



Anita Elaine Johnson

July 21, 1947 - May 9, 2023

Anita Elaine (Lawrence) Johnson was born on July 21, 1947, to the late William and Pilar Lawrence in Evansville, Indiana.

Anita was the 5th of 12 children from that union that were all raised at 1026 Cherry Street. She was affectionately called “Bookie” by her close family and friends.

Anita accepted Christ and was baptized at an early age. She attended St. John Catholic Grade School and graduated from Rex Mundi High School in 1965. Anita worked at Swanson Electric for several years. She married her husband Jimmy Johnson and from their holy union came two children, Jamie and Stephen (Steve).

Anita focused on her family and raising her children after they moved to Atlanta GA. Anita worked at WAOK Radio Station, where she met many entertainers in the music industry. She was later employed with Waffle House Corporation for many years where she was a dedicated employee until she retired in 2020.

Anita was a committed and faithful member of Saint Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Decatur, GA, where she was a member of the International Council of Catholic Women, St. Vincent De Paul, and a devoted sister of the Ladies

Auxiliary Court 313 of St Peter Claver.

Anita had a beautiful smile and positive spirit, loved fashion, and poured her heart and soul into cooking delicious meals for her family and friends. Anita was active in the community and a leader in church fundraising activities. Her appreciation for various music genres led her to local Art festivals, Jazz/Blues concerts, and enjoyed attending Plays. She loved line dancing and time with the group “The Fabulous 5” which led to doing water aerobics at the local LA Fitness. Nothing gave her more joy than spending time with her children and grandkids.

Anita departed this life too soon, after a brief illness, at the age of 75, on May 9, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Pilar Lawrence, brothers, William Lawrence, Jr. and Anthony (Tony) Lawrence, and sister Carolyn Pate.

Anita leaves her two devoted children Jamie Antoine from Beltsville, MD. (Tamlin “Buster” Antoine, III.), and Stephen (Steve) Johnson from Atlanta, GA.

Anita cherished her grandchildren who lovingly called her “Nene”: Tamlin (BJ) Antoine IV, Javonne Antoine, Jada Antoine, and Stephen Johnson Jr.

Anita is also survived by her Sisters: Rita Albert, Lillian Jackson, Paula Williams, and Marcia Mosley (Ronald), all of Indianapolis, IN, and Andrea Baltzell of Evansville, IN.

Brothers: Phillip Lawrence, (Cheryl), Los Angeles CA, Dr. Marcellus Lawrence (Michelle), Pooler, GA, and Aaron Lawrence (Jawanna) Evansville, IN.

Anita is also survived by a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and friends.

Anita had a unique and distinct funny laugh and smile that would light up the room.

Anita was known as our “Little Angel” because of her big welcoming heart.

We will miss her warm, kind, sweet, and gentle soul who loved the Lord.

Cemetery Details

Honey Creek Woodland Cemetary 2526 Ga. 212

Conyers, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

Saint Peter and Paul Catholic Church
2560 Tilson Rd
Decatur, 30032

Celebration of Life

MAY 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Peter and Paul Catholic Church
2560 Tilson Rd
Decatur, 30032

Tribute Wall

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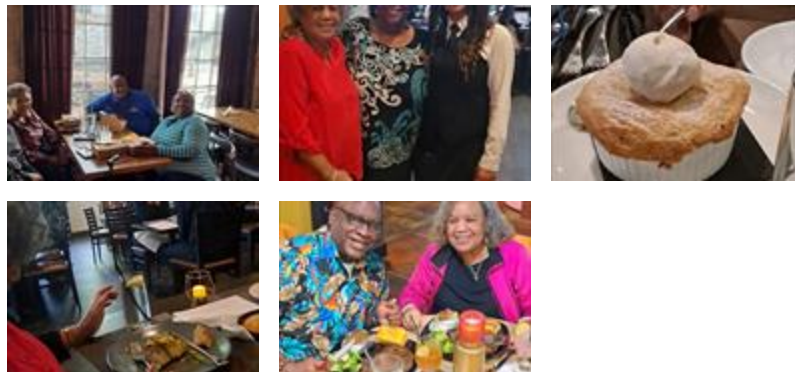
“ My beautiful Aunt Anita was my auntie mom and friend. I lived the closer to her and we would watch movies, have good conversations and laugh all the time. We would pray for one another. 🙏 My angel is in heaven with my Mom Carolyn. Jamie and Steve they are watching over us. We did a good job!



LaJunne Smith - May 22, 2023 at 02:04 AM

MC

“ Anita was a light to us all. Vivacious full of life and exciting. She was like a sister to me. Always caring and helpful. A joy to be with. My favorite dance partner and foodie. I will cherish the times Anita, the Fabulous 5 and members of her family members we spent together.



Michael J, Caw - May 19, 2023 at 12:02 PM

LG

“ May of 2021 was the last time I saw Anita when I visited her in Pompano Beach, FL. She had come to Florida with her family and called me to see if I was available to stop by for a visit. My husband and I stopped every thing that we were doing to go have dinner with her and walk on the beach. I am forever grateful to have known such a beautiful soul. I will never forget her beautiful smile, her bubbly personality and her laughter that just fills the atmosphere with so much love & Joy! My condolences goes out to the family and friends.

Love,

“Your Fabulous 5 Friend/Daughter - Linda Graham



Linda Graham - May 19, 2023 at 11:03 AM

GF

“ Gloria, Darin, Jenine and family purchased the E nchanted Cottage for the family of Anita Elaine Johnson.



