



Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson

February 9, 1959 - June 5, 2017

*Teresa Lynn Johnson born on February 9, 1959 to Frank Ware, Jr. and Magnolia E. Bodley in Kalamazoo Michigan. Teresa met the love of her life Craig Lafayette Johnson at Central Michigan University, where Teresa was a founding Sigma Love of the Phi Beta Sigma Organization. Eventually, they were united in holy matrimony and their union lasted over thirty-four years. They built a loving life filled with joy. Their life took them across the United States and abroad through military service, later settling in Kalamazoo to raise their family. Teresa was a loving, dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother, a devoted Christian and a member of The Church of Christ for over forty years. As a faithful servant, Teresa sang in the choir, served as the church secretary, and lead the church youth group as its director. Teresa helped spread the Lord's word to as many people as she could through her life examples. Teresa was an avid reader and was very passionate about her family.

Teresa Lynn Johnson made her transition from this earthly home to her heavenly home on Monday, June 5, 2017. She was preceded in death by her father Frank Ware, Jr. and Craig's mother, Billie Armane Johnson.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her loving husband Craig Johnson; her devoted children Brandi Armane Johnson and Traci Lynne Johnson; loving grandchildren Miya Armane Johnson, Daylen D'mani Johnson, Ariëlle Amani Olden and Logan Parker Smith; her mother Magnolia E. Bodley; siblings

Marques Ezell of Cheyenne WY; Kevin D. Ezell of Kalamazoo MI; Bobby J. Hopewell of Kalamazoo, MI; Frank S. Hopewell of Columbia, SC, Ronnie Ware of Kalamazoo, MI, and Gerald Ware of Kalamazoo, MI; parents-in-law, Tracy Johnson and Bessie Johnson; sisters-in-law, Tonya (Herman Glass) Corbin, Collette (Robyn Weems) Johnson, Kimberley Wilson, Venita (Rodrick) Lowery, Vickie (Frank) Hopewell; Claudette Ezell: brother-in-law, Brant Johnson; great-uncle, Luther Betty; special aunts Mattie Fields, Modean Reeves and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

There will be a Public Viewing on Thursday, June 15th at Harper Funeral Home, 521 Douglas Ave, Kalamazoo, MI. from 5:30 P.M. till 7:30 P.M. On June 16th at 11:00 A.M there will be a Family Visitation and viewing prior to the Celebration of Life Service at 12:00 P.M. at the East Main Church of Christ, 2528 East Main Street, Kalamazoo, MI, 49048.

****NOTE: IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, Memorial donations may be made in Teresa's name to the Kalamazoo Deacon's Conference, 1010 N Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **15**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Family Hour

JUN **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

East Main Church of Christ
2528 East Main Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

A Celebration of Life

JUN **16**. 12:00 PM (ET)

East Main Church of Christ
2528 East Main Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Tribute Wall



“ I am sending prayers for the Johnson family. I met Teresa in Crailsheim Germany back in the 1980's. I use to baby sit her oldest daughter so she and her husband Craig could have date nights. RIP



Pecola Bryant - April 13, 2025 at 10:52 PM



“ Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Karest Willis-Brown - June 17, 2017 at 08:30 AM

CB

“ Carrie Baker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Carrie Baker - June 16, 2017 at 01:29 PM

TR

“ I had the pleasure of working with Teresa at the Kalamazoo Deacons Conference. I don't believe I have ever known a more compassionate lady who always seemed able to find a workable solution for some of the many difficult problems that often confronted our guests. Teresa was always kind but not afraid to speak the truth regardless of the circumstances. She did it with such caring that guests who may not have heard what they had hoped to hear knew that they had been listened to with genuine concern. God must have needed some special help up there to have called her home so soon. She will be missed by all who knew her

Trudy Riker - June 16, 2017 at 11:12 AM

LB

“ Lee Bridges lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Lee Bridges - June 16, 2017 at 10:44 AM

TS

“ Craig, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Tammy Grant
KDPS

Tammy Grant Stephenson - June 16, 2017 at 06:01 AM



“ I can remember like it was yesterday going to the movies with Teresa and Doreen. We had such a great time hanging out. All the times we spent having game nights or youth events....such great laughs! I'm grateful God blessed our paths to cross...my life is enriched as a grandparent because of the love and time she spent with hers. Hard to believe my dear sister...I will treasure our memories.
Linda



Linda Portrum - June 15, 2017 at 10:38 PM

PJ

“ Pamela Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Pamela Jenkins - June 15, 2017 at 10:10 PM

