



Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson

December 2, 1936 - June 22, 2024

Our beloved mother and grandmother, Gaylua Yvonne Johnson passed away peacefully in her home on June 22, 2024 at the age of 87 years. She was born December 2, 1936 in Saginaw, Michigan to Charles Evans and Lillian Trammell.

A proud graduate of Saginaw High School's Class of 1955. Gaylua built a remarkable career at the Veterans Administrations Hospital in Saginaw. From 1968 to 1998, she served with distinction, retiring as the lead switchboard operator. Beyond her official duties, she was a prominent and highly knowledgeable officer in the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) Union at the Saginaw VA Hospital. Her expertise in negotiations and union operations made her a sought-after figure, and she was a cherished mentor to coworkers and a maternal figure within the community.

In her retirement, Gaylua continued her legacy of care and service by joining Saginaw's CAC Head Start team as well as dedicating her time to nurturing the children of her family. Her unwavering faith was a cornerstone of her life; she accepted Christ at an early age and was a devoted member of Tabernacle Baptist Church under Rev. R.B. Austin and later, Messiah Missionary Baptist Church under Pastor Otis Washington.

Gaylua always exuded a loving, gentle nature towards everyone she met. Her

compassionate spirit and unwavering grace made her a constant source of love and comfort. Her family was the centerpiece of her heart, and she treasured every moment spent with her five children; ten grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren. Her home was the family's gathering place, filled with warmth and love until her final days. Gaylua's boundless affection and dedication to her family will be deeply missed and forever cherished.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory, her sons, Anderson (Yolanda) Johnson of Portage, Michigan and her son, Brian (Belinda) Johnson of Saginaw, who were also her devoted caregivers. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Lynetta (Lionel) Kidd of Frisco, TX, Toni (Isaiah) Davis of Richmond, VA, Rev. LaNesha McCoy DeBardelaben of Seattle, WA, Melody (Marcus) Ponder of Haslet, TX, LaKendra Butler of Richmond, VA, Michael Johnson of Portage, MI, Brandon Johnson of Saginaw, and Trevon Johnson of Las Vegas, NV and her great-grandchildren, A'Perryah Johnson and D'Metra Johnson both of Saginaw, Landon Kidd of Frisco, TX, Morocco and Naseem Davis of Richmond, VA and three great-great-grandchildren. Special memories are also cherished by her special sister-in-law, Mildred Harris-Pratt; special friends Edward Andre (Carla) Mason and Cynthia Bell, other daughters-in-law, Allison Jennings and Debra Johnson; sister-in-law, Joyce Williams; niece, Tammy Williams; nephew, Tony Williams; close friends, Bea Hannah, Edward Hendry, Geraldine Bond, Isabelle Holmes, Laverne Coleman and Joyce Martin, along with many other relatives and friends whom she loved dearly.

Gaylua Johnson was preceded in death by her daughters Lynetta Johnson and LaRissa Johnson; son, Michael Johnson; mother, Lillian Williams; father, Charles Evans; granddaughter, Candice Johnson; grandson, James McCoy III; brother, Donald Williams; step-father, Otha Williams; best friend, Sharon Presley; close friends, Alex Farrell, Rose Hatter, and Claudette Williamson,

other relatives.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to the PACE Program, to caregivers Chavonne Calhoun, Mona Newman, and Kandy and Katie Beaudin, and to all who expressed care.

Celebration of Life Service to be held Friday, July 26, 2024 at 11am at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson, Saginaw, MI 48607. Rev. LaNesha DeBardelaben will officiate.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson*



Browne's Mortuary - July 26, 2024 at 10:54 AM

JP

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of one of God's true soul. Be a peace knowing she is at peaceful rest with the Lord.*



Janet F Phillips - July 26, 2024 at 09:54 AM

AH

“ *Aretha Hairston sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson*



Aretha Hairston - July 25, 2024 at 09:30 PM

TF

“ Tracey and the Gushta Family purchased the Healing Tears - Lavender and White for the family of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson.



Tracey and the Gushta Family - July 25, 2024 at 12:00 PM

TW

“ Tammy Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson



Tammy Williams - July 25, 2024 at 11:21 AM

DB

“ To the Johnson family: Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I am sorry for the loss of your mother. May God bless you always. Dr. Carroll A. Beverly and family.



Dr. Carroll A. Beverly - July 22, 2024 at 09:54 PM

CJ

“ My deepest condolences to Soror LaNesha Debardlaben and family. Praying that God will provide the strength you need during this difficult time.
Carrie Jackson-Zackrie

Carrie Jackson-Zackrie - July 19, 2024 at 12:42 PM

RM

“ *Roslyn McQueen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson*



Roslyn McQueen - July 14, 2024 at 08:15 PM

DM

My condolences to Belinda Johnson and Rev. LaNesha Debardelaben in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Johnson

Dr. Roslyn McQueen - July 14, 2024 at 08:17 PM

MM

“ *My deepest condolences to Soror LaNesha Debardelaben and family. Be comforted in knowing absence from the body is presence with the Lord! I am praying for you!*

Mary McDonald - July 13, 2024 at 11:40 PM

RS

“ *Ms Gayle was one of my grandmas (Judy Henderson) long time friends. I knew her since I was a young child and she's always been so sweet to me. Recently I had the pleasure of reconnecting the two for a short conversation and the joy it brought to them both was immeasurable. Rest In Paradise Sweet Gayle. Job Well done. Prayers to the family.*



