



## Mrs. Sonya Anne Johnson

May 28, 1956 - July 3, 2015

### My Family:

Sonya Anne Lewis was born on May 28, 1956 in Columbia, South Carolina to a set of parents, Sam Lewis, Jr. and Margaret G. Lewis, nee Coleman, who were very loving and proud of their firstborn. Sonya lost her mother in 1980 and her father in 1982. Both often served as Sonya's earthly pillar of strength and wisdom.

Sonya was later to become the big sister to four siblings whom she loved and sometimes was able to boss, as she took on a sense of responsibility for each one: Steven Ricardo Lewis, Robbi Renee' Sanderson (deceased), Wanda Faye (Eddie) Heard, and Abby Arnette Lewis. Sonya's earliest memory goes all the way back to attending school in Munich, Germany where she first began her love for the educational process. She remembers when she and her family left Germany, going to Newark, New Jersey, moving to Hickory, Mississippi, to Muskegon Hts., Michigan and finally on to Detroit, Michigan.

Sonya enjoyed life and believed that she was a blessed child of God. Her religious journey began at home and later moved on to Aijalon Missionary Baptist Church (MBC) where she was baptized and later she moved on to Snider Chapel MBC where she began her adult walk with Him and finally on to Greater Future MBC where she continued to grow in her faith through a closer walk with Jesus.

Sonya was a student of the Detroit Public School system. She graduated from Cooley High School in 1974 and from the University of Detroit in 1978 as a Alpha Kappa Alpha Pearl with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Studies that eventually led her to her employment with the Wayne County Probate Court- Juvenile Division. After 25 years on this job that she often found rewarding and other times quite trying, Sonya would often say that she didn't know what she wanted to become when she grows up. Through her employment and educational life, Sonya met many very special and cherished people who influenced her life in unforgettable ways. Through a college friendship that continued to grow and flourish, Sonya met and later married the man who became the love of her life, Tyrone Johnson. Together she and Tyrone became the parents of two of God's greatest gifts to her: Kevin Tyrone and Lauren Reneé. Sonya and Tyrone were married for 32 years.

Sonya has loved familial relationships and it has been reciprocated. She always wanted a bigger family and through her marriage that goal was accomplished, as she now has 10 brothers-in-law and 10 sisters-in-law. And a whole heap of nephews, nieces, great-nephews, great-nieces, and two great-great-nieces who will all be greatly missed along with her mother in law, aunts, cousins, co-workers and friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Sonya Anne Johnson*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Ja Vonne M Ransom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonya Anne Johnson*



**Ja Vonne M Ransom** - July 02, 2018 at 11:08 AM



“ *Cynthia Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonya Anne Johnson*



**cynthia thompson** - July 16, 2015 at 05:47 PM



*Sonya was a very giving person, so glad I was able to visit with her a few months ago. Tyrone, Kevin and Lauren along with the rest of your extended family will be in my prayers*

**cynthia thompson** - July 16, 2015 at 05:53 PM

MB

“ *Mary Boulton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonya Anne Johnson*



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**Mary Boulton** - July 11, 2015 at 02:47 PM

JE

“ *Jan Evans lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonya Anne Johnson*



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**Jan Evans** - July 10, 2015 at 09:58 PM

AL

“ *AllenEvans lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonya Anne Johnson*



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**AllenEvans** - July 10, 2015 at 09:58 PM

MB

“ *To Steve, Faye and Abby thinking of you at this most difficult time. We love you'll. Sonya Ann will be in our hearts forever. May God keep each of you. Your family in Hickory MS*



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**Mary Boulton** - July 10, 2015 at 07:20 PM

SH

“ Cousin Sonya,

*I miss you miss you dearly. Every memory of you was owned by elegance, style and grace. You were an awesome Woman. I'm so grateful for you and Cousin Tyrone raising such well mannered children. To the family, I'm thinking of you all....always. I've enjoyed spending time with you all this week. Look forward to me staying in touch. It's never a dull moment when we're together and always great laughs. I love you guys xoxoxox!!!!*