RS

“ Roy Spencer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Roy Spencer - June 15, 2017 at 09:21 PM

ES

“ Ellen Spencer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Ellen Spencer - June 15, 2017 at 09:20 PM

DF

“ Dorthea Lynn Fort lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Dorthea Lynn Fort - June 15, 2017 at 05:33 PM

RF

“ Royetta Fry-Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Royetta Fry-Walker - June 15, 2017 at 04:39 PM

JW

“ *Paula Wilson / Sheila McFadden / Teresa Ezell were friends. I used to see Teresa everyday. She always had that smile and a good heart. May God Bless her family.Keep praying and standing on God's word*

Jo-Evelyn Wilson - June 15, 2017 at 03:10 PM

JW

“ *Jo-Evelyn Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Jo-Evelyn Wilson - June 15, 2017 at 03:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson.*



June 15, 2017 at 02:02 PM

EE

“ *Eddie Embra lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Eddie Embra - June 15, 2017 at 01:56 PM

MH

“ *Belinda lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*

Miss Hill - June 15, 2017 at 09:12 AM

JA

“ *Janis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Janis - June 15, 2017 at 07:39 AM

TL

“ *Love you Mommy!! To infinity and beyond!!*



Traci Lynne - June 15, 2017 at 12:07 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson.*



June 14, 2017 at 04:46 PM

BB

“ *Barbara Blissett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Barbara Blissett - June 14, 2017 at 09:59 AM

BB

“ *Teresa entered my life when my husband and I met her at Consumers Credit Union. She helped us through many financial dealings always with expertise, joy and laughter. She was a wonderful woman who was proud to call a friend. She made you always feel like family. She will be missed by so many.*

My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends and know that she is sitting with Jesus watching over us.

Barbara Blissett

Barbara Blissett - June 14, 2017 at 09:55 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson.*



June 14, 2017 at 07:41 AM

GG

“ Gladys Greene lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Gladys Greene - June 14, 2017 at 07:09 AM

KJ

“ The love that Theresa had for Jesus, family and friends was a joy to watch!
We extend heartfelt sympathy to her husband, children, grandchildren, mother and her siblings.
With deep regard,
Mother Marie Jackson and family,
Kai, Kim, Kendall, Kent, Kaii, Khalil and Kaylana

Kai M. Jackson - June 13, 2017 at 05:32 PM

TW

“ Tammie Winfield sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Tammie Winfield - June 13, 2017 at 03:25 PM

KD

“ Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Kevin Dunigan - June 13, 2017 at 03:06 PM

BH

“ *Brenda Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Brenda Hughes - June 13, 2017 at 02:51 PM

BH

My thoughts and prayers are with M.s Maggie and Bobby in this time of grief. I know that your strong faith and all of our prayers will hold and comfort you.

Brenda Hughes - June 13, 2017 at 02:52 PM

MJ

“ *Marcia Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Marcia Jones - June 13, 2017 at 09:46 AM

KS

“ *It was a joy to work with Teresa always professional, upbeat, and positive. But what I admired most was her faith in Jesus Christ. Craig and family you are in our thoughts and prayers. God's Blessings,
Kit Snyder*

Kit Snyder - June 13, 2017 at 07:20 AM

AW

“ Magnolia, Craig and family,
I was shocked and sad to hear about Teresa.
Teresa and I worked together at the bank. She was a beautiful lady
and I truly enjoyed working with her and getting to know her family.
My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Love, Alice Witt

Alice Witt - June 13, 2017 at 05:52 AM

 LaToya
McIntosh

“ Your smile could light up a dark room.. You
will forever be missed!



LaToya McIntosh - June 13, 2017 at 02:59 AM

CR

“ Craig and family, we love you and pray that
God will continue to give you Strength! Teresa
will always be in our Hearts, love the Craven
family! 😊



craven - June 12, 2017 at 07:55 PM

KW

“ I am grateful to have known Teresa - such a gentle, loving person. I
wish the entire family comfort in your fond memories of her.

Karen Williams - June 12, 2017 at 05:38 PM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Jack Dunigan - June 12, 2017 at 04:57 PM

TG

“ To Craig and family I send my deepest sympathy to you stay strong Bro she was a beautiful person she was always in good spirits every time I seen her there not a lot of people in this world like Teresa.

