



Melvilan L. Johnson

September 13, 1932 - April 12, 2025

Mother Melvilan Lenora Johnson, affectionately known as "Mel," was born September 13, 1932, in Miami, Florida. She was the second eldest of six children, blessed to the union of Miller and Leanner Lamb.

Melvilan graduated from Dorsey High School, Miami, Florida, in June 1949. She was united in marriage to the late Eugene Johnson on November 5, 1950, in Cheyenne, Wyoming. To this union, nine children were born, six girls and three boys.

She accepted Christ at an early age at Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church in Miami, Florida.

Melvilan attended Lindsey Hopkins Technical College, Miami, Florida, where she obtained a professional administrative certificate (PAC). Melvilan went on to pursue a career with the State of Florida. She was employed with the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (DHRS) and the Department of Juvenile Justice. Melvilan retired June 28, 1996, with twenty-nine (29) years of dedicated service to the State of Florida.

The family left Miami and relocated to Central Florida (Tavares) in 1971. Later, they united with and became members of Friendship CME Church in Tavares, Florida, under the leadership of the late Fredrick Douglass Lewis. The Family

relocated to Orlando, Florida, and then united with Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in April 2000, under the leadership of Reverend Clarence R. Taylor, Pastor.

Mother Melvilan was a dedicated woman of faith. She was a prayer warrior who loved the Lord and set an example for all of her children to follow. Her dedication, humility, and servant-heartedness were a powerful force in the lives of everyone who knew her. She did not sing in the choir or physically stand at the door to usher, however, she was a spiritual advisor to the Usher Ministry and a supporter of the Bethlehem Male Chorus. She would often say "I came to hear the word, good singing, and to worship and praise the Lord!"

Mother Melvilan was loved by many and loved by all. She had a very special love for her entire family. She was and will always be the matriarch of the "Johnson Family". She enjoyed crossword puzzles, cruising, jeopardy, pokeno, the Bethlehem Family, and most of all, her family!

On April 12, 2025, God saw fit to call his most precious angel home.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Miller and Leanner Lamb, husband, Eugene Johnson, three brothers, Clarence, Jimmie Lee, and Bobbie Lamb; two sisters, Roberta Lamb and Bettye Murrell; and one son, David Johnson.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories with her loving family; Cassandra Johnson of Orlando, Florida, Eugene Johnson (Alfreda) of Union City, Georgia; Beverly Smith (Charles), Sharron Beauford (John) Jackie Smith (Kenneth), all of Orlando, Florida, Patrice Riley (Billy) of Winter Garden, Florida, Gregory Johnson (Charlene) and Pamela Watson (Johnnie), all of Orlando, Florida; sisters-in-law, Ronda Lamb, and Daisy Johnson, both of Miami, Florida, and Maxine Munroe of Nassau, Bahamas; brother-in-law,

Elden Johnson, Miami; twenty-nine grandchildren; eighty-four great grandchildren and fifty-three great great grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews and other relatives and a host of many saddened friends.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memory Gardens

3329 E. Semoran Blvd
Apopka, FL 32703

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church
915 East Plant Street
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Service

APR **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church
915 East Plant Street
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Tribute Wall



“ PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY
FROM SHERRI MOORE AND FAMILY 🙏



SHERRI MOORE - April 27, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ My condolences to the family



Tashika Jackson - April 25, 2025 at 08:07 PM



“ Mrs. Melvilan, it was an honor to know you,
and you will never be forgotten. Rest in Peace
My Dear 💜



Stephanie Cummings - April 25, 2025 at 04:30 PM



“ Apopka Health & Rehab Staff & Residents planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in
honor of Melvilan L. Johnson.

Apopka Health & Rehab Staff & Residents - April 25, 2025 at 03:59 PM

AR

“ *Apopka Health & Rehab Staff & Residents purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Melvilan L. Johnson.*



Apopka Health & Rehab Staff & Residents - April 25, 2025 at 03:59 PM

KM

“ *Katrina L Moore-Pugh lit a candle in memory of Melvilan L. Johnson*



Katrina L Moore-Pugh - April 25, 2025 at 09:02 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvilan L. Johnson.*



April 24, 2025 at 02:42 PM

TL

“ *The Lambs' purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Melvilan L. Johnson.*



The Lambs' - April 24, 2025 at 02:41 PM

MS

“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Melvilan L. Johnson*



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - April 24, 2025 at 07:58 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Melvilan L. Johnson.

April 24, 2025 at 12:08 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvilan L. Johnson.*



April 24, 2025 at 12:08 AM

SH

“ *SHADRICKA lit a candle in memory of Melvilan L. Johnson*



SHADRICKA - April 22, 2025 at 01:52 PM

CJ

“ Cheryl Jones purchased the Simply Elegant Spat
hiphyllum for the family of Melvilan L. Johnson.



Cheryl Jones - April 20, 2025 at 05:06 PM

RD

“ Renee Duval lit a candle in memory of
Melvilan L. Johnson



Renee Duval - April 20, 2025 at 10:27 AM

SM

“ Grandma we love you so much. You will forever be in our hearts. All
the special memories and times we shared will never be forgotten.

Shadricka Myers - April 19, 2025 at 08:34 AM

VF

“ My second Mother I'm truly gonna miss you,
Love you , your adopted daughter. To the
family Love and support I'm here for each of
you.



Valerie & the Brown family - April 18, 2025 at 08:31 PM

J&

“ *Jacqueline Brown Kemp & Family lit a candle in memory of Melvilan L. Johnson*



Jacqueline Brown Kemp & Family - April 18, 2025 at 11:54 AM

LS

“ *Lisa Smith lit a candle in memory of Melvilan L. Johnson*



Lisa Smith - April 18, 2025 at 10:48 AM

DJ

“ *Grandma we have some amazing memories 💕 I'm going to miss your voice saying "Hey Suga" and making you laugh. I love you forever.*

Dominique Johnson - April 17, 2025 at 09:30 PM

SB

“ *My mother my rock my everything!!💕💕 She was and still is my heart and soul. You were and always will be the matriarch of this family. I am who I am because of you! I'm going to continue to make you proud mama 💕💕 My love for you will never go away!! Love you Mama 🙏🙏💕*

Sharron Beauford - April 17, 2025 at 08:22 AM

SJ

“ Sonya S Jackson lit a candle in memory of Melvilan L. Johnson



Sonya S Jackson - April 16, 2025 at 06:15 PM

MM

“ Mary D Morss lit a candle in memory of Melvilan L. Johnson



Mary D Morss - April 16, 2025 at 09:28 AM

KB

“ Kenya Bradley lit a candle in memory of Melvilan L. Johnson



Kenya Bradley - April 15, 2025 at 02:47 PM

DS

“ Dondrea Stevens lit a candle in memory of Melvilan L. Johnson



Dondrea Stevens - April 15, 2025 at 12:30 PM

DS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dondrea Stevens - April 15, 2025 at 12:25 PM

SH

“ Sharon lit a candle in memory of Melvilan L. Johnson



Sharon - April 15, 2025 at 09:19 AM

FL

Sincere condolences to Mrs. Johnson's family 🙏❤️

Fairolyn Livingston - April 16, 2025 at 11:22 AM