

*Acknowledgement*

The family of Margie Johnson would like to thank the Mother Angeline McCrory Manor, the Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home and everyone who has expressed their sympathy through calls, prayers, cards, messages, flowers, and other heartfelt gifts. We love and appreciate you.

*Pallbearers*

The Marlan Gary Funeral Home

*Honorary Pallbearers*

Horace H Carr, III - Derrick Patterson - Douglas Elwood Young  
Wesley M. Young - Richard Young, III - Rodney Young  
Eric Gray - Charles Christian - Malcolm Stubblefield

***Beyond Life's Gateway***

*There's an open gate at the end of the road,  
Through which each must go alone.  
And there is a light we cannot see,  
Our Father claims His own.*

*Beyond the gate my loved one  
Finds Happiness and rest,  
And there's a comfort in the thought,  
That a loving God knows best.*

To offer condolences to Johnson Family,  
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*Homegoing Celebration  
for*



*Margie Maxine Johnson*

*June 1, 1922 – October 22, 2022*

**~Service~**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2022 ~ 12:00 PM  
CHURCH OF JESUS FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER**

623 South Center Street, Springfield OH 45506

***Suffragan Bishop Ann Pratt, Officiant***



# Obituary

Margie Johnson was born on June 1, 1922, in Springfield, OH to Milton and Mamie Johnson. To this union, two children were born: Mary and Margie Johnson. Margie graduated from Springfield High School in 1940 and was initiated into the National Honor Society during the 1937-1938 school period, only the second black student in her hometown to achieve this.

Not long after graduating high school, Margie married the love of her life, Elwood Johnson. On March 18, 1941, they exchanged their vows and proceeded to enjoy 47 years of service, travel, and fun together.

After being married 15 years, their beloved daughter Ellen Johnson completed the family. In 1989, the same year she lost her husband, she was blessed with the birth of her only grandchild, Taylor DelosSantos. Margie never missed any milestone in Ellen or Taylor's life, including the birth of her great- grandchild Mozaic in 2021. She was 99 years old.

As a child, Margie was a member of North St. A.M.E Church, but after marriage transferred her membership to Wiley United Methodist Church where she served in multiple roles including church secretary, choir, and usher board. In 1974, she received the Holy Ghost, and became a member of the El Bethel Temple. After Elwood's death, she became a member of The Church of Jesus where she remained for the rest of her life and served in many roles.

Margie was a charter member of the Alpha Nu Chapter of Gamma Phi Delta sorority and served over 12 years as the Assistant Northern Regional Director. She was also a charter member of The Frontiers Auxiliary, a member of NARFE (The National Association of Retired Federal Employees), The Retirement Set, and the NAACP. Margie was a businesswoman who, in her early 20's, operated a lady's dress shop, and over the years was involved in several direct marketing companies. She retired from Wright Patterson Air Force Base after 25 years as an Executive Secretary and was coaxed out of retirement by the Springfield City Manager's Office, Springfield City Schools, and Springfield OIC utilizing her exemplary secretarial skills in each of these positions.

Margie fell asleep and awoke in paradise reunited with her loved ones on October 22, 2022, at the ripe age of 100 years old. She is preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Mary Ross, her husband, Elwood, and numerous in-laws, nieces, and nephews.

She is survived and missed by her daughter, Ellen, granddaughter Taylor, and great-grandson Mozaic DelosSantos, beloved nieces Margie Carr of Atlanta, GA, and Mary (Mickey) Hawkins of Indianapolis, IN and multiple great-nieces, great-nephews, family and friends, who will honor her memory.

## *A Message of Love*

*When a wonderful mother  
Is also your friend  
She's a friend who's especially dear.  
There's a closeness between you  
Unlike any other  
That means more and more every year.*

*You can share so much with her,  
From similar interests  
To memories you both can recall.  
And the love and support  
That she gives from her heart  
Are the most precious blessings of all.*

*She rejoices when you do,  
She lightens your cares,  
Her devotion is one of a kind.  
When a wonderful mother  
Is also your friend,  
She's the very best friend you can find.*



# Order of Celebration

ORGAN PRELUDE..... Music Ministry  
PARTING VIEW ..... Immediate Family  
PRAYER OF COMFORT ..... Suffragan Bishop Ann Pratt  
SCRIPTURE READING .....  
    Old Testament..... Proverbs 31:28-29, 31.....Rebecca Bateman  
    New Testament ..... 1 Peter 3:4.....Kelley Gray  
SELECTION..... “Say The Name” Kim Hall  
    ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CONDOLENCES  
REFLECTIONS (2 minutes)..... Family & Friends  
READING OF OBITUARY ..... Silently  
SELECTION..... “Because Of Who You Are” Kim Hall

## The Eulogy

District Elder Raymond E. Lloyd, Jr.

BENEDICTION ..... District Elder Raymond E. Lloyd, Jr.  
RECESSIONAL.....Clergy, Family & Friends

## Entombment

ROSE HILL BURIAL PARK  
4781 S. Charleston Pike, Springfield, OH 45502

## Repast

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1530 S. Yellow Springs St, Springfield, OH. 45506

*I am the resurrection and the life: He that believeth in me  
    though he were dead yet shall he live.  
And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*  
~John 11:25-26

## I Am Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*



