

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
FOR
MRS. JOSIE LEE TELAFARE
Johnson
October 1, 1922 - March 30, 2023



Friday, April 14, 2023
11:00 A.M.

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
551 Harwell Road, Northwest
Atlanta, Georgia

Reverend Father Jerome McKenna, C.P., *Pastor*
Reverend Mr. Joseph Goolsby, *Deacon*
Reverend Mr. George Smith, *Deacon*

Obituary

Josie Lee Telafare Johnson was born October 1, 1922 to the late Lucius Telafare and Nannie Mae Oxford Telafare in Dawson, Georgia. She received her heavenly wings on March 30, 2023 after a long and peaceful sleep that began on March 11, 2023 as her only sister and last living sibling was being greeted at the Pearly Gates of Heaven.

Josie graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Atlanta, Georgia. She continued her education at Spelman College, Atlanta University where she completed several degrees in Early Childhood Development. This subsequently prepared her for a long and fulfilling career as an elementary school teacher for the Atlanta Public School System, a subsidiary of the Atlanta Board of Education.

Josie loved the Lord and was baptized on December 30, 1945 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Atlanta, Georgia. She later married the late Charles Sanders Johnson, Jr. on September 10, 1955 and they joined St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church. Josie served faithfully at St. Paul of the Cross through visits to the sick and shut-in as well as participating joyfully and willingly as a member of St. Vincent De Paul and the Knights of Peter Claver-Ladies Auxiliary.

Josie loved gardening and traveling. She would work in her yard for hours on end implementing her visions, which were spectacular, and constantly won the designation of "Yard of the Month" for their Valhacha Community.

Josie's siblings, Mr. Curtis Telafare and Mrs. Ozie Mae Telafare Alexander preceded her in death. She is survived by a loving and devoted niece, Ms. Angela R. Alexander and niece, Ms. Janet Baquet, and a host of devoted and loving cousins, extended family and friends.

Josie leaves a legacy of love and laughter that touched, and continues to touch, the lives of so many. We thank God that she passed our way.

Order of Service

Prelude

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession.....*"Precious Lord"*
Greeting of Body
Sprinkling with Holy Water
Placing of the Pall Family
Placing of the Christian Symbols
Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: *I Corinthians 15:51-57*..... Mrs. Tiffany T. Boazman,
Great-niece
Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 27* Cantor
Response: *The Lord is my light and my salvation*
Second Reading: *Romans 8:31-35; 37-39* ... Mr. Larone Wonnun, *Cousin*
Gospel Acclamation Repeat after Cantor
Gospel: *John 14:1-6* Rev. Mr. Joseph Goolsby
Please Stand
Homily Rev. Jerome McKenna, C.P.
General Intercessions:
Response: *Lord, Hear Our Prayer*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar
Presentation of Gifts: *"Here I am Lord"* Ms. Frances Kennedy
Lord's Prayer
Communion
Communion Song ... *"Lead Me, Guide Me"* ... Mrs. Frances Kennedy
Prayer after Communion
Tributes Ms. Terrivia James, *Arbor Terrace@Cascade*
Angela Alexander, Niece

FINAL COMMENDATIONS

Invitation to Prayer
Song of Farewell *"Rise Again"*
Prayer of Commendation
Procession to Place of Committal *"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

INTERMENT

Crest Lawn Memorial Park
2000 Marietta Boulevard, Northwest
Atlanta, Georgia

Aunt

*When I think of you,
I remember all of the happy times
we have spent together...
How you were always there for me...
during good and bad times.
You have added to my life in so many ways.
I just want you to know you
will always have a special place in my heart.*

PALLBEARERS

The Knights of Peter Claver

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Mrs. Josie Lee Telafare Johnson expresses heart-felt thanks for the many acts of sympathy extended to us during the transition of our loved one. May God continue to bless each of you.



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