



## Odessa Johnson

February 15, 1953 - February 14, 2018

Odessa Forney Johnson, age 64 of 708 Blevins Avenue Elizabethton, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday February 14, 2018 at Johnson City Medical Center. Odessa was born on February 15, 1953 and was preceded in death by her father, James (Chick) Forney and a cousin Joan Avery.

Odessa was a lifelong member of Phillippi Missionary Baptist Church where she most notably served as pianist for the Mass Choir, Men's Chorus, Youth Dept., Douglas Community Choir and many soloist. She was formerly employed by St. Mary's Catholic Church of Johnson City as church secretary and was described by many as "always smiling; with a giving heart, which will always be remembered."

Those left to cherish her memory in addition to her mother, Mrs. Doris Forney residing at Signature Health Care of Elizabethton, include her husband of 39 years Willie Roy Johnson, her son Desmond Frank Johnson & wife, Sandi, three grandchildren Kaniah, Tyrell, and Kenadi Johnson of the home, Several cousins also survive.

Additionally, three "special cousins" Teddy Avery, Gladys (Watson) Gillespie, & Sondra Randal, and a very dear friend Jermaine Wagner also survive.

A service to honor & celebrate the life of Odessa Johnson will be conducted

on Saturday February 17, 2018 @ Phillippi Missionary Baptist Church located at 200 Horace Leftwich Lane, Eliz. Rev. Ernest E. Widby and Rev. Joseph Holifield officiating. Music provided by Tracy & Linda Haynes, Essence Murray, Greg Wash & Bradlee Ferguson. Family will receive friends @ 11 a.m. followed by funeral service at 12 noon.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Odessa Johnson*

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *James Anf Brenda Charles lit a candle in memory of Odessa Johnson*



**James Anf Brenda Charles** - February 24, 2018 at 10:54 AM



“ *Odessa was my Godmother. She was one of the best friends my Mother ever had (a friendship of some 45 years). When they were young adults (20 somethings) they became roommates & their closeness caused my family to become like extended family to Odessa and she became my "mom" too. As they say "back in the day" she was foine! So stylish, so cool, so together, so ladylike. Photogenic and flawless, outfits, shoes, hair, makeup on point. A diva for sure but sweet humble warm & down to earth all day. All my memories are of her infectious laugh, always present smile, patience & kindness. I will miss this amazing lady soooo much. Time circumstances & distance got between us & I feel like I didn't get "enough of her but now she is at peace and present with her lord. God is reunited with the apple of his eye and for the time I had her I feel blessed and at peace too. I pray for the Johnson family at this time that your wounds be bound anointed and healed by Jesus blood to keep you strong and in faith to carry on in love. -Rene Seaberry*

**Rene Seaberry** - February 23, 2018 at 08:21 PM



“ *Margaret Davis lit a candle in memory of Odessa Johnson*



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**Margaret Davis** - February 17, 2018 at 07:30 AM



“ *Jean Neal lit a candle in memory of Odessa Johnson*



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**Jean Neal** - February 17, 2018 at 01:28 AM



“ *Lisa Watson lit a candle in memory of Odessa Johnson*



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**Lisa Watson** - February 16, 2018 at 09:37 PM



“ *Lisa Watson lit a candle in memory of Odessa Johnson*



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**Lisa Watson** - February 16, 2018 at 09:36 PM

Robin  
Bradley  
Franklin

“ *Robin Bradley Franklin lit a candle in memory of Odessa Johnson*



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**Robin Bradley Franklin** - February 16, 2018 at 01:11 PM

MC

“ *Margaret Cannon lit a candle in memory of Odessa Johnson*



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**Margaret Cannon** - February 16, 2018 at 12:18 PM

AT

“ *Angel Turner lit a candle in memory of Odessa Johnson*



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**Angel Turner** - February 16, 2018 at 10:27 AM

EB

“ *Elaine Brady lit a candle in memory of Odessa Johnson*



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**elaine brady** - February 16, 2018 at 07:41 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Odessa Johnson.*



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February 16, 2018 at 07:31 AM



