



## Vanessa Johnson Conn

September 17, 1956 - August 22, 2016

Funeral Services for Mrs. Vanessa Conn will be held on Friday August 26, 2016 11:00 a.m. at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church 182 Hunter St NW, Norcross, GA 30071 with Bishop William Sheals officiating. Interment Saturday August 27, 2016 in Birmingham, AL. Mrs. Conn's remains will lie in state from 10am until hour of service. Visitation Thursday August 25, 2016 from 5:00 p.m.-8:00p.m. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett and Sons Funeral Home, Inc. Gwinnett Chapel 914 Scenic Highway, GA 30045 (770) 338-5558..

### Obituary for Vanessa Johnson Conn

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On Monday, August 22, 2016, our Heavenly Father called our loved one, Vanessa Johnson Conn, to the land of peace, joy, and contentment.

Vanessa Johnson Conn was born September 17, 1956 in Birmingham, AL. She was #4 of the six children born to Lee Johnson and Ocie Mack Johnson. This sizable family had many fun times together growing up in Brighton, AL. Education: Vanessa Johnson Conn was educated in the Brighton school system attending elementary and secondary; graduating from Brighton High School.

Vanessa was a good student always striving for achievement. As a teenage mother with her firstborn, Tomeco Johnson, Vanessa overcame many obstacles by attending and graduating from Miles College in Birmingham with her BS degree in May, 1979. Vanessa showed her determination to succeed by juggling the roles of working parent and student. Not without family support and encouragement, of course. The Johnsons are a strong and proud family.

Career: Vanessa started her career in Florida in the financial industry; baby Tomeco in tow. She met and married Gregory Mizell then transferred to Lafayette, LA. Greg II was born to this union. A few years later the family moved to the Atlanta, GA area. Vanessa continually reinvented herself through education. Vanessa earned various certificates in the business world. She earned her Realtor license in Florida. Vanessa earned her credential of Board Certified Biblical Counselor (BCBC) in 2010. She completed the requirements for her Paralegal Certificate from Kennesaw State University and was employed by several law firms in the Atlanta area. Vanessa retired from the Pierce & Gabriel firm in 2015. She was an exemplary employee.

Religion: Vanessa was raised in the Baptist tradition and from an early age her faith was evident for all to see. She was a member of Kingdom Hall for some time but joined and was rebaptized at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church in the 1990s. In fact, she met and married J. Sidney Conn at Hopewell. Together, they participated and grew in the church family as Discipleship students, then Marriage Covenant teachers, then Marriage counselors and other ministries as needed.

Vanessa loved life and sports. She became an avid golfer; however, her primary interest was the Black experience throughout history. She visited many of the national museums.

Most of all Vanessa was a fighter and she fought the good fight against disease for the last 3+ years. In the Conn family, she was dubbed “Lady Conn” which reflected her poise, class and beautiful spirit.

Vanessa touched the lives of many and leaves to cherish her:

Husband: J. Sidney Conn, Sr. Children: Tomeco Johnson Campbell (Mike) Gregory Von Mizell II (LaLa) Siblings: Curtis Johnson (Albretta), Frances Blocker (Clyde), Tiajuana Pippen, Clyde Johnson, and Cassandra Dawson (Curt) StepChildren: Kira Conn and Eliot Conn Step Grands: Siarra Diaz, Aspen Prince, Phoenix Prince, Elijah Conn, Mikey Conn She will be sorely missed by the many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I grow up with this family. She was beautiful inside and out. My prayers are with the families.*

*Janet Kennedy Howard.*

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**Janet Kennedy Howard** - August 28, 2016 at 10:08 AM

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“ *To: The Conn and Johnson families*

*I offer my condolences to all of you in the death of Vanessa Johnson Conn. Vanessa was one of my high school classmates at Brighton High School. So sorry to hear of her struggles with illness. We know now that she is safe in the arms of God! Blessings to her family and to all who loved her so much!*



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**Anita Wilson Williams** - August 25, 2016 at 07:18 PM

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“ *Sidney and the entire Johnson, Conn Family our heart goes out to you. We will truly miss that beautiful smile. Sorrow may endure for a night, but Joy come in the morning. May God be with you during this time. I will miss our conversation but I will never forget your Faith in God. Rest In Peace. Your Cousins From Boston. Edward & Shirley*

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**Edward & Shirley** - August 25, 2016 at 01:24 PM

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“ *Shirley & Edward Johnson lit a candle in  
memory of Vanessa Johnson Conn*



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**Shirley & Edward Johnson** - August 25, 2016 at 01:14 PM