Terry Grier - June 12, 2017 at 04:46 PM

RG

“ Rev. Doreen Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Rev. Doreen Gardner - June 12, 2017 at 03:50 PM

PW

“ Johnson family, we send our heartfelt condolences on the passing of Teresa. Please know we are keeping you all lifted. Praying God will comfort you all as only He can.
Lee & Pam Williams

Pam Williams - June 12, 2017 at 03:36 PM

MH

“ To Craig Johnson and family We send our Deepest condolence, Death is never easy, Jesus is the way, truth and Life. look to the Lord Craig where your help comes from, he will give you strength each and everyday.



Miss Hill - June 12, 2017 at 10:32 AM



“ What a jewel you were. About 6 months before meeting you I had a co-worker say to me, have you ever met Teresa Johnson you two have a lot of things in common? About 6 months later being involved in other activities our paths crossed and sure enough we had lots in common. You introduced me to a lot of programs and got my daughter connected with Shop with a cop. Your kindness and going over and beyond with everyone you meet with forever be cherished. RIP Teresa and your legacy will live on in this community through so many of us.

Leona Carter - June 12, 2017 at 10:12 AM



“ You will forever be in my heart!!! I love you Mama T!



Nellisz Smith - June 12, 2017 at 10:11 AM

SS

“ Teresa was a wonderful person to work with at Consumers Credit Union. Craig - So sorry for your loss.



Scott Sylvester - June 12, 2017 at 10:10 AM

KR

“ Kylee Ringle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Kylee Ringle - June 12, 2017 at 08:55 AM

BF

“ Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Betty Ford - June 12, 2017 at 07:10 AM

LM

“ Lisa Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Lisa Martin - June 12, 2017 at 06:49 AM

KB

“ *Kwameh A Barnett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Kwameh A Barnett - June 12, 2017 at 06:36 AM

LC

“ *Lynn Carver lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Lynn Carver - June 12, 2017 at 05:46 AM

BJ

“ *I love you mom Always and Forever!!*



Brandi Johnson - June 11, 2017 at 11:54 PM

TA

“ *Tanara Abner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Tanara Abner - June 11, 2017 at 11:52 PM

CP

“ *Cindy Powell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Cindy Powell - June 11, 2017 at 08:40 PM

PT

“ *Pat Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Pat Taylor - June 11, 2017 at 07:43 PM

A)

“ *Prayers for comfort and peace to all the Johnson family in the loss of a beautiful wife, mother, grandmother, sister and especially a loving daughter to Maggi..so very sorry for your loss...Anita Latulippe (KDC)*

Anita Latulippe (friend of Maggie) - June 11, 2017 at 07:22 PM

DB

“ *Dr. Benita J. Barnes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Dr. Benita J. Barnes - June 11, 2017 at 05:32 PM

DS

“ *Deana Shew lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Deana Shew - June 11, 2017 at 05:24 PM

AT

“ *Alice Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Alice Taylor - June 11, 2017 at 04:45 PM

PB

“ *Patricia Buchanan-Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Patricia Buchanan-Thomas - June 11, 2017 at 02:09 PM

WF

“ To Craig and family we cry with you and for you. All who knew Terry couldn't help but love her. She so loved being a wife, mother and grandmother.

To my sister Mag and family I know the close and special bond you all shared with Terry and nothing can replace that. But, you all have created memories that will last for generations to come. We pray your memories will bring you comfort and God's peace as you go through this difficult period in your lives. We pray God's blessings upon you all.
Mattie Fields and family



Wendy Fields - June 11, 2017 at 01:21 PM

SW

“ I worked with Teresa for a very brief time. She always was kind, intelligent, and patient with every person, no matter the extenuating situation.

I am truly, deeply sorry.
With deepest Sympathy.
Scott White

Scott White - June 11, 2017 at 01:05 PM

KW

“ Kathy Wiedmayer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Kathy Wiedmayer - June 11, 2017 at 09:11 AM

GK

“ *My heart is broken. Teresa had a beautiful smile and was the best boss I ever had. My condolences to Craig and the whole family. God has another Angel to watch over us.*



Glenna Kane - June 11, 2017 at 08:13 AM

RC

“ *My deepest condolences and prayers to all the family. May God bless you.*

Robert Cinabro - June 11, 2017 at 07:56 AM

AD

“ *Arva (Barnes) Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Arva (Barnes) Dorsey - June 10, 2017 at 10:32 PM

LH

“ *Lana Hale lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Lana Hale - June 10, 2017 at 10:11 PM

KW

“ We were the best of friends during the CMU days and shared so much as we learned to manage life. Now, with your wings, you can soar and fly higher than ever possible. Prayers to Craig and the entire family.
- Karen Woods



Karen Woods - June 10, 2017 at 08:15 PM

DS

“ Deana Shew lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Deana Shew - June 10, 2017 at 07:18 PM

EO

“ Magnolia Bodley and The entire family, along with the Johnson Family. We extend our condolences and prayers to you during your time of bereavement. We stand on God's promise that He as already prepared a place for us and has now come again to receive Teresa back to Himself. Hold fast to God's unchanging hand. Love,
Mrs Eva L Ozier and family.

