



Katie Mae Johnson (Hearst)

November 26, 1941 - June 18, 2021

Mrs. Katie Mae Johnson 79, returned to Gods loving arms at home on Friday June 18, 2021. She was born in Lincolnton, Georgia on November 26, 1941. She resided in Passaic since 1960. She was an order-intaker at Popular Merchandise for over 3 years. She formerly worked at 2 Guys, National Wholesale, and Revlon for many years. She was a member of Mt. Pilgrim Missionary B.C. where she was a member of the Beautifying Club, Pastors Circle and Golden Agers of the Church.

She was the past President of the Vreeland Village Community Association and very instrumental in the Educational Title 1 Program and various other residential and community oriented programs Katie took the lead to help implement the mandates of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act to involve parents in their child's education. For more than 30 years, Katie helped position Passaic as the trendsetter for parental involvement on the Federal, State, and Local levels. She served faithfully as the Chairperson for the Passaic Title I District Parent Advisory Council for 15 years. She served as the Second Vice President for the P.T.S.O, President of Vreeland Village Community Association where she served on numerous housing committees. She was the only community representative chosen by the Governor to be a part of the Early Childhood Planning Committee when it first initial to become law be part of the education system thought a decision with Abbett vs. Burke.

Leading and planning citywide educational conferences, school and community programs was Katie's love language. Her love shined through her work in the school district. For example, her visionary leadership helped create the innovative Parent-Teacher Collaborative Program that encouraged parents to volunteer in the schools their children attended. At the end of the day, Katie simply wanted to make sure her kids, and all kids, had everything they deserved to succeed educationally

The following are a few of the organizations and officials that presented Katie with awards and plaques: The NAACP, the Teacher Corp, Caucus on Black Aging, the Optimist Club, Passaic Housing Authority, Passaic Housing Residents Councils, Passaic Schools (No. 8, No 9), Passaic Board of Education, New Jersey Association of Parent Coordinator, New Jersey Associate of Public & Subsidized Housing, former Mayor Sammy Rivera, Margie Semler, and The Honorable Congressman "Bill" Pascrell.

She is survived by and will be forever missed by

her Husband of 59 years

Roosevelt "RoRo" Johnson Jr. of Passaic

4 Sons

Lawrence Mims- Paterson, NJ

Bruce Johnson- Passaic, NJ

Bryan Johnson- Rockwood, Michigan

Barry Johnson- Passaic, NJ

2 Daughters

Bridgette Johnson- Passaic, NJ

Beatrice Johnson- Passaic, NJ

3 Brothers

John T. Hearst Lexington, NC

Joe Hearst Lexington, NC

Arthur Richards Lexington NC

5 Sisters

Willie Mae Holmes- Allentown, Pa.

Beverly Wingate- Charlotte, N.C.

May Frances Price- Lexington, N.C.

Hattie B. Murray- Lincolnton, Ga.

Shirley Jackson, Fort Lauderdale FL

11 Granddaughters

9 Great Grandchildren

1 Daughter in Law

Vanessa Johnson- Rockwood, Michigan

2 Brother in laws

Timothy Price Sr.- Lexington, NC

Christopher Holmes Hackensack, NJ

Predeceased by

2 Sons

Bradford Johnson (2005)

Victor Lemon (2020)

1 Grandson

Marcellus Lamar Johnson (1990)

Tribute Wall



“ *Katie Mae Johnson (Hearst)*

November 27, 2022 at 05:57 PM



“ *To my dearest FAMILY (JOHNSON'S) the SOTO family sends their love and prayers to the entire family. My special (MOM) Katie will truly be missed by all of us. She is now our guardian ANGEL with the rest of them from 6th street. Mrs. Johnson you always gave me advice and let me know the truth and I am thankful, grateful and will treasure our talks we had, thank you from the bottom of my heart. We all miss and love you the 6th street QUEEN. LOVE ALWAYS AND FOREVER, THE SOTO FAMILY FOREVER 6th street.*

Kathy Soto - July 02, 2021 at 12:16 PM



“ *I love you always & forever*

Heartfelt Sympathies Store - July 01, 2021 at 02:56 PM



“ *Dear Ashley, So sorry to hear that your Nana has transitioned. My sincere condolences are extended to you & Leah, your mom and entire family on her passing. Continue to look back on all the memories that you have of times shared and cherish them. Matthew 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. God bless you!*

Tracy Griffin - July 01, 2021 at 12:19 PM

YC

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss, our thoughts are with you all during this difficult time. We are sorry we cant be there.

Your brother Arthur and your nieces Sandy and Cath - June 29, 2021 at 08:56 PM

LS

“ The memories and love we shared will remain in our hearts forever Love you John, Joe, Arthur ,Mae, Beverly and Frances. Gone but never forgot.

Love Your Sibling. - June 28, 2021 at 12:51 PM

TP

“ We miss you more than words could ever explain Aunt Katie. Love always!

Tyran Hill & David Price - June 28, 2021 at 10:32 AM

HL

“ Katie Johnson will be remembered as a fierce advocate for the City of Passaic and its children. I send my deepest sympathies to Beatrice and the family. Beatrice possesses the Christian qualities of love and righteousness that were evident in her mom Katie's life. I pray blessings of comfort and peace to Katie's family and loved ones.

Henry J Lee - June 26, 2021 at 12:32 AM

SS

“ Katie was my mentor and dear friend. A true champion for all children. The Johnsons are a wonderful family and will always be in my heart. Sandy Shevack

Sandy Shevack - June 25, 2021 at 07:31 PM

MD

“ *From your cousins. You will forever be in our hearts!!*

Mae Lou, Lil Bit and Dodabug - June 25, 2021 at 04:39 PM

HH

“ *Our heartfelt sympathies to the Johnson/ Hearst Family in the transition of Ms Katie. Our families have been connected for many many years from the "Down Town" area (6th Street/Hudson Street). We share many fond memories of good times gone by, Meet n Greet, Get Togethers, Parties, Outings, Church events, Family events, music and laughter all around. Hold on to the memories, Hold on to the Love you shared, Our God will take care of you. There are no words that can or will ease the pain of a loss like this, just be comforted in knowing that Ms Katie now rests in the Arms of The Master. We love you and are praying for you all. God Bless.Hazel and the Harding Family.*

hazel harding - June 25, 2021 at 10:06 AM

TH

“ *I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of my dear Auntie, Mrs. Katie Mae Johnson. There is a void in our family that can not be filled. She will truly be missed.*

Teika Hearst - June 24, 2021 at 07:53 PM

AJ

“ *May Katie Johnson Rest in Peace.Sincere condolences to Roosevelt, Beatrice and the entire family.I still remember the cordial welcome Katie extended to me at my first Housing Authority meeting in 2013.She kept all of the Commissioners on their toes.Commissioner Alan Juszcyk*

Alan Juszcyk - June 23, 2021 at 11:24 AM

TA

“ *Bea and Family: Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

The Food Service Dept- Chris, Jessica, Marcia, and - June 23, 2021 at 08:28 AM