



Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Ware

February 2, 1948 - February 20, 2016

Celebrating The Life Of Johnnie Pearl Ware:

Johnnie “Pearl” Ware was born on February 2, 1948 in Birmingham, Alabama to the late Sammie Louise and James Waiters. She was also blessed to have a loving stepfather, Amos Gardner, who preceded her in death. Pearl was the youngest of three siblings, Barbara Dickerson, who also preceded her in death, James (Tony) Waiters-Bey and Dr. Juanita Waiters-Alexander.

Pearl always expressed a deep love for her family. She was delighted to discover that her family was larger than she knew when later introduced to three more siblings: James Waiters, Gary Coleman, and Tracy Coleman–Hodge.

Pearl was blessed in holy matrimony twice in her life to Paull Maxey and Carl (Kokayi) Ware. To those unions were born two children, Dana and Sicari. She never ceased to speak of how proud she was of them and their accomplishments. Her devotion to her grandchildren, Isaiah and Jordan Christian was unparalleled. Oh, how she loved them!

Pearl was baptized in the Catholic church and accepted her rites at an early age. She graduated from Visitation High School in Detroit where she excelled in business courses. Many Detroiters believed they were singers at that time so Pearl, Juanita and her friend competed in singing competitions during her

youth. For many years, she was an active member of the Shrine of the Black Madonna. She was very passionate about Black History and African-American culture. You could often find her curled up reading a book.

Pearl was so dexterous, skilled and accurate in her career, that employers often pursued her skills. She recently retired from the Law Firm of Secret Wardle. Pearl will always be remembered for her brilliant mind, strength of character and love for her family. Although she will be missed, her ancestors, without a doubt, have greeted her with open arms.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Ware*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *OMG Little SIS, I miss you so much! I wish I could have slowed down a little as I was growing up to spend more time with you. I was so curious about life and living that I wasn't always around to protect you. I did not know about how our cousins in Youngstown treated you when we were young, or you having to fight while walking home from school. I really didn't know what being a big sister was supposed to do until I became a young woman. I was so proud to be your maid of honor at your wedding to Paul, and to be there for you as you raised Sicari in California and Dana in Michigan. I had so much fun learning and growing up in our 20s while in the Shrine of the Black Madonna. I loved visiting you in Southern California, but when you moved up north to Oakland, I couldn't wait to have lunch with you and visit you at your apartment. You were so talented with your hands. I was amazed to see you type over 100 words a minute, accurately! Thank you for the beautiful Christmas Gifts before you passed, especially my dress. I wish I could have tried it on for you. I loved you Sis', and I know I said this to you before your passing many times (and I meant it). Little sis you will remain in my heart forever.
Your Big Sister, Juanita*



Juanita Alexander - April 27, 2021 at 12:24 AM

MB

“ I had the pleasure and privilege to work with Johnnie. She was a gentle soul. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family.



Mary Browne - February 25, 2016 at 07:58 PM

CM

“ Caring MotherG sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Ware



Caring MotherG - February 25, 2016 at 06:52 PM

CM

“ Caring Mother lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Ware



Caring Mother - February 25, 2016 at 06:46 PM

RC

“ Royal Blossom Breakfast Club sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Ware



Royal Blossom Breakfast Club - February 25, 2016 at 06:37 PM

RC

“ *Royal Blossom Breakfast Club lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Ware*



Royal Blossom Breakfast Club - February 25, 2016 at 06:31 PM

SC

“ *You will be greatly missed Johnnie.*



Sue Chopp - February 25, 2016 at 06:25 PM

DL

“ *Doreen Lati lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Ware*



Doreen Lati - February 25, 2016 at 02:44 PM

JS

“ *Jason Szymanski lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Ware*



Jason Szymanski - February 25, 2016 at 02:36 PM

JS

“ *Julie Staley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Ware*



Julie Staley - February 25, 2016 at 02:06 PM

SK

“ *Shannon Ozga and Kristin Kolb purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Ware.*



Shannon Ozga and Kristin Kolb - February 25, 2016 at 01:29 PM

JH

“ *June Hayes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Ware*



June Hayes - February 25, 2016 at 12:42 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Ware.*



February 25, 2016 at 11:26 AM

KM

“ *Karen McGuffie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Ware*



Karen McGuffie - February 25, 2016 at 10:41 AM

KM

So sad that she passed. I was hoping she would have a long and happy retirement with plenty of time to enjoy her family and friends. She was a wonderful friend and coworker. She will be missed. May the fond memories of her smile and laughter bring you comfort. I pray for her and her family.

Karen McGuffie - February 25, 2016 at 10:52 AM

BM

“ *Betsy Maher lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Ware*



Betsy Maher - February 25, 2016 at 08:26 AM

SS

“ *Sharon Sleeker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Ware*



Sharon Sleeker - February 25, 2016 at 06:52 AM

SS

With deepest sympathy. Johnnie was such a sweet lady, great co-worker and friend.

Sharon Sleeker - February 25, 2016 at 06:55 AM



“ *Colleen Ulrey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Ware*



Colleen Ulrey - February 25, 2016 at 06:29 AM

LW

“ *Linda Willemsen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Ware*



Linda Willemsen - February 24, 2016 at 03:47 PM

LW

Johnnie was a wonderful friend and co-worker. She will be missed. Prayers for her family that fond memories of her will bring you comfort.

Linda Willemsen - February 24, 2016 at 03:48 PM

LN

“ *Loretta Navarrette lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Ware*



Loretta Navarrette - February 24, 2016 at 01:57 PM

JW

“ *Julianna Wostyn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Ware*



Julianna Wostyn - February 24, 2016 at 01:35 PM

JW

Johnnie was a gentle soul who cared deeply for her family and gave her all. I will truly miss you dear friend and co-worker.

Julianna Wostyn - February 24, 2016 at 01:36 PM

JS

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Johnnie was a wonderful person, and incredibly sweet. I worked with her for 12 years, and she always had a hello and a kind word.*

Julie Staley - February 24, 2016 at 01:14 PM