



Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson

March 15, 1972 - March 23, 2023

Tonja Rochelle Johnson was born on March 15, 1972 in Saginaw, Michigan to the parents of Donald R. Johnson and Betty J. Johnson. She passed away on March 23, 2023 at the age of 51 years.

Tonja graduated from Buena Vista High School in Saginaw, “Class of 1990”. She earned an Associates degree in E-Commerce and a Bachelor of Arts in Marketing from Davenport University. She lived her life transparently so that others might benefit and learn from her experiences. Tonja loved to listen to others and serve as a spiritual counselor often posting sage advice, encouragement, poetry and wisdoms. She was an accomplished pianist, vocalist and poet. Her sense of humor and laughter were infectious – she would have folks breathless and rolling. Tonja made fast friends wherever she found herself. Tonja is deeply loved and will be missed by family and friends.

Tonja is survived by her loving mother, Betty J. Johnson; a devoted sister, Tamara Marie Johnson and loyal best friend, Kawanna Benson; an uncle, Fred Welch, Jr.; aunts, Daisy O’Neil, Elizabeth Welch (Linda), Carolyn (Kenneth) McKanders and Grace Lewis; two god children, Aaliyah Pruitt and Jermaine Franklin, Jr. She played a major role in the lives of many young people whom she affectionately called “her babies” including Jasmine Allen and Asyah Pruitt. Dear to her heart was a special cousin, Monita Swafford; god-sister, Tracey Bell; friends, Charla Mayfield, Andrea Rayvonne Coleman,

Andrea Lamar and Stanley Alex Carr.

Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson was preceded in death by loved ones- her father, Donald R. Johnson; grandparents, Fred and Elizabeth Welch, Sr; special friend, Trashawn Pruitt-Burton and a host of aunts and uncles.

A memorial service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home,, Saginaw, MI 48607. Rev. Tamara Johnson will officiate.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 1. 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 Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson



Browne's Mortuary - April 01, 2023 at 10:45 AM

WB

Beautiful service.

Walsezetta Bennett - April 01, 2023 at 12:54 PM

AS

My deepest condolences to you and Mrs. Johnson ❤️

Angela Flores Smith - April 03, 2023 at 09:32 PM

DM

“ Doloris Mixon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson



Doloris Mixon - June 04, 2023 at 02:58 AM

RW

“ *Rhonda L. Warren lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Rhonda L. Warren - April 16, 2023 at 01:41 AM

PT

“ *Patricia Hess Toth lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Patricia Hess Toth - April 02, 2023 at 09:44 PM

LE

“ *Your laughter and beautiful smile will forever be etched in our hearts.*



Latoya Evans - April 01, 2023 at 07:03 PM

JS

“ *My dear Childhood friend, you will be missed*

Jacqueline Williams-Smith

Jacqueline Smith - April 01, 2023 at 11:59 AM

TB

“ *Theonas Barry lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Theonas Barry - April 01, 2023 at 08:27 AM

SS

“ *My prayers and condolences are with you Minister Tamara Johnson and Mrs. Betty Johnson.* 🙏❤️



Sleadia Sweeney - April 01, 2023 at 07:57 AM

CB

“ *Condolences* 🙏🙏🙏



Charline Bodiford - March 31, 2023 at 11:29 PM



“ *Loved One Vertical Blanket was purchased for the family of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson.*



March 31, 2023 at 09:23 PM

MS

“ I still can't find the words to explain just how much this hurts. Your light, deep insight, and laughter will be missed beyond words. You were in my corner when it felt like no one was there and I'll always love you. Until we meet again, cousin.



Monita Swafford - March 31, 2023 at 09:14 PM

GM

“ Glenda & Mary(Pervis's)Mother purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson.



Glenda & Mary(Pervis's)Mother - March 31, 2023 at 06:14 PM

RK

“ Ruth Ann Knapp lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson



Ruth Ann Knapp - March 31, 2023 at 04:41 PM

BC

“ Bobbie Crosby-Locke lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson



Bobbie Crosby-Locke - March 31, 2023 at 04:30 PM

BC

“ Billy And Karen Cork lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson



Billy and Karen Cork - March 31, 2023 at 03:57 PM

LH

“ I will always remember all the laughs and jokes you and your best friend would have when I come to your room many years ago at Metron. Even tho you was going thru a storm you always encouraged me and everyone around you. Im glad I was able to meet and get to know you during your stay and to keep in touch with you thru facebook. Rest In Power Queen

LaQuanda Hughes - March 31, 2023 at 02:40 PM

SA

“ Rest in paradise Tonja!

Sherry Alston-Feltson



Sherry Alston-Feltson - March 31, 2023 at 12:26 PM

PK

“ Patricia A Kirnon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson



Patricia A kirnon - March 31, 2023 at 11:21 AM

DS

“ Dora Shaw lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson



Dora Shaw - March 31, 2023 at 09:16 AM

EG

“ May our God/Jesus Christ give each of you peace that passes all understanding 🙏❤️



Elaine Greer - March 31, 2023 at 03:54 AM

CM

“ Charlotte McMillan-Harper lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson



Charlotte McMillan-Harper - March 30, 2023 at 11:09 PM



“ Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson.



