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Funeral service for Mrs. Juanita Johnson Thompson, 87 of Lufkin will be held at 11 AM, Saturday, June 28, 2025, at Church of Christ, 904 O'Quinn Ave Lufkin.

Burial will follow in the Cedar Grove Cemetery.

On April 5, 1938 a baby girl was born to the union of Eddie "Fee" Johnson and Margie Conway in the Angelina County Lumber Company Jogging camp identified as AcoJ, Texas. She was given the first name of Juanita, but no middle name. In elementary school, her teacher encouraged her to select a middle name for herself and after trying out several names, Joyce was the final selection.

Juanita Joyce Johnson lived in various places in East Texas, traveling with her parents and great-grandparents, Ed and Sudy Conway, to worksites in Groveton and Keltys, and finally settling on Culverhouse Street in Lufkin in the early 1950's. She attended Brandon Elementary School and graduated from Dunbar High School in 1954.

After high school she enrolled in Prairie View A&M College, successfully earning a Bachelor of Science degree in 1958 and she received a Master of Education degree from Prairie View in 1964. Using her degrees, she worked in several Texas public schools in Longview, Edna and Fort Worth as a librarian and teacher.

Throughout her teaching career, she continued to earn degree credits which enhanced her skills. With her impressive teaching credentials she taught students in the public school systems in Jefferson County, Colorado; Chicago, Illinois and New York City. She received numerous recognitions and acknowledgements from school leaders, parents, and students, for her devotion to educating and inspiring children.

She retired from the New York City Department of Education in the summer of 2001. In the months after retiring, she continued to travel from her home in Cherry Hill, New Jersey to New



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York City to visit friends and several businesses where she had been a patron during her work years. One of these visits occurred on September 11, 2001.

When she did not respond to telephone calls throughout the day, her family and friends worried that she was in New York. In fact, she was. She cut short her doctor's visit in Manhattan, and reached the Greyhound bus station with hopes of taking a bus back to Cherry Hill, but no buses were running.

Along with several folks she recognized as fellow bus riders, she began walking to get out of New York City. It wasn't until late that day that she and her group got to a location in northern New Jersey where someone shared with them a cell phone so that they could reach their families.

Juanita Thompson lived her faith. As a child she worshipped with her family at the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Keltys. She married Joe M. Thompson and with him and their children, worshipped at the churches of Christ at O'Quinn St in Lufkin; Stop Six in Forth Worth; East Denver in Denver, Colorado; Stony Island in Chicago, Illinois and Collingswood in New Jersey.

As she was a proficient typist she served as church secretary at several of these churches, typing and preparing Sunday bulletins and helping to organize the church Vacation Bible School programs. Juanita leaves for us cherished memories of her faithful study of the Bible, her steadfast prayer life, her dedication to her vast community of family and friends, and her unwavering generosity.

She will also be remembered for supporting the Dallas Cowboys, and while enjoying a Coca-Cola, Ray's hamburgers and pineapple malts, Blue Bell ice cream, Fritos and donuts, which she readily and often shared with others. Those who are left to cherish her are: her children Sumara, Joe Jr. and Robbie; her son-in-law, John; her granddaughters Julia (Justin), Camille (Chris) and Skye; her great-grandsons Carson and Benjamin; her brothers Elrick, Kenneth and Willie Ray (Regina); her cousin Sandra (Ray), and Joe M. Thompson.

She also leaves to cherish her a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



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Chet Churchill posted:

What a dear sister in Christ. Juanita was such an encouraging lady. It was an honor to know her. We shall see her again!

June 29 at 5:42 AM



Justina Coutee Bogany And Betty Coutee lit a candle in honor of Juanita.



June 28 at 6:12 AM



Hamil Harris posted:

Mrs Juanita Thompson was truly a blessing to her family and the members of Church of Christ congregations across the country. She had a wonderful spirit who loved to sing and study the word of God. As the minister of the Glenarden Church of Christ I will never forget Mrs. Thompson.

June 28 at 5:30 AM



L. Moore lit a candle in honor of Juanita.

L.Moore: May the loving memories of Ms. Juanita bring peace and comfort to the entire family. Please know thar you are in my prayers.



