

Obituary

Died: Monday, December 30, 2019

Odessie Johnson was born February 4, 1949, in Tutwiler, Mississippi. She was the 10th child of twelve children born to the union of Charlie Johnson, Sr. and Leola (Givens) Johnson. Her parents preceded her in death.

Odessie confessed a hope in Christ at an early age. She joined Union Grove Baptist Church in Clarksdale, Mississippi.

Odessie attend Myrtle Hall Elementary School. In 1968, she graduated from W. A. Higgins High School, Coahoma County in Clarksdale, Mississippi. She attended cutlery school in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Service Summary

Interment following funeral service
Fri Jan 10, 2020

Visitation
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Fri Jan 10,
2020

**Friendship Missionary Baptist
Church**
1301 N. Goodlet
Indianapolis, IN 46222

Celebration of Life
12:00 PM Fri Jan 10, 2020

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Odessie moved to Indianapolis, Indiana in 1968, after high school. She worked at the Downtown Hilton on The Circle for several years as a baker. Odessie worked as a biscuit maker at Hardees until her death. She developed quite a following because she was an exemplary baker.

Many customers came to Hardees to meet Miss O, as she was passionately called, and they enjoyed meeting her for she always had such a positive smile and was so very generous with her positive advice.

Odessie was a member of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Charles Walters, Sr.

Odessie was preceded in death by great-grandchild, Ja'Mir Roach; sisters, Beulah M. Lewis, Charlie M. Jackson and Dora B. King; brothers, William Johnson, Jr., Charlie Johnson, Jr., Charles L. Johnson, John W. Johnson and Oddis Johnson; very special companions, Stanley Martin, Jr. who departed in November of 1988, and Clyde Cunningham, who departed in August of 2003.

Odessie leaves to cherish her memory, her children, Efreml.

Martin (Wendy), Stephanie Y. Martin Sample (Calvin), Charlene Y. Martin and Charlette Y. Martin, and other children, Bruce E. Martin, Ricky Martin, Ronda K. Martin, Clinton Cunningham and Eric Cunningham; grandchildren, Staunnetta Martin, Odesha Martin, Shane Martin, Terri Martin, Tyahna Pickens, Breonna Martin, Tatyahna Martin, Chandler Martin, Alaysia Jones, Stanley Jones, Bonjanay Jones, Elijah Martin, Ossie Jones, Christine Freeman, Emery Martin and DaMari Webb; great-grandchildren, Isaiah Smith, Trinity Pickens and Zahara Martin; sisters, Hazel Love, Eliza McCray (Richard) and Jessie M. March (Paul); brother-in-law, Charles King, Sr., a host of nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Odessie will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Humbly Submitted ——— The Family