Gloria, Darin, Jenine and family - May 19, 2023 at 01:03 AM

TU

“ The Hughes's -All 8 of us purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Anita Elaine Johnson.



The Hughes's -All 8 of us - May 18, 2023 at 02:30 PM

MF

“ Michael and Sydney Ferguson purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Anita Elaine Johnson.



Michael and Sydney Ferguson - May 18, 2023 at 12:13 AM

MK

“ I am forever grateful for my trip to Las Vegas back in September of 2019. That would be the last time I saw my dear cousin in person. Anita was such a sweetheart, such a beautiful soul. She will be truly missed. Rest In Eternal Peace Cuz!!! Our deepest sympathy, love & prayers go out to the entire family. We love you all very much. Love, Bubba & Michelle (Shelley) Kidd



Michelle Kidd - May 17, 2023 at 08:52 PM

MF

“ Michelle (Shelley) Kidd and family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Anita Elaine Johnson.



Michelle (Shelley) Kidd and family - May 17, 2023 at 08:38 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anita Elaine Johnson.*



May 17, 2023 at 06:43 PM



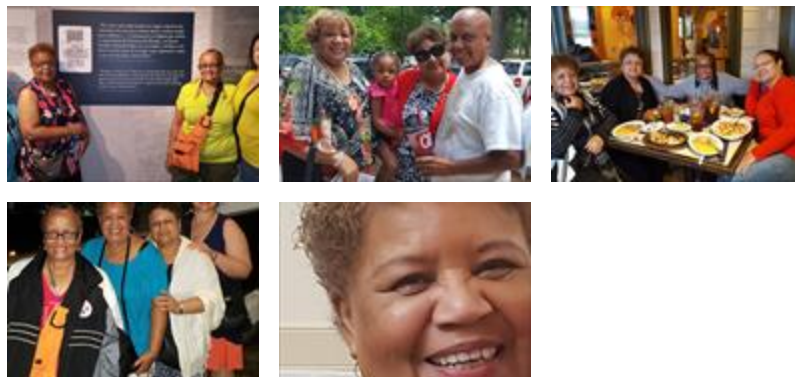
“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anita Elaine Johnson.*



May 17, 2023 at 06:40 PM

CM

“ Anita, was SO close to me. She continued to be my "Big-Sister Cousin" when I arrived in the ATL in 1992. Our lives were so intertwined. We love to cook and travel. She was my Ride or Die. She was there for me when I had knee surgery. We went to Spain and Panama along with many "girls trips" JoAnn's husband called us the "Golden Girls". You are truly my Golden Sister! May God's Grace and Mercy be with you until we meet again. I love you SO much. Thank you for all the great laughs, conversations and tears we shared. Love you much, sis



Chris Edwards Murray - May 17, 2023 at 05:08 PM

MB

“ Jamie and Family, sincere condolences for you and your family during this time of difficult time. Please know that you are in our prayers and thoughts. Many blessings, Carl and Michelle (Bostic) Renfroe.

Michelle Bostic-Renfroe - May 17, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Anita Elaine Johnson.*



May 17, 2023 at 03:08 PM



“ *I worked with Anita for 20+ years at Waffle House. She is an awesome woman and I was happy to call her friend. She took pride in her work and made my job a lot easier. She loved her family and you will all be in my prayers. May God give you His special peace.*
Ruth Grubb

Ruth Grubb - May 17, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to you and your family.*

Michael H. C. Edwards - May 17, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anita Elaine Johnson.*



May 17, 2023 at 10:35 AM

SM

“ I met Mrs. Anita when Jamie and I were freshmen at UGA. Since we both lived in College Park, we became fast friends and "catch a ride home or back to Athens" buddies. Mrs. Anita became a second mom and I can't ever remember her without a smile on her face. My deepest condolences to the family and friends. May the Lod provide extra strength and comfort to you in the days and years to come.
Love,
Sheryl M. Merritt

Sheryl Merritt - May 17, 2023 at 08:13 AM

MM

“ Anita, my dearest Sister, you will forever be in my heart. Your beautiful smile and warm spirit would lift up my heart every time we talked or saw each other. All of our conversations started with laughing so hard that tears would fall from joy. We would tease each other by impersonating other people and we could not stop laughing. 🤪. Anita always talked about her babies, Jamie and Stephen, and her grandkids. She loved them so much. ❤️❤️. Anita lived a full and active life, with friends and family. She was always on the go. She loved line dancing, and traveling. We will miss you Sissy Anita ❤️❤️. We lift up Jamie and Stephen, and the whole family in prayer 🙏❤️.

Marcia and Ron Mosley
Indianapolis, In

marcia mosley - May 16, 2023 at 11:36 PM

WS

RIH... Anita aka "Bookie" I remember St. John Catholic School days with her being a quiet and focused student. Back then we had two grades in the classroom and no nonsense. A pretty and sweet person 💕 God has picked another flower for His service. Prayers going up for the family and friends. 🙏

Wilhelminia Surles - May 17, 2023 at 09:17 PM

PW

“ *Sissy Anita I will forever Miss you. My Traveling Partner, my Love and Hip Hop Atlanta, my Sisters, The Oval, if Loving you is wrong, Black Ink New York. All Our Shows. I know you will be talking to me from Heaven. Rest now My Lovely, Beautiful, Best Friend, Big Sis.*
🌹🌹🌹🌹. *God now has a Beautiful New Rose* 🌹 *in Paradise.* 🌹
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Paula Williams - May 16, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories*



Jamie Antoine - May 16, 2023 at 05:26 PM