

## *Acknowledgements*

*On behalf of our family, we would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude for the incredible support and kindness you have shown us during this time. Your love and comforting words have provided us with immense solace, and we truly appreciate every moment of care and concern you have extended toward us. Thank you once again for everything. We are forever grateful. The Family*

The Committal Ritual.....Minister  
Closing Prayer.....Minister  
Benediction.....Minister

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## *A Celebration of Life*



*Ms. Connie K. DeJores*  
**JOHNSON**

*June 03, 1961 – December 24, 2025*

### GRAVESIDE SERVICE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 02, 2026

11:00 AM

EAST-VIEW CEMETERY PAVILION

AMERICUS, GA

MINISTER GWEN HARRIS, OFFICIATING



# Her Life's Journey

Connie Delores Johnson was born on June 3, 1961, in Sumter County, Georgia, to the late Mattie Mae Austin Johnson and the late Charlie “Jim” Johnson. She received her education in the public schools of Sumter County and, at an early age, united with Mt. Salem Baptist Church, where her faith journey began.

Today we celebrate the life of Connie—strong, talented, and full of love. Connie was a woman of many gifts. She was known for her extraordinary ability in the kitchen, where her meals were more than food—they were expressions of love, generosity, and service to the community. Her spirit of giving was free and sincere, touching everyone who crossed her path.

Connie was also a force to be reckoned with on the softball field: a feared home-run hitter and consistent All-Star; her talent could not be denied. Even after stepping away from the game, her impact was so profound that her coach personally asked her to return — a testament to both her skill and her presence. Connie knew when to shift seasons in life. With the same passion she gave to everything she pursued, she chose motherhood and family. She was the boss lady of the family — a natural leader with sharp insight, able to read a room and a person in seconds. Connie lived fully, loved deeply, and leaves behind a legacy that continues to shine through her children, grandchildren, and all who loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mattie Mae Austin Johnson and Charlie “Jim” Johnson; four brothers: John, James, Ben, and Otis Austin; and three sisters: Bernice Jefferson, Martha Johnson, and Diane Austin.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories her life partner and companion, James Dice, Sr.; her three children: Mrs. Ya’Chica (Ken) Banks of McDonough, Georgia; Ms. Sierra Johnson of Americus, Georgia; and Mr. James Dice, Jr., of Americus, Georgia; six beloved grandchildren; a bonus son, Brandon Wilborn of High Point, North Carolina; fourteen brothers and sisters: Ms. Gloria Tyson; Ms. Mary Johnson; Mr. Ricky (Diane) Johnson; Mr. Raymond (Mary) Johnson; and Mr. Gregory (Margie) Johnson, all of Americus, Georgia; Mr. Robert (Jill) Johnson of Byron, Georgia; Mr. Jessie (Beverly) Austin of Houston, Texas; Mr. Charlie (Melinda) Johnson, Jr., of Forest Park, Georgia; Mrs. Tammy (Herman) Copeland of Fayetteville, Georgia; Ms. Brenda Bivins; Mr. Antonio (Michelle) Johnson of Jonesboro, Georgia; Mr. Christopher (Catherine) Johnson of Rex, Georgia; Mr. Mack (Beverly) Johnson of Conyers, Georgia; and Ms. Shonda Johnson of High Point, North Carolina; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends. She also leaves devoted friends Shirley Prince and Carla Wright. Connie’s life was a blessing, her memory a treasure, and her love an enduring gift to all who knew her.

## Order of Service

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### PROCESSIONAL/LAST GLANCE

Clergy and Family

### PRAYER

Kyle Ransom

### SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament .....Deacon Raymond Johnson

New Testament..... Minister Ricky Johnson

### SELECTION

Michael Johnson

### REFLECTIONS

Limited to 4 People .....*Limited to 2 Min. Please*

### FAMILY TRIBUTE

Austin and Johnson Family (Brothers and Sisters)

### SELECTION

Shonda Johnson

### WORDS OF COMFORT

Minister Gwen Harris

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONDOLENCES

Johnson & Son Staff

### INTERMENT RITUAL/ RECESSIONAL

Minister Gwen Harris

*Interment*

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