



Frances McClain Johnson

January 31, 1972 - July 27, 2019

Frances Inez McClain Johnson took her eternal rest on Saturday, July 27, 2019, at home, surrounded by her loving family. Fran, as she was affectionately called by everyone who knew her, made her grand entrance into this world on January 31, 1972, in Lewes, Delaware. She was the daughter of the late Thomas and Tecola McClain.

Fran was reared in Lewes, attending the Lewes schools. As a child, she enjoyed playing with her neighborhood friends and spending summers at her grandmother's house in Beaufort, North Carolina.

She was a graduate of Cape Henlopen High School class of 1990. She enjoyed playing the clarinet in the high school band. After high school, Fran attended Delaware State University, where she realized her life's passion. She loved helping people, especially the elderly. She decided to put that love for people to work and in 1995, she graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Social Work. She continued to go to school and also earned a Master's degree in Social Work from Delaware State University. While at Delaware State, Fran was introduced to the love of her life, Dion Johnson, He would win her heart and eventually ask for her hand in marriage. Upon graduating in 1995, she began working at Peninsula Regional Medical Center as a Social Worker, where she stayed until she and Dion were married on December 19, 1998. The next day, they moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, where she worked as a Social Worker for Mecklenburg County Adult Services

Department. In 2001 she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and joined University Park Baptist Church, where she was baptized with her husband. While in Charlotte, she had her first son, Dion Johnson, Jr. in 2003. They decided to return home in 2004 and joined Friendship Baptist Church. She added new energy to her life, with the birth of her second son, Jayden Thomas Johnson in June of 2009. She began working for Fresenius Medical Center as a Social Worker for dialysis patients, until God called her home.

Fran enjoyed taking naps, online window shopping for her dream items, taking trips, hanging out with her boys and watching Hallmark movies and “her shows”.

She was a member of the Sunshine Circle Club, Ivory Tower Wine Club and was the Worthy Matron of Queen Elizabeth Chapter #13, St. Matthew’s Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation, State and Jurisdiction of Delaware.

She was preceded in death by her father, Thomas McClain; her mother, Tecola McClain; paternal grandparents, James and Phyllis McClain; maternal grandparents, Homer and Eliza Edwards; uncles, Willie Henry McClain, Carlton Davis, Willie James Edwards, Thomas Edwards and Henry Davis; aunts; Homer Adams, Frances Davis, Annie Mae Parker and Mae Edna Whitfield.

Fran leaves loving memories to be cherished by her husband of 20 years, Dion D. Johnson, Sr.; her two sons, Dion D. Johnson, Jr. (16) and Jayden T. Johnson (10); the family dog, Buddy; a brother, Thomas McClain, Jr. of Lewes, DE; five nephews, Noah and Alex McClain of Milton, DE; Melvin McKenzie of Charlotte, NC; Maurice James of MD, Marcus McKenzie (Danielle McKenzie) of Salisbury, MD; two nieces, Olivia McClain of Milton, DE and Sheila McCarthy of Charlotte, NC; mother-in-law, Catherine King (Joshua) of Salisbury, MD; father-in-law, Gene O. Johnson (Pearl) of

Hyattsville, MD; sisters-in-law; Ivy Johnson McKenzie of Salisbury, MD, Shirell Edmond (Donald) of Salisbury, MD; brothers-in-law, Julius Parker (Montrealle) of FL and Gene Johnson, Jr. (Courtney) of Hyattsville, DE; aunts, Mary Turner of Milton, DE; Geneva Bembry of Abbeville, LA, and Berniece Edwards, of Milton, DE, two uncles, George Edwards (Ardith) of Lewes, DE and Billy Edwards (Geneva) of Lewes, DE; two special cousins; Phyllis "Dinky" Parker of Beaufort, NC and Christa Edwards of Milton, DE special childhood friend, Stephanie Collick of Milton, DE; and a host of cousins and friends.

Tribute Wall

MA

“ I remember the first time I met her was when they first moved in I welcome them to the neighborhood and I would always hang out with her son Dion Johnson jr and she would always give me a smile and it always brightened up my day. I hope your well up in heaven god bless you!

Matthew - May 14, 2020 at 08:11 AM

BW

“ Fran was a student of mine my first year at Cape Henlopen High School. She was one of the nicest students I ever had the opportunity to teach. God Bless her and her family. Bill Walls

Bill Walls - August 05, 2019 at 08:16 AM

LW

“ Praying for peace, comfort, and loving memories to hold in your heart forever.

Love, Hurley and Barbara Waples - August 01, 2019 at 10:28 AM

TR

“ Francis has a contagious smile. It was obvious the love she had for her family and friends. I have known Francis since we were little!! My heart breaks for her boys!! Very saddened to hear of her passing!!

Trish Rickards-Dickerson - August 01, 2019 at 09:42 AM

KM

“ Fran always had a smile on her face. Such a sweet, kind soul. Sad that she was taken so soon. Rest in peace Fran

Karla Marie - August 01, 2019 at 08:34 AM