



Ms. Willa D. Johnson

February 26, 1939 - May 27, 2022

Willa D. Thompson-Johnson

Date of Birth: February 26, 1939

Date of Death: May 27, 2022

City of Birth: Longview, TX

Father: Orelious Thompson (O. T.)

Mother: Pearline Alexander Thompson

Brothers: Fred Earl Thompson and Walter Ray Thompson

Sisters: Tracy Thompson Austin, Mary Ann Thompson (deceased)

Children: Steven Craig Hammond (Deceased), Nikki Washington, Warren Johnson

Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren: 13

High School: Douglas High School

Occupation: Politician

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Oklahoma City Community Foundation in her name at <https://www.occf.org/wjrec/>

Cemetery Details

Arlington Memory Gardens

3400 N Midwest Blvd
Midwest City, OK 73141
<http://www.dignitymemorial.com/arlinton-memory-gardens/en-us/index.page>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Missionary Baptist Church
5700 N. Kelly Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK

Tribute Wall

TH

“ Tammy Hill lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa D. Johnson



Tammy Hill - March 19, 2025 at 08:16 PM

PM

“ My continued prayers for the family. Willa gave me great words of wisdom during the time I served as council person for my city. She was an inspiration to me and a true change agent. If only I had half the grit to stick and move. Our family will miss you.

Paula Mason - June 10, 2022 at 01:09 AM

LB

“ My sincere condolences. Prayers of comfort and peace. This trailblazer will be missed.

Lisa Brown - June 06, 2022 at 09:44 AM

ST

“ Sherry Thomas lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa D. Johnson



Sherry Thomas - June 05, 2022 at 01:13 PM

MM

“ *Condolences and love The Johnson* ❤️❤️❤️

Mischelle Mcdonald-Campbell - June 04, 2022 at 01:19 PM

AP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Willa’s family and all who knew and loved her.*

I am so blessed to have known Willa and I will always cherish our friendship. I had the opportunity to work for her when she was the Director, Hall Recreation Center, at Tinker AFB. She hired me in 1976 and taught me everything I needed to know about the recreation business and Air Force MWR. We had so much fun working together for three years on the many recreation programs supporting our Air Force that we formed a lasting friendship as a result. We also had much in common having both been born in 1939, raised in OKC, and both graduated from high school in 1957. We kept in touch over the years, and she was proud as I continued in my civil service career. Willa leaves a legacy and I already miss being able to call her. Thank you, Willa, for all your love and support!



Arlene Provines - June 04, 2022 at 12:02 PM

SL

“ Ms.Willa Johnson was such a wonderful person she served the people with a true and good heart, the streets in Spencer and on 63rd needed repairs I call her and she made it happen between her and another public figure. I truly thank her especially with the volume of traffic for funerals going out to Hillcrest grave site. Well done good and faithful servant well done. She was a child of the Lord.

Sonya London - June 04, 2022 at 08:59 AM

JJ

“ Janice Ward Jackson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa D. Johnson



Janice Ward Jackson - June 03, 2022 at 01:21 PM

AF

“ Fond memories of Willa at TAFB and during her service in the community. She will be .missed. May God comfort her family and friends during this time of bereavement.

Avis Franklin - June 03, 2022 at 12:24 PM

JJ

“ John H. Anglin Jr. lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa D. Johnson

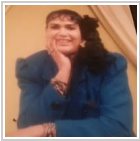


John H. Anglin Jr. - June 03, 2022 at 11:27 AM

RM

“ I first met Ms. Johnson in 1974 at Tinker Air Force Base Recreation Center. She was the manager/supervisor who made certain all military members had a special place where they could relax and enjoy at atmosphere of camaraderie. Her efficacious smile and positive attitude was enjoyed by many, and will sadly missed by many.

Ron Miser - June 03, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ Betty Noakes lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa D. Johnson



Betty Noakes - June 03, 2022 at 01:18 AM

BN

“ Betty Noakes lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa D. Johnson



Betty Noakes - June 03, 2022 at 01:08 AM



“ My deepest heartfelt sympathy to friends and family of Willa Johnson 🙏❤️



Gwendolyn Haynes - June 02, 2022 at 05:09 PM

ML

“ *Its with sadness I leave thoughts and prayers to the family*

Melodie Luke - June 02, 2022 at 03:40 PM

BE

“ *Willa, Edwards Addition and Park Estate North/Cashion Wilde Wood Addition, will never forget you for what you did for our Neighborhoods. Freddie Clark, Bonita Edwards, Ron King and son Atty Jason King, loves you and will never forget you either. Love Always, Bonita Forrest Edwards.*

Bonita Forrest Edwards - June 02, 2022 at 03:19 PM

JP

Happy home going my awesome class mate , Willa. You contributed so much to our community and beyond. I stood in awe of your energy and accomplishments. Thank you for allowing me to experience a small part of your world. My condolences to the family for your loss. Joleen Hobbs Pittman.

