian home, she confessed Christ at an early age and was baptized at Mt. Zero Missionary Baptist Church, where she worked diligently for many years. She was educated in the public schools of Clarendon County and was a 1959 graduate of Manning Training School. After graduation, she began her educational journey at Morris College in Sumter. On June 12, 1960, she married Willie Sowell, Jr. Shortly thereafter, she united with Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church where she served faithfully until her health declined. At Ebenezer, she attended Sunday School, was a member of the Missionary Society, and was a former Cub Scout Leader. For many years, she served dutifully as the President of the Ushers’ Ministry, a position that she took very seriously and worked to ensure that all ushers were properly trained and in place for worship services. As a young wife of a U.S. Army soldier, she accompanied her beloved Willie as he traveled all over the world. During their travels, they were stationed in several bases in the United States, France, and Germany. To their union, four children were born.

After returning home to Manning, **Sadie** was first employed by Clarendon School District Two as a Teacher’s Aide for many years. After much prayer and encouragement, Sadie re-enrolled at Morris College to complete her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education so that she could become certified to teach. After her graduation in 1993, she returned to Manning Primary School (Clarendon Two) where she taught second grade until she retired in 2005. Because of her love for children and education, she returned to the classroom as a substitute teacher at various schools until her health began to decline. **Sadie** was a life-long learner and was an avid reader. In her retirement years, she took much pleasure in working in her yard, sewing, crocheting, traveling, and completing word puzzles.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers- Matthew, Jr. “Bill,” Joseph, and Leroy. She was also preceded in death by her dedicated husband, Willie Sowell, Jr. who passed away in February of 2020 after nearly sixty (60) years of marriage.

She leaves to cherish many fond and loving memories: her loving and devoted children: Laraine (Darryl) Cummings, Vivian (William) Douglas, Daryl (Tonya) Sowell, and Sonya (Cedrick, Sr.) Tidwell; three sisters: Betty Heyward, Gloria (Daniel) Thames, and Phosia (Robert) McCray. two brothers: Larry Johnson and Larnell (Aretha) Johnson; three additional sisters-in-law: Ella Johnson, Sylvia S. Edwards, and Flora Sowell; one additional brother-in-law, Andrew (Francine) Newman; 7 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; one aunt, Jean Felder; three uncles, Stewart (Lois)Tindal, Woodrow (Mazie)Tindal and John (Delores) Tindal and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

In Loving Memory of **Sadie Mae Johnson Sowell**



“Together Again”

To My Loving Family I Am Not Gone

I am not gone
I remain here beside you
Just in a different form
Look for me in your heart
And there you will find me
in our love which forever lives on
In those moments when you feel alone
Look for me in your thoughts
And there you will find me
in sweet memories that burn strong

Every time a tear
Forms in your beautiful eyes
Look up to the heavens
And there you will see me
Smiling down from God's glorious skies

~Love, “**Sadie**”

Tributes

To Our Mother God’s Garden

God looked around His garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the Earth
And saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God’s garden must be beautiful—
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering;
He knew that you were in pain;
He knew that you would never
Get well on Earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough,
And the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids,
And whispered, “Peace be thine.”
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you didn’t go alone.
For part of us went with you—
The day God called you home.

~Love, Your Children

To Our Grandmother If Roses Grow In Heaven

If roses grow in heaven,
Lord please pick a bunch for us,
Place them in our Grandmother’s arms
and tell her they’re from us.
Tell her we love her and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for awhile.
Because remembering her is easy,
We do it every day,
but there’s an ache within our hearts
that will never go away.

~Love, Your Grandchildren