Reather Swift-Lloyd - July 10, 2024 at 08:54 AM



“ *Deanna Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson*



Deanna Smith - July 07, 2024 at 10:25 AM



“ *Yvette Wofford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson*



Yvette Wofford - July 06, 2024 at 05:01 PM



“ *Julia Bates Price lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson*



Julia Bates Price - July 06, 2024 at 03:47 PM



“ *The Hall Family sends their prayers and condolences to the Johnson family. May she rest in perfect peace!*



Stephanie Hall - July 06, 2024 at 10:40 AM

KH

“ *Kim Harrold lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson*



Kim Harrold - July 06, 2024 at 10:37 AM

CP

“ *Carmen Pratt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson*



Carmen Pratt - July 05, 2024 at 08:26 PM

AF

“ *Annie Ruth Speight Fuller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson*



Annie Ruth Speight Fuller - July 05, 2024 at 12:40 PM

MS

“ *Mary Stokes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson*



Mary Stokes - July 04, 2024 at 01:21 PM

DC

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this time of sorrow. Our deepest condolences and peace during this time of loss of your loved one.*
Dee Casmere

Dee Casmere - July 03, 2024 at 01:50 PM

VB

“ *Velissa Batts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson*



Velissa Batts - July 01, 2024 at 10:50 PM

VB

To the family of Ms. Gaylua. May the Lord keep you all safe under His wing as you are grieving. My prayers are with you all. Ms. Gaylua was such a sweetheart. We worked together at Headstart in 1998. Rest in peace, Ms. Gaylua.

Brownie

Velissa Batts - July 01, 2024 at 10:56 PM

BH

“ *Bea Hannah lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson*



Bea Hannah - July 01, 2024 at 07:37 PM

IC

“ Iris Childs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson



Iris Childs - July 01, 2024 at 03:00 PM

DM

“ Deborah Morris-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson



Deborah Morris-Williams - June 30, 2024 at 11:40 PM

DS

“ Denise R. Steele lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson



Denise R. Steele - June 30, 2024 at 09:04 AM

CC

“ IT WAS AN HONOR TAKING CARE OF YOU THESE LAST 5 YEAR'S. FLY HIGH PRETTY GIRL. MAY THE FAMILY FIND COMFORT IN KNOWING YOU WAS A GREAT DEAR DEAR TO ALL. LOVE YOU WILL MISS DOING YOUR HAIR AND TALKING TO YOU. LISTEN TO GOSPEL MUSIC. SEE YOU SOON MS. G!!

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Chavonne Calhoun - June 29, 2024 at 08:31 PM

CJ

“ *Carlis Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson*



Carlis Jackson - June 29, 2024 at 07:31 PM

TK

“ *Toryia Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson*



Toryia Kelley - June 29, 2024 at 07:28 PM

JH

“ *Jacqueline Hill-Hollins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson*



Jacqueline Hill-Hollins - June 28, 2024 at 02:35 PM

BF

“ *Bates Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson*



Bates Family - June 27, 2024 at 06:25 PM

TF

“ *The Bates Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson*



The Bates Family - June 27, 2024 at 06:24 PM

VM

“ *Veronica K. McClain lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson*



Veronica K. McClain - June 26, 2024 at 10:32 PM

CB

Gaylua mama Gaylua dear dear you were all of that to me I'm missing you already thanks for listening to me always and giving me life lessons and sharing your great sense of humor and my sister /bff Larissa and my brothers & their wives and children 💖 until we meet again

Cynthia Bell - June 28, 2024 at 08:09 AM

BG

“ *Rest Easy Ms. Johnson*



Beverly Gibbs - June 26, 2024 at 08:12 PM

LJ

“ *A beautiful dove for a beautiful soul. Take your rest Ms. Gaylua.* ”



Lisa Jones - June 26, 2024 at 07:28 PM

CG

“ *Connie Gray lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson* ”



Connie Gray - June 26, 2024 at 06:45 PM

SB

“ *Shadana Black sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson* ”



Shadana Black - June 26, 2024 at 09:45 AM

SB

“ *Shadana Black lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson* ”



Shadana Black - June 26, 2024 at 09:44 AM

VB

“ Valerie Foster Baker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson



Valerie Foster Baker - June 26, 2024 at 04:51 AM

CB

“ I’m going to miss you 😞 but I have so many wonderful memories and the best advice anyone could give rest up mama Gaylua until we meet again ❤️



Cynthia Bell - June 26, 2024 at 04:13 AM

MV

“ Monica Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson



Monica Vaughn - June 25, 2024 at 06:05 PM

MJ

No worries can express how sad I am to hear of the passing of your mom. She was a beautiful woman inside and out. We had some really good memories together and some really good times. The memories will be forever in my heart. I’m sending my condolence to the family and friends, rest well Gaylua love Mr & Mrs Tyler & Marva Jones

marva Jones - June 25, 2024 at 11:29 PM

MB

“ *Michelle Bond lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson*



Michelle Bond - June 25, 2024 at 05:00 PM

MB

“ *Michelle Bond sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson*



Michelle Bond - June 25, 2024 at 04:59 PM

JL

“ *John Lively lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson*



John lively - June 25, 2024 at 03:26 PM

CP

“ *Carrie Polk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gaylua Yvonne Johnson*



Carrie Polk - June 25, 2024 at 08:16 AM

VF

“ Valerie Foster lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Gaylua Yvonne Johnson



Valerie Foster - June 24, 2024 at 04:34 PM