Joleen Hobbs Pittman - June 02, 2022 at 10:51 PM

EB

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Eddie Belt - June 02, 2022 at 02:49 PM

 Eddie Belt

Rest in heaven classmate...you served many so well...

Eddie Belt - June 03, 2022 at 09:27 AM

VO

“ Vincent and Lisa Orange purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Ms. Willa D. Johnson.



Vincent and Lisa Orange - June 02, 2022 at 02:13 PM

JS

“ Joyce Spratt lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa D. Johnson



Joyce Spratt - June 02, 2022 at 01:54 PM

GA

“ To Willa's son, and siblings Tracy Thompson, Fred Earl Thompson, and Walter Ray Thompson, I was saddened to hear of the passing of Willa. I have known her most of my life, and being members of St John Missionary Baptist Church she and I were among those known as the "Original St John Brats". Willa was one of a kind, she was always the same no matter where she was or who she was with; she was funny and original; and what a voice, I loved to hear her sing. She was director of the Youth Choir, and later became one of the Youth Choir Sponsors. She also sang in the Westley Kinsley Choir. I cannot describe how much Willa will be missed, she was a formidable advocate for Northeast Oklahoma City; she was also a trailblazer and Civil Rights Advocate. And, although she will not be here for the new Douglass Center, named in her honor, she will be there in spirit. Losing someone that you love is like losing a part of yourself. You miss them and you miss who you were with them, nothing can ever replace that. Those we love never go away, they walk beside us each and every day unsee, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed, and always dear. May you know that God is by your side and may you feel His deep tender love with you every moment of every day. My sincere condolences are with you at this time. May God hold you in His arms and give you comfort and strength. And know that you are in my prayers.

Gloria and Jess Abram - June 02, 2022 at 01:37 PM

GA

“ Gloria and Jess Abram purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Willa D. Johnson.



Gloria and Jess Abram - June 02, 2022 at 01:07 PM

GA

“ To Willa's son and siblings Tracy Thompson, Fred Earl Thompson, and Walter Ray Thompson - Our love and deepest sympathy to Willa's family. Being one of the "original Brats" of St John Missionary Baptist Church, I have known Willa for most of my life. She was director of the Youth Choir and a Youth Choir Sponsor. She was also a member of my choir, the Wesley Kinsley Chorus. Her singing voice was unmatched. She e was funny, gracious, and loving, and she was always the same whenever you were around her. I hope you can find comfort in the loving memories of Willa and the friends and family that surround you. May the pain you feel now be nothing compared to the joy found in the memories of Willa. I cannot express how she will be missed by myself, other friends, church, and Oklahoma City as a whole. Willa was a formidable advocate for Northeast Oklahoma City. Please accept my heartfelt condolences, losing a loved one is like losing a part of yourself, you miss them and nothing can ever replace that. May you know that God is by your side; and may you feel His deep tender love with every moment of every day. Each of you will be in my prayers.

Gloria and Jess Abram - June 02, 2022 at 12:58 PM

Jana
Harkins

“ Our sincerest condolences to Ms. Willa's children, grandchildren, and siblings. She has been a true friend and mentor since 1989 and will be sorely missed. Her capacity to love, to forgive, to share, to mentor endeared her to me and my family. I am so proud that she called me "friend." Without a doubt Willa was a public servant extraordinaire! I will always cherish my memories of driving her around "Seventh Heaven" aka OKC Ward 7, so that she could look, see, touch, chat and better serve the folks she was elected to represent. I loved listening to her recount her nursing home visits and marveled that her compassion for the aged, affirmed, and youth of Oklahoma City was unsurpassed. Hold fast to your memories...she was "one in a million."

Jana and Clarence Harkins
Smithy DeWayne Morris



Jana Harkins - June 02, 2022 at 12:38 PM

DB

“ Our condolences and prayers to the family. Willa was a member of the Central Oklahoma Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinctions, Inc. and in 1992, one of the twelve incorporators of the local chapter.. She was a great inspiration to all of us and will be missed. Dr. Deborah Hill Burroughs, President, Central Oklahoma Chapter, Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.

Deborah Hill Burroughs - June 02, 2022 at 11:15 AM

KF

We send our prayers and love to the family of Willa Johnson, she will be truly missed, my brother and her were classmates I've known her for years she always had a smile on her face and willing to help whenever she could. Keep strong and hold on to God's hands. The Collins, Frazier Family.

Kim Frazier - June 02, 2022 at 02:45 PM

DB

“ *Being members of St. John MBC, I've known Willa Dean, as we called her, most of my life. She was the Youth Choir Director for several years, cause the woman could 'sang' and was a joy to be around. There are so many good memories when she worked with the choir. She was always the same person no matter her position in life. My prayers and condolences to the family because I know she'll be leading the Choir in heaven.*

Diana Bell - June 02, 2022 at 02:15 AM

D(

“ *As a young kid, I use to ride my bike through a trail by her home in Forest park. I immediately became her child and fast-forward, I had several opportunities to work with her, in the community. What a blessing to many and she always to me; "I just love you".*

Darius Jackson (D.J.) - June 01, 2022 at 06:20 PM

KA

“ On behalf of the Commission on the Status of Women, I would like to extend our condolences and prayers to the family of Commissioner Willa Johnson. In 2017, the Commission honored Willa with the Kate Barnard Award. The award, recognizes outstanding women in public service whose leadership has benefitted Oklahoma women and families. In 2018, she was inducted into the Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame for her enduring contributions of opening new frontiers for women and society in general. Willa was a personal friend and mentor. Her spirit will always be remembered.