“ *Odessa was always smiling and I always loved to see her. Lovely person, inside and out! Genae Helmbrecht*

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**Genae Helmbrecht** - February 16, 2018 at 07:26 AM



“ *All my memories of Odessa are sweet ones.. She is such a sweet sweet soul.*



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**Nicole Clements** - February 16, 2018 at 07:06 AM



“ *Kenneth McRath lit a candle in memory of Odessa Johnson*



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**Kenneth McRath** - February 16, 2018 at 12:49 AM

BC

“ *Odessa showed me love and caring while at St. Mary's. I am deeply saddened to learn of your loss. You are all in my prayers. Betty Cox*



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**Betty Cox** - February 15, 2018 at 09:20 PM

RS

“ *Rev. Christine Scurry lit a candle in memory of Odessa Johnson*



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**Rev. Christine Scurry** - February 15, 2018 at 08:29 PM

EM

“ *Elva Morrison lit a candle in memory of Odessa Johnson*



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**Elva Morrison** - February 15, 2018 at 05:39 PM

WJ

“ *Wilma Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Odessa Johnson*



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**Wilma Jenkins** - February 15, 2018 at 05:38 PM



“ *Wilma Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Odessa Johnson*



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**Wilma Jenkins** - February 15, 2018 at 05:33 PM



“ *Gwendolyn Smith lit a candle in memory of Odessa Johnson*



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**Gwendolyn Smith** - February 15, 2018 at 04:54 PM



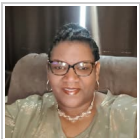
*We will miss our sister in CHRIST!  
Love to the family,  
Ron and Gwen Smith*

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**Gwendolyn Smith** - February 15, 2018 at 04:56 PM



*Loving memories of Ms Odessa, may your family and friends be comforted at this time.*

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**sherry scott** - February 17, 2018 at 07:21 PM



“ *Rest in heaven Mrs. Odessa!*



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**Angela Weaver Blair** - February 15, 2018 at 04:24 PM



“ Jackie Stephens Jr lit a candle in memory of Odessa Johnson



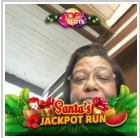
Jackie Stephens Jr - February 15, 2018 at 04:12 PM



“ Prayers for comfort and peace for the family.



Gary and Cheryl mckesson - February 15, 2018 at 03:12 PM



“ Debra McCrary sent a virtual gift in memory of Odessa Johnson



Debra McCrary - February 15, 2018 at 03:02 PM



“ Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Odessa Johnson



Mary Rollins - February 15, 2018 at 02:56 PM

CF

“ *Carla Forney lit a candle in memory of Odessa Johnson*



Carla Forney - February 15, 2018 at 12:53 PM

SC

“ *Skip Campbell purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Odessa Johnson.*



Skip Campbell - February 15, 2018 at 12:06 PM

HK

“ *Howie & Billie Kemper sent a virtual gift in memory of Odessa Johnson*



Howie & Billie Kemper - February 15, 2018 at 10:48 AM

HK

“ *Howie & Billie Kemper lit a candle in memory of Odessa Johnson*



Howie & Billie Kemper - February 15, 2018 at 10:47 AM

JB

“ *Reast in peace to a wonderful women of God!  
I will truly miss you beyond words can say.*



**Jovan Bass** - February 15, 2018 at 10:19 AM

MD

“ *Melvin Drumgoole sent a virtual gift in memory  
of Odessa Johnson*



**Melvin drumgoole** - February 15, 2018 at 09:14 AM

SH

“ *Odessa, so grateful for the friendship we have shared over the  
years. Your suffering is over now. You were a faithful servant  
through it all. RIP dear friend until I see you again.*

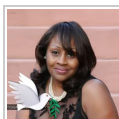
**Susan Howell** - February 15, 2018 at 08:40 AM



“ *Susie Inman lit a candle in memory of Odessa  
Johnson*



**Susie Inman** - February 15, 2018 at 07:12 AM



*Im so very sorry im praying for the family. She will be missed*

**Susie Inman** - February 15, 2018 at 07:13 AM