

## Order of Service

Pastor Terrence Pickett, Presiding  
Encounter Church, Jacksonville, Florida

Processional/Viewing

Selection Kingdom Cathedral Worship Ministry

Invocation Pastor Calvin Harvey  
*Living Word of God Church*

Scriptures:  
Old Testament Elder Jerry Harvey  
*Living Word of God Church*

New Testament Elder Michael Arbery  
*Kingdom Cathedral*

Solo I Can Only Image Leilani Catus  
*Kingdom Cathedral*

Reflections  
As a Daughter Shanita Hardy  
As a Granddaughter Jimeshia Simmons  
As a Nephew Larry Goggins  
As a Cousin Mother Annette Cook  
*Founding Mother of Faust Temple #2 Church*

Acknowledgements and Resolutions Deaconess Shawana Catus  
*Kingdom Cathedral*

Selection Trust in God Kingdom Cathedral Worship Ministry

Words of Comfort Bishop Marvelle L. Cook  
*Senior Pastor Kingdom Cathedral*

Recessional

## Pallbearers

Harry Ball, Ray Brown, Tromaine Brown  
Kevin Jackson, Jamaal Mixon, Sr., Jamaal Mixon, Jr.

## Flower Attendants

Nieces and Mothers of Kingdom Cathedral

## Interment

Restlawn Cemetery South  
3301 Moncrief Road West | Jacksonville, Florida 32209

## Repast

Kingdom Cathedral North – Multipurpose Building  
2973 Edgewood Avenue W. | Jacksonville, Florida 32209

## Acknowledgements

Our family wishes to express our deepest gratitude for the many acts of kindness, expressions of love, comforting prayers, and support shown to us during this time of sorrow. Your visits, calls, texts, meals, cards, and especially your prayers have given us strength and comfort.

We are especially grateful for those who have taken time to celebrate Joann's life with us whether near or far and for the loving memories shared. Your thoughtfulness and compassion will never be forgotten. May God continue to bless each of you abundantly.

With love,

*The Family of the Late Joann Brown Stapleton*

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



MISSIONARY

*Joann*  
BROWN STAPLETON

SUNRISE  
December 3, 1950

*"Jo"*

SUNSET  
August 16, 2025

SATURDAY | AUGUST 23, 2025 | 11:00AM  
KINGDOM CATHEDRAL WEST  
427 South McDuff Avenue | Jacksonville, Florida 32254  
Bishop Marvelle L. Cook, Senior Pastor

# Obituary

Joann Brown Stapleton was born on December 3, 1950, in Jacksonville to Eddie Brown, Sr. and Millie Lee Stokes-Brown. She attended Longbranch Elementary and was a proud graduate of Gilbert Senior High School, Class of 1967. Joann continued her education at Florida Community College of Jacksonville. Joann grew up attending Morning Star Freewill Baptist Church and later worshipped at Faith Temple. In 1983, she became a devoted member of Faust Temple #2 C.O.G.I.C. and continued to be a faithful member of Kingdom Cathedral under the leadership of Bishop Marvelle L. Cook.

As a young woman, Jo entered the workforce as a waitress at Mr. Ed's Diner. She later joined Eagle Records Company, where she was proudly crowned Miss Eagle for her outstanding dedication and work ethic. She also was one of the head cooks at Howard Johnson for several years. After overcoming a brain tumor, Joann continued to work in various fields including childcare, hospitality, and industrial cleaning. She was an entrepreneur at heart, crafting beautiful, original designs in clothing and jewelry that reflected her creativity and spirit.

On February 17, 2002, Joann married the love of her life, Leon Stapleton. Together, they shared twenty-three wonderful years filled with laughter, companionship, and unwavering support for each other.

Her home was a refuge for many whether you needed a place to stay, a hot meal, or someone to pray with, Mrs. Joann was there. She loved deeply and gave generously, especially to her family and friends. Her favorite pastimes included driving around Jacksonville to visit loved ones, sharing home-cooked meals, sewing, crocheting, and treasure-hunting in thrift stores. A joyful storyteller and avid sports fan, Joann always cheered passionately for her "winning team", regardless of the scoreboard.

Joann Brown Stapleton, a beloved wife, sister, aunt, friend, and faithful servant, passed away peacefully on August 16, 2025, in Jacksonville, Florida, leaving behind a legacy of love, service, and strength.

She was preceded in death by her father: Eddie Brown, Sr.; mother: Millie Lee Stokes-Brown; brothers: Johnny M. Brown and Alphonso Brown; sisters: Betty J. Felton (James) and Doris Felton (Fred); brother-in-law: Willie James and great-grandchild: Mikeem Simmons.

Joann is survived by her spouse: Leon Stapleton; children: Shanita L. Hardy (Rivious), Frantanzo L. Seals (Tajuana) and Steven D. Seals; stepchildren: Milton Stapleton, Prentice Stapleton and Sophia Stapleton; grandchildren: Jimeshia L. Simmons (Michael), Kiera N. Kemp, Jimmie L. Kemp, III, Jarvis T. Seals (Essence), Jarred D. Seals, Jeremy L. Seals, Johnathan J. Seals, Aysia Washington and Steven D. Seals, Jr; great-grandchildren: Geordan Woods, Georvon Woods, Mi'Kayla Simmons, Ge'Keria Freeman, James Ingram, Jr., Trayvon Ingram, Kai'lynn Frazier, Elias Seals, Jaire Seals, Jadyn Seals and Kapri Kemp; brothers and sisters: Eddie Brown, Sr. (Alice), Geneva Brown, Shirley Brown, Margie Goggins, Harriet White (Lamont), Cassandra Brown and Tara Jones (Troy) and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