*Kitti Asberry
Executive Director
Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women*

kitti Asberry - June 01, 2022 at 06:20 PM

BF

“ She shared her life as a true servant. Well done Willa! Oklahoma made better because of your service. Thank you family for sharing her beautiful spirit

Braggs Family - June 01, 2022 at 05:57 PM

MR

“ I have had the honor of knowing Ms. Johnson for over 40 years. She was a force to be reckon with back then, and I know she is really holding court now. Thanks for sharing such a precious soul with the world, as she will forever be the 1st African American Councilwoman in OKC. You will be missed, Never forgotten.

*Love,
Maria Richardson*

Maria Richardson - June 01, 2022 at 04:30 PM

MB

“ Prayers And Condolences To The Willa Johnson Family, “To GOD Be The Glory”



Ms. Alvah L. Boyd - June 01, 2022 at 03:55 PM

ZS

“ Zel Sturgeon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa D. Johnson



Zel Sturgeon - June 01, 2022 at 03:45 PM

CJ

“ Chris & Carla Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa D. Johnson



Chris & Carla Jacobs - June 01, 2022 at 01:00 PM

LW

“ To the family of "Willa J", I extend my deepest condolences! May you be comforted and consoled during this time of journey! A special prayer to Walter and Fred, as they were schoolmates of mine! My prayers are with you! God bless! LeeEtta Edwards Woods DHS "62!

LeeEtta Woods - June 01, 2022 at 12:05 PM

GW

“ *Gina Wray-Pannell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa D. Johnson*



Gina Wray-Pannell - June 01, 2022 at 12:01 PM

JT

“ *Was very sad to hear of the passing of Willa. I remember when she was elected as a City Councilwoman. She worked hard and became an excellent councilwoman whom I got to know well while working for the City of Oklahoma during her tenure. She will certainly be missed. To Nikki, a former member of Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church, (my church home) and all other family members my prayer is that God will be with each of you during this difficult time. Please know also that there are many whose love you and have you in their prayers as well*

Joan L Thompson

Joan Thompson - June 01, 2022 at 11:35 AM

VR

R.i.H Peace!!!!

Veronica Knight Russell - June 02, 2022 at 11:39 AM

LB

“ *Our condolences and prayers are expressed to the family of Willa Johnson. Willa was our friend, a classmate, a dedicated civic leader, and a faithful Christian. She is loved, truly missed, and her legacy is an inspiration for all.*

Leonard and Barbara Benton

Leonard Benton - June 01, 2022 at 10:02 AM

FL

“ WORDS CAN'T DESCRIBE HOW MUCH YOU WILL BE MISSED MS. WILLA JOHNSON. AS A TRAILBLAZER, CIVIL RIGHTS ADVOCATE, SPIRITUAL LEADER, AND HUMANITARIAN TO NAME A FEW, YOU WERE A STRONG VOICE FOR SO MANY THAT WILL SECURE YOUR PLACE IN HISTORY. I CAN ONLY SAY THAT YOUR WORK IS OVER ON THIS EARTH, BUT YOU WILL LEAVE BEHIND A LEGACY THAT WILL LAST FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. OUR NORTHEAST OKC COMMUNITY IS BETTER BECAUSE OF YOU. YOU WON'T BE HERE FOR THE OPENING OF THE NEW DOUGLASS CENTER IN YOUR NAME, BUT KNOWING THE WILLA JOHNSON THAT WE HAVE COME TO KNOW, "YOU WILL BE THERE IN SPIRIT STILL FIGHTING FOR FUTURE ADVANCEMENTS." WE APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU DID IN 'JESUS NAME'. WE LOVE YOU AND MAY YOU REST IN HEAVENLY PEACE FOREVER, AMEN.

FRITZIENE V. LOTHLEN

FRITZIENE V. LOTHLEN - May 31, 2022 at 11:04 PM

DR

“ Dara Richardson-Heron lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa D. Johnson



Dara Richardson-Heron - May 31, 2022 at 09:15 PM

LW

“ I'm so sorry we didn't get a chance to talk one more time, but I know you are with your "Precious", Steven Craig. Love you, and rest in Heavenly peace.



LuAnn Watkins - May 31, 2022 at 08:49 PM

AG

“ Sincere sympathy to the whole family in the loss of your beloved family member. Praying that the Lord will give all of you the strength to go through this difficult time.

Angie Alexander Gipson - May 31, 2022 at 07:56 PM