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Stadadius Hill
Steven Smith

Tremane Johnson
Shantell Johnson
Memphis Thomas

Andre Johnson
Kevin Johnson

ACTIVE FLORAL BEARERS

Family and Friends

EARTHLY BED OF SLUMBER

Southside Cemetery
3484 Capital Circle SW
Tallahassee, Florida 32310

REPAST

Immediately following the Interment, the Norwood-Johnson Family invites you to join them for a Repast in the Fellowship Café inside the J. Leander Byrd Center on the campus of New Mt. Zion AME Church – Tallahassee, Florida.

THE FAMILY'S MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

*The Family of **Sister Anita Louise Norwood Johnson** would like to express our deepest appreciation and sincere gratitude to those who have offered prayers, support, and words of comfort during our time of bereavement. Thank you for your love and words of condolence, which—along with the strength of God—have helped us through these difficult days.*

A special expression of eternal gratitude is extended to her goddaughter, Angela Bell Thomas, who faithfully served as her professionally trained healthcare provider for many years. Your devoted care, compassion, and steadfast presence were a true blessing to our family, and we are forever grateful.

May God continue to bless you!

We take comfort in 1 Corinthians 2:9 –

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

— The Family

We would like to take this opportunity

to express our gratitude for the trust you have placed upon us during the Homegoing Services of your loved one. Our fondest hope is that all measures of assistance rendered your family have been completed in detail. For all your confidence placed in our staff and me, we will be forever grateful.

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Servant of God Well Done
CELEBRATING THE LIFE, LOVE, & FAITH OF

SISTER
Anita Louise
NORWOOD JOHNSON

DAY OF JOY
December 16, 1946

DAY OF PEACE
July 20, 2025

CELEBRATING HER LIFE
Saturday, July 26, 2025 | 3:00 Post Meridiem

NEW MT. ZION AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1401 Old Bainbridge Road | Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Reverend Michael E. Bell, Jr., Gracious Host
Reverend Yurikadeeja Norwood-Williams, Eulogist
Pastor, Mt. Pisgah African Methodist Episcopal Church | Tallahassee, Florida

J.P. Moore Undertaking Company, Directing

Life Story

SISTER ANITA LOUISE NORWOOD JOHNSON 1946 – 2025

“Jesus, keep me near the cross...” ~ Fanny J. Crosby

There is a sweet serenity in the life of one who clings to the cross. Such was the quiet strength of **Sister Anita Louise Norwood Johnson**—a woman of deep humility, steadfast faith, and a heart anchored in the love of Christ.

Born on December 16, 1946, in the close-knit community of Havana, Florida, **Anita Louise Norwood Johnson** was the cherished daughter of the now-late William Norwood and Maisie Lou Blount Norwood. She was lovingly nurtured in Gadsden County, where the pillars of faith, family, and perseverance shaped her early years. A proud product of the Gadsden County Public School System, **Anita** graduated with the Class of 1964 from Northside High School in Havana—laying the foundation for a life marked by quiet strength and unwavering commitment. Following her graduation, she continued her educational journey at Florida A&M University, embracing the pursuit of excellence that would define her path forward.

In 1965, **Anita** relocated to Tallahassee, Florida, where she would establish a life, build a legacy, and form bonds that would shape generations. It was here that she met and fell in love with Mr. James Johnson. On Christmas Day, a date befitting such a sacred union, the two were joined in holy matrimony. Together, they shared 30 beautiful years of marriage, defined by unwavering love, devotion, and partnership—until his passing in 1996. Though separated by time, their love endured in Anita’s heart every day.

Anita dedicated many years of service to the Florida Department of Labor, where she served as a Senior Clerical Specialist. She approached her work with grace, accuracy, and kindness—always dependable, always humble. Whether supporting colleagues or quietly tending to her responsibilities, she did so without fanfare, but always with excellence.

Anita possessed a unique and God-given gift for all things home and heart. A skilled home economics specialist, she brought joy and comfort through her baking, sewing, cooking, and decorating. Her home radiated warmth, and her table was always a place of welcome. She delighted in watching faith-based programming on TBN, shopping her favorite finds on QVC, and cherishing quiet moments with family. Every act of love was expressed through her hands—and every meal, every stitch, every detail was an offering of grace.

Above all else, **Anita** was a worshipper. A devoted and faithful member of New Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church, she served and praised God with her whole heart until her health no longer permitted her physical presence. Yet, even in illness, her prayer remained fervent: “Jesus, keep me near the cross.”