March 30, 2023 at 05:46 PM

DG

“ *DELORES GILES sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



DELORES GILES - March 30, 2023 at 04:21 PM

KM

“ *Karen Martin-Brodnex lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Karen Martin-Brodnex - March 30, 2023 at 02:07 PM

OB

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Tonja's recent passing. My deepest sympathy, condolences, thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.*

Otissteen Blair-Brown



otissteen blair-brown - March 30, 2023 at 12:13 PM



“ *Alexis Pinkston lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Alexis Pinkston - March 30, 2023 at 12:02 PM



To Mrs. Johnson and Tamara. My heart is heavy because Tonja touched my life as a friend/sister that will never be forgotten. Love Alexis (Ervin) Pinkston

Alexis Pinkston - March 30, 2023 at 12:05 PM



“ *Alexis Pinkston lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Alexis Pinkston - March 30, 2023 at 11:54 AM



The candle for Tonya is from Mrs. Ervin (my mother) Mrs. Ervin wants the Johnson Family to know that Tonya was a sweet person and will be missed (My mother does not have FB, but she wanted to share her love for Tonya)

Alexis Pinkston - March 30, 2023 at 12:01 PM



“ *Kiran and Austin from Covenant purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson.*



Kiran and Austin from Covenant - March 30, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson.*



March 30, 2023 at 09:27 AM



“ *Kiran Campbell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Kiran Campbell - March 30, 2023 at 09:25 AM



“ *Missing Pieces DavisDiggs lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Missing Pieces DavisDiggs - March 30, 2023 at 06:33 AM



“ *Tasha Brown (Green) lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Tasha Brown (Green) - March 30, 2023 at 01:49 AM

BP

“ Prayers for the family of Tonja Johnson.



Barbara Payton - March 29, 2023 at 04:34 PM

CP

“ Cheryl Payton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson



Cheryl Payton - March 29, 2023 at 03:56 PM

BH

“ Deacon Willie & Bobby Haynes



Bobby Haynes - March 29, 2023 at 11:46 AM

TB

“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mrs. Johnson, my classmate Tamara, and their entire family. I am fervently praying for strength, peace and comfort. May God bless and keep you in His loving arms.



Tania Baston - March 29, 2023 at 08:44 AM

LR

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Leah Rose - March 29, 2023 at 12:57 AM

GL

“ *Gary&Allene Loster lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Gary&Allene Loster - March 28, 2023 at 09:54 PM

SS

“ *Shawn Surles lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Shawn Surles - March 28, 2023 at 09:47 PM

CS

“ *Charles And Savannah Samuels lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Charles and Savannah Samuels - March 28, 2023 at 08:23 PM

DC

“ Debra Cork lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson



Debra Cork - March 28, 2023 at 07:39 PM



“ Cynthia Mack lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson



Cynthia Mack - March 28, 2023 at 07:07 PM

ET

“ Eloise Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson



Eloise Taylor - March 28, 2023 at 06:30 PM

JP

“ To Mrs. Betty Johnson and Ms. Tammy Johnson, and Family:
My prayers, thoughts, and condolences are with you during this difficult time of loss! I pray that God will bless you with comfort, peace, and strength as you celebrate your loved one, Tonja. Blessings and much love to you! 🙏❤️❤️❤�



Josephine Pelt - March 28, 2023 at 04:20 PM

AJ

“ RIP my dear classmate BV C/O 90 🙏💙



Archia Jackson - March 28, 2023 at 03:45 PM

EL

“ Earline Lucas lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson



Earline Lucas - March 28, 2023 at 03:16 PM



“ Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson.



March 28, 2023 at 02:45 PM

RA

“ Ruquel Atchison lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson



Ruquel Atchison - March 28, 2023 at 01:17 PM

KM

“ *Kristal McKanders lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Kristal McKanders - March 28, 2023 at 12:34 PM

DE

“ *Debra lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



debra - March 28, 2023 at 11:43 AM

EL

“ *Edith Delphine Lewis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Edith Delphine Lewis - March 28, 2023 at 11:14 AM

AP

“ *Ann M. (McKether) Patrick lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Ann M. (McKether) Patrick - March 28, 2023 at 10:42 AM

DF

“ Deborah Finch lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson



Deborah Finch - March 28, 2023 at 09:45 AM

VJ

“ Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson



Virginia Johnson - March 28, 2023 at 09:00 AM

RA

“ Rosie Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson



Rosie Anderson - March 28, 2023 at 01:03 AM

TI

“ I'll never forget how much fun we had at your graduation party. You will be missed. Keep the party going 🙏
Timika

Timika - March 28, 2023 at 12:56 AM

B?

