



## Ms. Darlene Johnson

December 3, 1968 - June 5, 2019

\*\*\*\*NOTE: Funeral Service Times & Location Listed Below\*\*\*\*

Our beloved Darlene Johnson peacefully departed on June 5, 2019 at Bronson Methodist Hospital at the age of 50 years old, under the care of the West Michigan Cancer Center and the Bronson Healthcare Advance Illness Management Team. She was born on December 3, 1968 to the late Elder William Beck Johnson, Sr. and Rhoda Mae Johnson in Chicago, IL.

Darlene attended Richards High School in Chicago, IL studying as a Cosmetologist. In 1985, she transferred to Kalamazoo Central High School in Kalamazoo, MI after relocating from Chicago with her family. In the early '90's, Darlene earned her CNA Certification fostering her long-term professional career in the Healthcare Industry. In her career, she was employed in various roles and capacities touching many lives in the workplace. In 2013, she earned the Bronson Methodist Hospital Presidential Award. Darlene was employed at Bronson Methodist Hospital for 24 years retiring as a Unit Clerk.

Motherhood was Darlene's calling. She loved and adored raising her only child, Darmecia Nicole Lofton-Johnson. As a single mother, she often worked 50+ hours weekly, micro managing her work/life balance and assisting in the well-being of her family. Darlene was a musical playlist, well versed in various genres of decades old music. She also loved reading, politics, and traveling

with her family (especially to the Wisconsin Dells) and fellowship.

Darlene has championed a 20 year ministry of servant leadership, job shadowing her dedicated parents as a liaison of many service learning projects. She was a spirited, compassionate and resourceful natural born-leader, optimizing her scarce resources. She established her role as a second mother-figure to many of her siblings, honing her skills as caregiver, strategist, problem-solver, confidante and communicator. She had a burden for facilitating the basic needs of the underserved population in need of food, clothing, shelter and financial assistance. She's an unsung hero and philanthropist, often partnering with

The Church of God of Kalamazoo; sponsor of Kalamazoo Valley Community College Pay If Forward Initiative, "Cougars Creating Community"; sponsor of the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission; and sponsor of the Ministries with Community. She proactively partnered, organized, recruited, fundraised and assisted in feeding 200+ people per event. She often gifted personal Care packages, offered rides, provided school clothing and back-to-school supplies.

Darlene repented her sins, accepting into her life Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. Her mother Rhoda read her bible scriptures, prayed and spiritually encouraged her along the way. Darlene lifted her hands in praise upon hearing the joyful sounds of Gospel music. Her mother, sister and daughter partnered providing her basic care needs and activities of daily living. Her special nephew, Martel spent one-on-one time with her at her bedside and held her hand alongside her daughter, Darmecia during her peaceful departure.

Darlene was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Andrew Johnson Sr. and Ella Mae Johnson; her maternal grandparents, Clara Jenkins, Wayne and Alex Jenkins; her father, Elder William Becker Johnson

Sr.; her brother, Ralph T. Johnson and great nephews, Quentayveon Robinson.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her daughter, Darmecia Nicole Lofton-Johnson; and mother, Rhoda Mae Johnson both of Portage, MI; 5 brothers, Roger Dale Johnson of Grenada, MS; Alan Johnson of Muskegon, MI; Alvis Johnson of Kalamazoo, MI; Ronnie (Alicia) Johnson of Madison, MS and William Becker Johnson Jr. of Orland Park, IL; 2 sisters, Juanice (Lee) Cadney of Buffalo, NY and Darice ("Tina") Jackson of Kalamazoo, MI; her special nephews, Martel K. Jackson, Carl Ramone McClain and twins, William A. Johnson and Jonah A. Johnson; special nieces, Diana Johnson and Ariel Johnson; god-sister Latasha Shears; special aunts, Geneva Bryant, Lillian Cannon, Viola Tucker, Geneva Lewis and Irma Jean Nelson; special uncles, James (Bernadette) Waye and Wallace Johnson and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Visitation

JUN 22. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Haven Church  
5350 N. Sprinkle Road  
Kalamazoo, MI 49004

## A Service in Loving Memory

JUN 22. 12:30 PM (ET)

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5350 N. Sprinkle Road  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Darlene Johnson



Harper Funeral Home - June 21, 2019 at 05:10 PM



“ Ms. Darlene Johnson

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Ms. Darlene Johnson

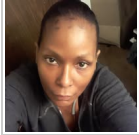
October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Shalita D. lit a candle in memory of Ms. Darlene Johnson



Shalita D. - June 26, 2019 at 10:06 PM



“ *This Has Really Hurt Me Darlene And I We're Friends We Met In Highschool.We Lost # Contact With Each Other.This Day She Was So Happy About Her Good News That She Was Pregnant With Her First Born. She Was A Beautiful Person And i Wish I Could Have Seen You Again. Darlene You Will Be Missed. Areatha Ford Stafford*



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**Areatha Ford** - June 23, 2019 at 11:29 AM

MW

“ *Ms. Darlene Johnson was such an inspiration just by her genuine smile, always smiling and giving a word of encouragement. I know I will truly miss her walking down Bronson Hospital halls with her friendly smile. My condolences and prayers are with the family, may God comfort and strengthen them.*

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**Marietta L. Whitley** - June 21, 2019 at 08:37 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Darlene Johnson.*



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June 19, 2019 at 09:30 PM

MP

“ *Darlene was the sweetest person in the world and I would not be the nurse I am today without her guidance and support. I will always love Darlene and am going to miss her tremendously. May God surround each and every one of her family members and provide them with the support they need and may he continue to strengthen us all!* ”

Melonie Thomas Perez - June 18, 2019 at 04:50 PM

DE

“ *I remember seeing you at work when I was there a bronson very sweet person you are truly going to be missed by many I pray for your family at this time.* ”



Dawn Essix - June 14, 2019 at 07:24 AM

LS

“ *Our deepest sympathy to all of the Johnson family at the loss of our friend and sister Darlene. We love you all so very much and will continue to pray for your strength to get through these trying days and for God's mercy and grace to continue with you as you always celebrate her love, laughter, and your precious memories. Love and Blessings from Vernal and Lee Shepherd.* ”

Lee Shepherd - June 11, 2019 at 01:52 PM

JK

“ *Our sincerest condolences to The Johnson Family in the loss of your loved one, Darlene. John And Stephanie Kelley* ”

John H. Kelley - June 08, 2019 at 01:26 AM