



## Thelma Johnson

November 23, 1928 - August 18, 2018

Thelma Johnson was born November 23, 1928 in Lineville, Alabama. She was born an identical twin and blessed the union of Mattie and William M. Ross. Thelma received her formal education in Alabama.

In 1957, as a young woman, Thelma moved her family to Chicago, Illinois. In 1961, the family moved to East Chicago Heights, Illinois. Thelma married and together they had 6 children and they considered each to be a special gift from God.

Thelma was a woman of God, she joined Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, upon moving to East Chicago Heights. She joined New Beginnings Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. Constance Shorter. Her faithfulness to God included her service in the church as a mother of the church and a missionary of the church.

Thelma was a woman who believed hard work was its own reward. She retired after many years of service at St. James Hospital in the dietary department. Not being one to sit still she then began working at Holiday Inn in Matteson, Illinois.

One of her greatest joys was family and caring for them was her life's work. Her children would tell you of the many family dinners and holidays where

your favorite dish would just appear on the table. Ms. Johnson as she was known in the neighborhood was loved for her kind smile and warm hugs.

On August 18, 2018 at 12:45 a.m., surrounded by her loving family, Ms. Thelma Johnson heard the Lord call her name and she rested from her labors. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, siblings Willie J., Albert Frank, twin sister Velma, Edward, her oldest son Huey Jr., and two granddaughters Andrea, Keisha.

Thelma leaves to cherish her memory and continue her legacy, her children Thelma (C.W.) Edwards, John (Barbara) Johnson, Susan (Alton) Jonson-Riley,

Diann Reed, and Cory Wayne (Teresa) Johnson; daughters-in-law Pat Johnson and

Sandra Jordan; 17 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren, 27 great-great children,

and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends that were close as family Lena Peoples, Athesteen Thompson, Dorothy Kirkland and Essie Camp.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Glenwood Memory Gardens

18301 South Glenwood-Thornton Road  
Glenwood, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 23. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

McCullough Funeral & Cremation Services (FH)  
1621 East Lincoln Highway  
Ford Heights, IL 60411  
(708) 758-2880  
[info@mcculloughfuneralservices.com](mailto:info@mcculloughfuneralservices.com)

## Visitation

AUG 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Beginnings Full Gospel Baptist Church  
1448 Lexington Avenue  
Ford Heights, IL

## Service

AUG 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

New Beginnings Full Gospel Baptist Church  
1448 Lexington Avenue  
Ford Heights, IL



# Tribute Wall



“ *Thelma Johnson*

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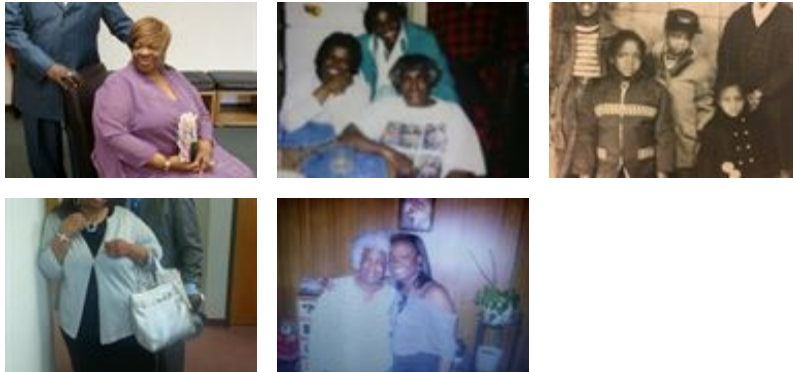


“ *My grandmother was loved by many. She loved to cook and entertain family and friends. She loved helping people and lived a long and beautiful life. I will miss her.*

**Verna D. Johnson** - September 08, 2018 at 09:37 AM



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