June 27 at 6:53 PM



Bonita Bing lit a candle in honor of Juanita.

Please accept my condolences. I will remember Ms. Juanita's smile



June 26 at 8:29 PM



Wilria Crain-Monmouth sent a virtual gift in honor of Juanita.



June 26 at 3:01 PM



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JT

Joyce Timmons lit a candle in honor of Juanita.

Juanita, was an amazing woman and a good customer when I owned Joyce's Flowers and Gifts.

June 25 at 6:20 PM



KJ

K Johnson lit a candle in honor of Juanita.

June 25 at 3:59 PM



KJ

K Johnson posted:

Our family always enjoyed "Big Mamma"'s visits to Maryland. She was always kind, gracious and engaged. I have warm memories of the time we got to visit her at her home in Cherry Hill — so incredibly lovely! We send our best wishes and prayers to the family and know that she has been welcomed in heaven with great flourish and fanfare. -Kathryn & Family

June 25 at 3:59 PM

LL

Louise Menefee Lavane lit a candle in honor of Juanita.

June 25 at 2:34 PM



LT

Linda Thompson posted:

Sister Juanita Thompson was the most humble, generous and patient woman I have known. Sister Thompson always wore a beautiful smile with her soft spoken voice.

June 25 at 5:03 AM



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VC

Vivian Carter posted:

Juanita was my dear friend and prayer partner. She had the sweetest, happiest disposition I have ever known. She gave generously when she saw any need, especially with our youth. And she had a heart full of thankfulness and trust for how God had blessed her family and her life. One of our angels has gone home to rest. Sending love to the entire Thompson family. Celebrating the good life of my dear friend and Sister in Christ. Vivian Carter (in New Jersey) At Collingswood Church of Christ.

June 24 at 5:05 PM

BC

Brenda Collier posted:

I loved being in Juanita's presence. She was always so positive and 'hope-filled'. She introduced me to the Reading Terminal Market where we bought chicken and vegetables. Sometimes, we'd take the train which was my first experience. Juanita also took me to the Liberty bell. She was generous with her time and possessions. I feel blessed to have known such a genuine, humble and wise sister in Christ.

June 24 at 2:34 PM

EC

Elaine Carrington sent a virtual gift in honor of Juanita.



June 24 at 1:25 PM

TP

Tate Perazzelli posted:

Juanita was a lite in a dark world. She had a voice that captured your attention when she spoke. She had great wisdom. I'm sure she imparted great wisdom to her students.

June 24 at 12:13 PM

VJ

Vivian Carter In New Jersey sent an Arrive in Style to the Johnson Thompson family.



June 24 at 11:51 AM



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Cornell, Brendt, Carol, Brandon & Nicole sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Johnson Thompson family.

June 24 at 11:21 AM



Belva Milton lit a candle in honor of Juanita.

June 24 at 10:55 AM



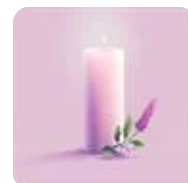
Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Johnson Thompson family.

June 23 at 5:03 AM



Howard J. & Miriam Coleman lit a candle in honor of Juanita.

June 23 at 3:01 AM



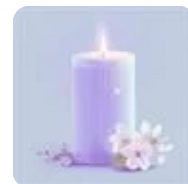
Rose M Hadnot sent a virtual gift in honor of Juanita.

June 21 at 3:51 PM



Carrie Edwards lit a candle in honor of Juanita.

June 21 at 12:30 PM





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Dorothy Brown lit a candle in honor of Juanita.

June 21 at 12:27 PM



Gloria Webb lit a candle in honor of Juanita.

June 20 at 9:27 PM



Bobbie Edwards lit a candle in honor of Juanita.

June 20 at 5:07 PM



Annie Teel lit a candle in honor of Juanita.

June 20 at 3:13 PM



Tina Broyles June 24 at 2:24 PM

She was always so kind to our family. We were part of her church family in Collingswood, NJ. Her and my mom will have a sweet reunion. ❤️



Annie Teel June 20 at 3:17 PM

My deepest condolences to you and your family. Praying for healing and comfort during this time.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Juanita by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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