“ Until we meet again Classmate and friend ❤️🌹
🌹🌹



Beverly C/O '90 🍷 - March 28, 2023 at 12:35 AM

CS

“ Charolett Stuckey lit a candle in memory of
Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson



Charolett Stuckey - March 27, 2023 at 10:19 PM

MS

“ Michelle Stewart lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Tonja Rochelle Johnson



Michelle Stewart - March 27, 2023 at 10:14 PM

GW

“ Gracie M Witherspoon lit a candle in memory
of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson



Gracie M Witherspoon - March 27, 2023 at 08:15 PM

KW

“ To Aunt Jean and Tammy, I hope and pray that you know that she was loved by family and friends. Take solace in knowing that there is another angel looking over you. I remember when we all would get together at Big Mama and Big Daddy’s house as kids and hang out in the basement. Those were the days. Kevin Welch and family!

Kevin Welch - March 27, 2023 at 08:10 PM

DV

“ My sincerest condolences and prayers 🙏 for Mrs. Johnson and Tammy. ❤️👍❤️👍



Dorothy Vaughn - March 27, 2023 at 08:03 PM

RB

“ I Remember working with you at the BGC in 91-93 , what a great time of life ,for you always poured into those young ladies and they loved you for it til this day, and you were yet a young lady yourself but was seasoned, you were a positive influence and mentor not just there but after the club closed for the day. we just didn't meet the kids there as a job assignment we all loved them as family, saddened to hear and know of your departure but I believe you are at peace in and with all, Living memories and 80 million laughs and stories will remain in my spirit when I Remember and think of you my Friend...

Richard A. Brooks - March 27, 2023 at 08:01 PM

PL

“ To Betty and Tameron : Sending caring love to the family. A beautiful soul has gone to be with the Lord. I am here if you need me.



Pauline Lawrence - March 27, 2023 at 07:57 PM

CH

“ I remember Tonja from working in BV. She was an awesome young lady. I'm so sorry for your loss, Mrs. Johnson and family. My condolences and prayers are with you.



Chandra Howell - March 27, 2023 at 07:37 PM

VA

“ Valerie lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson



Valerie - March 27, 2023 at 06:30 PM

LP

“ Lakeisha Pelt lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson



Lakeisha Pelt - March 27, 2023 at 06:25 PM

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“ *Apral D. Maner (Gaines) lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Apral D. Maner (Gaines) - March 27, 2023 at 05:50 PM

CP

“ *Carrie Polk lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Carrie Polk - March 27, 2023 at 03:56 PM

TC

“ *Tonya Rochelle Collins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Tonya Rochelle Collins - March 27, 2023 at 02:41 PM

ST

“ *Stella Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Stella Taylor - March 27, 2023 at 01:44 PM



“ *Pink & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson.*



March 27, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ *Valerie Foster sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Valerie Foster - March 27, 2023 at 12:18 PM



“ *Sending my condolences to Betty and family.*



Arwanda Conner - March 27, 2023 at 12:07 PM

V(

“ Condolences to Aunt Jean & my cousin Tammy. Tonja will be greatly missed. My cousin was a beautiful spirited person. I have memories to hold on to from when we were kids and would have sleep overs in the basement and play in the toy room. But I am also glad I got a chance to know her in our adult years. She would talk to me through Facebook and she would offer nothing but positivity and advice when I needed it the most. A beautiful spirit gone too soon I will forever hold my memories of her in heart. She was not only my cousin but my spiritual advisor. She will be greatly missed.



Veronica Welch (Ronnie) - March 27, 2023 at 11:34 AM

JJ

“ Minister Tam, family and friends: My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. May it help to know that others care. Jesus loves you and I do too!



JoeAnn Jackson - March 27, 2023 at 10:36 AM

LW

“ Prayers for the family.



Lisa Williams - March 27, 2023 at 09:39 AM



“ *Lorraine Bond-Riley sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Lorraine Bond-Riley - March 27, 2023 at 09:31 AM



“ *Sending prayers and condolences to the family. Ms. Tonja definitely was a beautiful spirited person.*



Trina Akins - March 27, 2023 at 01:52 AM



“ *Walsezetta Bennett sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Walsezetta Bennett - March 26, 2023 at 09:52 PM



“ *Betty Chaney And Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Betty Chaney and Family - March 26, 2023 at 02:38 PM

TB

“ *Tonja S Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Tonja S Brown - March 26, 2023 at 11:00 AM

JF

“ *Life is crazy and meeting people that will forever impact your life is a toss of the dice. God put Tonja in my life to teach me something and she taught me so much, in such little time. She lit up my day and made me laugh. It was a joy to care for her. I will miss her always and will think of her often. Sometimes I will laugh and sometimes I will cry but, I will always remember! Sending my deepest condolences for all those suffering from this great loss of such an amazing soul 🙏*

Julie Fulmer - March 25, 2023 at 11:55 PM

GL

“ *Betty and Tam, sending my sincere condolences as you mourn the passing of your beloved daughter and sister.*

Glendorah Lawrence - March 25, 2023 at 07:44 PM

TH

“ *Tanya Houston lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonja Rochelle Johnson*



Tanya Houston - March 25, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ You're finally at peace❤️❤️❤️

RayVonne - March 24, 2023 at 10:53 PM