On Sunday, July 20, 2025, the Lord answered her prayer—not with prolonged suffering, but with eternal peace. In His infinite love, He called her by name, and she answered—not with fear, but with faith. Anita slipped from time into eternity, exchanging her cross for a crown of righteousness from the Righteous Judge.

*“...Till my raptured soul shall find...”
She has now found... rest beyond the River.*

Sister Anita Johnson’s life was not lived for accolades, but for impact. It was not marked by grandeur, but by grace. Her life was full—of purpose, love, joy, and service. Her memory is a blessing, her example a guide, and her soul is now at peace near the cross she so dearly clung to.

She leaves to cherish her memory her devoted daughter, Stephenese Johnson of Tallahassee, Florida; her loving brothers, Willie (Nakita) Norwood of DeBary,

Florida, and Robert (Chattie) Norwood of Havana, Florida; and her dear sisters, Matherlyn (George) Smith of Altamonte Springs, Florida, Conastine Morgan of Jacksonville, Florida, Rev. Yurikadeeja (Anthony) Williams of Tallahassee, Florida, and Kathylyn Hill of Havana, Florida. She is also lovingly remembered by her uncle, Freddie Norwood of Huntersville, North Carolina.

Anita was blessed with two godchildren, Angela Bell Thomas and Shantell Johnson, both of Tallahassee, Florida, and ten treasured god-grandchildren: Abishi Thomas, Makya Hollman, Amari Hollman, Jasmine Bush, Genesis Thomas, Mercedes Wiggins, Avince Burch, Memphis Thomas, Noah Thomas, and Ethan Thomas. She is further survived by her brothers-in-law, Eddie Johnson, Josephus (Anna) Johnson, Willie (Sandra) Johnson, and Robert (Pat) Johnson; and one sister-in-law, Starlye Norwood; along with a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to this loving circle, countless other sorrowing relatives, comforting friends, and her uplifting New Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church family join in honoring her legacy and celebrating a life well lived.

She was preceded in eternal rest by her beloved husband, James Johnson; her parents, William and Maisie Norwood; her daughter, Shalanda Johnson; her brothers, Donald Edward Norwood and William Norwood, Jr.; brother-in-law: Earl J. Johnson; and her sister-in-law, Marilyn Johnson.

“NEAR THE CROSS, SHE FOUND HER REST” *In Loving Memory of Sister Anita L. Johnson*

*She walked in grace, with quiet might,
A beacon soft, yet shining bright.
Her hands were gentle, sure, and kind—
A heart where faith and love entwined.*

*From humble roots and steadfast soul,
She lived her life with purpose whole.
Each meal she made, each stitch she wove,
A silent prayer, a gift of love.*

*She loved the Lord with all her days,
She served in quiet, steadfast praise.
Though health may fade, her faith held fast—
Her worship pure, from first to last.*

*On Sunday morn, she heard Him say,
“Come home, My child, come rest today.”
No pain, no fear, just Heaven’s call—
She rose in peace, surrendered all.*

*Now near the cross, where she once prayed,
A crown of righteousness is laid.
Her work is done, her race is run,
She’s found her rest beyond the sun.*

*So we’ll remember and we’ll smile,
Her love, her grace, her gentle style.
And though we part for just a while,
We carry her light—mile after mile.*

The Divine Order of Service

Pastor Michael E. Bell, Jr., Officiant

Prelude.....New Mt. Zion AME Church Music Ministry

Processional Eulogist, Clergy, Mortician & Family

Parting Glance and Seating of the FamilyThe *J. P. Moore* Staff

The Prayer of Consolation.....Pastor Michael E. Bell, Jr.

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES:

Old Testament (Psalm 23) Pastor Michael E. Bell, Jr.

New Testament (John 14) Sister Matherlyn Smith

SelectionNew Mt. Zion AME Church Music Ministry

REFLECTIONS & TRIBUTES

Two Minutes each, please
As a Mother – Sister Stephenese Johnson

Acknowledgements & ResolutionsThe *J. P. Moore* Staff

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Words of Comfort.....Pastor Yurikadeeja Norwood-Williams

Mortician’s Brief.....Mr. Jamarien “J.P.” Moore, LFD

RecessionalClergy & Family

*“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,
nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor
depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us
from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus
our Lord.” -Romans 8:38 – 39 KJV*