



*Pallbearers*

Grandsons and Great-grandsons

*Flower Bearers*

Grand Daughters and Great-granddaughters

*Acknowledgements*

We the family of this beautiful beloved Lady, our Queen, have no doubt that she is in Heaven and if there is a kitchen she is making collard greens and cornbread from scratch. Your presence here with us today has taken the edge off the grief we bear and for that we are grateful. We are equally thankful for every card, call, text, email, meal, flower, social media post and every other way that you loved on our family as we pass through this valley of the shadow of death. Our hearts are full because our momma loved us so. Your presence here today is for us, an extension of her love.



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CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICES FOR

*Mrs. Rodessa Todd  
Johnson*

October 18, 1939 - March 9, 2025



**Friday, March 14, 2025 | 11:00 A.M. (EST)**

**Mt. Hermon Baptist Church | 1601 Magnolia Road, Lanett, AL**

Rev. Dr. Antoinette G. Alvarado, *Officiating*  
Grace Church International, Atlanta, GA

Rev. Dr. Lamar Johnson, *Eulogist*  
Mount Anna Baptist Church, Aiken County, SC





# The Obituary

Mrs. Rodessa Todd Johnson, Lanett, AL (formerly of Lafayette, AL) joined the ancestral choir in Heaven on Sunday, March 9, 2025 at Emory Crawford Long Hospital in Atlanta, GA.

Our Angel came from Heaven on October 18, 1939 to the parental stewardship of the late Oscar Lee Todd and the late Pennsylvania Sims Ferguson (aka Miss Pensy). She was married to the late Joseph Johnson for 47 years. Heaven’s welcome party also included her sisters, Clyde Carr and Ella Pearl Williams and brothers Kniphus and Cecil Todd.

Our Grandmother, Ms Pensy was a praying grandmother who reared her children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, in other words they went to church from Sunrise to Sunset and Lord, Momma carried on the tradition.

Sunday’s were for God and His church, nothing else mattered. We were taught to love God and worship Him only. Angela and I stayed in church. PeriodT! And we are all the more blessed because of it. We Got it from our Momma.

Momma was a devoted member of New Mt. Sellers Baptist Church, where she faithfully served under the leadership of Rev. O. D. Hill until she moved to Lanett where she quickly connected with Mount Hermon Baptist Church serving under the leadership of the late Rev. Louis Upshaw and Rev. Dr. Lamar D. Johnson.

Momma never missed a Sunday until her health began to decline. Even then we found ways for her to listen to her Pastor, her Daughter or Dr. Eric W. Lee preach. She was not very fond of technology. One Sunday afternoon I was visiting and gave her my iPad to watch her service online but she accidentally touched an App and TLC popped up singing “Creep” momma yelled come here and get this thing and refused to touch it again. EVER!

Momma was a quiet reserved soul who could bring a gut wrenching laugh out of us in the spur of the moment. Growing up Saturday Mornings were for cleaning EVERYTHING! Only when the house was cleaned could we go outside to play. We loved Saturday’s because momma would sing to the Lord all day, especially while she was cooking Sunday dinner. We fondly remember her saying “don’t go in my kitchen without washing your hands.” And she meant that. It was like she had bionic hearing.

Momma leaves in the light of her life, her love and her legacy, two devoted daughters, Rev. Dr. Billie Boyd-Cox and Mrs. Angela Shears(Donta); Her four favorite grand-children Jendayia Todd (Travis)Trimecia Quarles (Tyrone), Remondre Boyd(Erin) and Adonta Shears. Thirteen great grandchildren who were the treasures of her heart, Keavis Sands, Dylan Pressley, Peyton Williams, Taylor Boyd, Jasmine Boyd, Jordon Todd, Kaylee Pressley, Moriyah Boyd, Kennedy Boyd, Josiah Boyd, Kendal Pressley, Chandler Baccus and Kinsley Baccus. The newest additions to her legacy are her great-great grandchildren Aubree, Neveah, Grayson, Ryleigh, and Alani. Momma would be “hotter than fish grease” if we didn’t include her Bonus Family: Thomas, Michael, Carson, Joe and Karen Hill and Quenda Deon Moore whom she loved dearly. We would also be remissed if we didn’t mention her “Church Buddy” Deacon Jamie Heard and her friend Dr. Eric Hubbard.

She also leaves her precious “one call that’s all” nephew Clifford Todd(Ethel) and niece Annie Carwell; two brothers-in-law, Horace E. Johnson and Joe Lee Johnson; three sisters-in-law, Patricia Johnson, Magarine Johnson and Patricia Ann Smith; Special friends, Deacon Charlie Woody, Ann Bummer, Bettye Craig, Annette Nelloms, Lemuel Cox and Cynthia Barrow and a host of other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

# The Order of Service

Officiating..... Rev. Dr. Antoinette Griffin Alvarado  
Musical Prelude ..... Mt. Hermon Baptist Church Choir  
Processional.....Clergy/Family  
Prayer of Comfort .....Deacon Clifford Todd

### Scripture Reading

Old Testament..... Minister Remondre Boyd  
New Testament ..... Elder Rochelle Lee

Worship through Music.....Choir  
Words of Comfort ..... Rev. Dr. Eric Lee - Springfield Baptist Church, Conyers Georgia

### Moments of Reflection

The Church: Deacon Jamie Heard | The Family: Mrs. Mary Bailey-Mitchell

Special Tribute ..... Rev. Dr. Billie Boyd-Cox  
Song of Preparation.....Choir  
Eulogy .....Rev. Dr. Lamar Johnson - Mount Ann Baptist Church, South Carolina

Benediction

Acknowledgements

Recessional Song.....“I shall wear a crown” ..... Mt. Hermon Baptist Church

### Interment

Pine Hill Cemetery

### Repast

Mount Herman Fellowship Hall  
Immediately following the Interment