*Love Cousin Shenna (Bella)*

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**Shenna** - July 10, 2015 at 03:01 PM



“ *Heaven has gained an angel. I worked with Sonya at the Juvenile Court. She never had an unkind word to say to anyone and always had a smile on her face. Sonya loved her family greatly and was so proud of her children. She will be missed. May God comfort her friends and family in this time of grief.*

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**Jeanette Fallon** - July 10, 2015 at 01:20 PM

KG

“ *Kay, Dee and Uncle George purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Sonya Anne Johnson.*



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**Kay, Dee and Uncle George** - July 10, 2015 at 10:55 AM

KE

“ Kenya lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonya Anne Johnson



Kenya - July 10, 2015 at 06:34 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sonya Anne Johnson.



July 09, 2015 at 05:08 PM

GM

“ Greater Works MBC purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Sonya Anne Johnson.



Greater Works MBC - July 09, 2015 at 11:23 AM

DM

“ Sonya my favorite cousin  
I love you and hope one day, when God is ready I will share a room  
in that mansion in the sky with you, momma, dad, Ronald and  
Gregory, family and friends. Your angelic spirit has touched the  
hearts of many people. We have not lost a dear friend, but gained n  
angel.  
Love your cousin,  
Deborah

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**Deborah Miller** - July 09, 2015 at 10:42 AM

EB

“ Ellen Bowen lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Sonya Anne Johnson



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**Ellen Bowen** - July 09, 2015 at 08:55 AM

EB

“ Sonya Ann and I worked together for many years at Juvenile Court,  
but more than that we were friends. We enjoyed traveling together  
and shared family gatherings. Sonya enjoyed life to the fullest while  
she could. She loved her family, music, dancing, and activities with  
her children, siblings, her in-laws and friends. I am so thankful for  
the times we shared. She will always remain in my heart. To the  
family you are to be commended for the love and care she was  
given during her illness. Fly Angel fly, you are free! Love Ellen.

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**Ellen Bowen** - July 09, 2015 at 08:49 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sonya Anne Johnson.*



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July 07, 2015 at 08:43 PM



“ *I'm sorry for the loss of a wonderful n caring wife and mother. Momma Johnson was like a second mother to me. She took me in and loved me as a son. Her memory will stay cherished in my heart. To my family. I love you Pops, Kevin and Lauren.*



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**Tese B** - July 07, 2015 at 07:54 PM



“ *My condolences to the Johnson/Lewis family. You are in my thoughts and prayers always. Sonya, my Paper, I will always love you. Your beautiful spirit will always be one of the highlights of my life. No more distress, my Sands, no more. Love, Jenn*

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**Jennifer Cunningham** - July 07, 2015 at 03:51 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. No one is ever totally prepared for the death of a loved one, when death strikes the pain and grief can be intense. May you draw close to God in prayer and he will sustain you.-Psalms 55:22*

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**Ms. Tuffy** - July 07, 2015 at 01:41 PM

MS

“ I so vividly remember Sonya's warm smile and friendliness. So very sorry.

*Mike Sinnott*

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**Michael D Sinnott** - July 07, 2015 at 07:37 AM

GM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I was at the Clinic with Sonya for many years. She was a kind and loving lady. My prayers and thoughts are with her wonderful family. Gail Mills

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**gail mills** - July 07, 2015 at 06:17 AM

ML

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort embrace you with peace and hope now and in the days to comes. Rev 21:4

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**Ms Laverne** - July 06, 2015 at 02:49 PM

TG

“ I'm at a loss for words! I will always remember Sonya's smile and her gentle voice. We were just talking about Sonya about a week ago. My heart goes out to the family.

*Theresa Glenn*

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**Theresa Glenn** - July 06, 2015 at 10:57 AM