Eva L Ozier - June 10, 2017 at 06:04 PM

BM

“ I feel like I lost a close family member. My heart, my thoughts, and prayers are with the family during this time of grief.....



Bruce McFadden - June 10, 2017 at 04:53 PM

DF

“ Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Dallas Boards and family - June 10, 2017 at 04:40 PM

EF

“ Earline Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Earline Fields and Family - June 10, 2017 at 03:18 PM

RL

“ My prayers are with you all, Teresa was a wonderful woman with a big heart I will never forget her kindness and training at Kalamazoo Deacon's Conference. May God comfort you and give you peace.



ramona k lumpkin - June 10, 2017 at 02:25 PM

AM

“ Audrey McGrew-Rancifer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Audrey McGrew-Rancifer - June 10, 2017 at 11:28 AM

JO

“ To Craig and family. I am sorry for your loss. Teresa was a beautiful person. To her mom may God comfort you as you rest your only daughter whom you two shared a very special bond. Love from my family the Dixon and Ray's.



JoannDixon - June 10, 2017 at 10:28 AM

PG

“ Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Pauline Gardner - June 10, 2017 at 07:17 AM

AS

“ Alma Snell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Alma Snell - June 10, 2017 at 05:04 AM

BF

“ Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Betty Ford - June 10, 2017 at 01:06 AM

KD

“ *Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Kevin Dunigan - June 09, 2017 at 04:37 PM

SH

“ *Shirley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Shirley - June 09, 2017 at 04:36 PM

JF

“ *Judi Fry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Judi Fry - June 09, 2017 at 04:10 PM

GC

“ *Gigi Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Gigi Coleman - June 09, 2017 at 03:28 PM

TC

“ *To Go Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



To go Coleman - June 09, 2017 at 03:28 PM

VO

“ *Traci & Family. I am sorry for you loss. My prayers are with you.*



Vivian Ollie-O'Neal - June 09, 2017 at 01:44 PM

VB

“ *To the Johnson Family the Brooks Family is sending our deepest condolences during this trying time. Just know God knows best.....Praying for healing and comfort*

Valerie Brooks - June 09, 2017 at 11:47 AM

JV

“ *Julie VanderNoot sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Julie VanderNoot - June 09, 2017 at 10:25 AM

AB

“ *Anne (Smith) Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Anne (Smith) Brown - June 09, 2017 at 09:32 AM

LR

“ *Lavonda (Ozier) Rimmer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Lavonda (Ozier) Rimmer - June 09, 2017 at 09:00 AM

JH

“ *John Hilliard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



John Hilliard - June 09, 2017 at 08:33 AM

JH

“ *I extend my sympathies to Craig and family for the passing of Teresa. May the good Lord provide you with comfort at this time of loss. God Bless!*

John Hilliard - June 09, 2017 at 08:32 AM

PO

“ Pam Overweg lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Pam Overweg - June 09, 2017 at 08:29 AM

MS

“ Michelle & Curtis Snell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Michelle & Curtis Snell - June 09, 2017 at 08:24 AM

DB

“ Donald And Ruby (Walker) Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson



Donald and Ruby (Walker) Barbee - June 09, 2017 at 07:52 AM

HB

“ Keep your eyes unto the hills from where your help comes. Your help, comfort and Strength comes from The Lord. He will never leave you or for sake you. Keep Trusting in God.
Helen Brooks and Barbee Family

Helen (Mills) Brooks - June 08, 2017 at 09:38 PM

HB

“ *Helen (Mills) Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Helen (Mills) Brooks - June 08, 2017 at 09:26 PM

SW

“ *Sonia Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



Sonia Wilkerson - June 08, 2017 at 07:42 PM

AR

“ *ArleneBuchanan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Teresa Lynn Johnson*



ArleneBuchanan - June 08, 2017 at 07:00 PM