



## Ms. Margaret Johnson

November 16, 1925 - October 25, 2019

Margaret King Johnson was born on November 16th, 1925, to the late Meltchus Leander King and Cornelia Joyner King in Tarboro, North Carolina. At an early age, Margaret and family moved to Montclair, New Jersey where she became an active member of St. Paul Baptist Church. She attended Montclair, New Jersey public schools, and graduated from Montclair High School in June of 1940. Margaret received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1944 from North Carolina College, known now as North Carolina Central University, where she also became a member of the Alpha Chi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. After graduation, Margaret worked as secretary of a boarding school in Downingtown, Pennsylvania. After transitioning back to New Jersey, Margaret worked as secretary and bookkeeper for the New Jersey State CIO (Congress of Industrial Organization known now as AFL-CIO – America Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations). During her time with the New Jersey State CIO, Margaret meets and later married the late Nathaniel Grant Johnson in August of 1954, also affiliated with the CIO. In 1961 Margaret worked as a secretary for her husband Nathaniel Johnson, the Director for Africa of an International Trade Union Organization in the Oil and Chemical industries. For the next 23 years, this work involved living overseas and traveling extensively all over the world to the extent where they have visited every country except Australia. In addition to her secretarial duties, Margaret also completed French language courses at the University De Poitiers in Tours, France, and found time to develop education programs for African working women, which she conducted as she and Nat navigated the continent. During this time, Margaret met heads of state and well-known people on the world stage, such as Haile Selassie (Crown Prince, Regent, King and Emperor of the Ethiopian empire) and Shirley Temple Black (Actor and United States Ambassador to Ghana and Czechoslovakia). Margaret regularly attended social and business events as she worked on critical projects at the Embassy with Shirley Temple. Margaret considered the most important thing she had done was to become part of the labor movement. She likend it to being a part of a very select fraternity or sorority with members from all over the globe, many who became close friends. The children of her friends remain connected with Margaret as she experienced a reunion with the children from her global friendships just weeks before her passing. In 2005 Margaret moved to the

Shamrock Community in Greenville, North Carolina where she passionately engaged in residential activities and quickly developed great friendship. Margaret was an active and committed member of the Temple Free Will Baptist Church in Winterville, North Carolina. Margaret King Johnson, transitioned peacefully in her Greenville, North Carolina home with her beloved family on Friday evening, October 25th, 2019 at the age of 93. Margaret leaves many beautiful memories to be cherished by her surviving family sisters, Ida King Hester (Andrew) and Lois King Reddrick (Raymond); step-son, Grant Johnson; nephews, Tony Nance (Julia), Bruce Howerton (Gail), Grant Wesley Johnson, Raymond Lamont Reddrick (Sherri); niece, Adrienne Reddrick; great nephews, Jihad Nance, Alex Howerton, Austin Howerton and Brenton Reddrick; great nieces, Takeela Reddrick, Nardina Howerton and Miya Reddrick.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Temple FWB Church, located at 130 W. Fire Tower Road, Winterville, NC 27858.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Pinewood Memorial Park**

4150 E. 10th St.

Greenville, NC, 27858

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**Celebration of Life Service**

01:00PM

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Temple Free Will Baptist Church

130 W. Firetower Road, Winterville, NC, US, 28590

# Comments

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“ My sister was my best friend, my support, always caring, always loving, always bringing out your best qualities

When she moved to Greenville, North Carolina we talked every day by telephone about what we did and our plans for the next day, and said goodnight.

I love you Gret, I'am so happy we were sisters, I will truly miss you

**Ida D. Hester** - October 31, 2019 at 12:06 PM

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“ Having met Margaret and Nat first in Ghana, reconnecting with them in Botswana and then living near each other in New Jersey was a unique experience. Having an opportunity to know them together and individually was a special blessing. Our lives continued to cross as we now live in North Carolina and getting to know other members of her family has been a pleasure. The joy of her friendship, her appreciation of achievement, her love of exploring and her willingness to share, are all hallmarks of a woman of virtue whose presence and impact we shall long remember.

William and Ruth Terrell

**Ruth Harris Terrel** - October 30, 2019 at 09:28 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ms. Margaret Johnson.



October 30, 2019 at 05:45 PM

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“ Deborah Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Margaret Johnson



Deborah Jenkins - October 30, 2019 at 12:47 PM

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“ I will always hold dear the wonderful memories my husband and I shared with Mrs. Margaret. She was a marvelous neighbor, friend, and Christian lady. We enjoyed taking her out to eat on her birthday along with another neighbor and friend, Carolyn Brice. We laughed and had so much fun, and enjoyed hearing about her travels. She was an interesting woman who added so much to our "Birthday Club" and other events. We will always cherish the memories we shared with Mrs. Margaret and we are thankful that God brought her into our life.  
Rev. Dr. Earl and Kay Bunch

Kay Bunch - October 29, 2019 at 10:17 AM

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“ Congleton Funeral Home And Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Margaret Johnson



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - October 26, 2019 at 11:10 AM

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“ Evangelist Hudson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Margaret Johnson



Evangelist Hudson - October 26, 2019 at 07:59 AM