



Gloria Johnson

July 22, 2025

In Loving Memory of Gloria “Glo” Johnson

With deep love and gratitude, we celebrate the life of Gloria Jean Johnson, a kind, giving, and fiercely devoted woman who passed away peacefully in her home on July 22, 2025, at the age of 80. Gloria was born July 15th, 1945 to her late mother Emma Lee Coleman in McComb, Mississippi and later moved to the city of New Orleans with her mother to begin her journey of life.

The eldest of four sisters, Gloria was the foundation of her family, a woman everyone could run to in both joy and sorrow. She was the matriarch, the protector, and the glue to the family. After the passing of their mother, Gloria lovingly stepped into the role of overseer for her three younger sisters and helped raise their children as if they were her own. She was preceded in death by two of her dear sisters, whom she missed dearly every day, Catherine Sheets and Brenetta Coleman.

Gloria was best known for her incredible cooking and her legendary cakes, rich with flavor and made from love. She worked hard to provide a safe, welcoming space for her loved ones and modeled what it meant to lead with love, loyalty, and a steady hand. Gloria shaped generations with her unwavering strength, compassion, and wisdom. Glo never drove a car or flew on a plane, but she walked boldly and confidently through life and loved a good ride when it was time. Whether walking across the city or getting dressed in all white to enjoy a Frankie Beverly concert, she embraced life on her own terms. She hated phones, especially cell phones, so if you needed

her or wanted to talk you'd just have to catch her the old fashioned way and sometimes she wouldn't answer that house phone.

She adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, each of whom she touched deeply. One of them, just five years old, affectionately called her "Snucka-nu," a name as warm and unique as the love she gave.

Gloria "Glo" Johnson was a solid woman; dependable, deeply loved, and never forgotten. She gave freely, lived fully, and left behind a legacy of strength, family, and faith.

Gloria is survived by her sons, Michael Harper and Eric Harper; grandchildren, Avis Morton, Mikaili Harper, Eric Hudson, Dicoby Harper, Aris Johnson; great-grandchildren, Aris Morton and Nala Johnson; her sister Beverly Coleman, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will carry her memory forward with love. Gloria was preceded in death by her mother Emma Lee Coleman and her sisters Catherine Sheets and Brenetta Coleman.

Relatives and friends of the family are welcomed to attend her Funeral Service at D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave, on Friday, August 1, 2025 at 1:00 pm. The viewing begins at 12:00 pm. Interment: Providence Park Cemetery. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, New Orleans, LA. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guest book. The funeral can be live streamed @ www.facebook.com/D.W.RhodesFuneralHome/live .

Cemetery Details

Providence Park Cemetery

8200 Airline Dr.
Metairie, LA 70003

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Washington Avenue
3933 Washington Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70125
(504) 822-7162
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Funeral Service

AUG 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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



August 01, 2025 at 08:01 AM



“ *Gloria Jean Johnson-Harper, my big sister. Hi everyone, I'm Beverly Coleman-Bradley. Glo and I had a special relationship. The youngest and the oldest of 4 sisters, we had so much fun going to concerts together. Especially any Frankie Beverly concert...we were there enjoying life together. All of my sisters were my best friend. We were always there for each other and that bond will never die. My heart aches and I am grieving but I also know God has a plan and a purpose so, my faith will see me through. Unfortunately, I am the last of the Coleman sisters which makes me the matriarch of my family 🤔 We will reunite someday my dear sisters...see ya'll on the other side 🙏❤️🙏*

Beverly Coleman-Bradley - July 31, 2025 at 09:45 AM



“ *The Sheets Families - Sr & Jr. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gloria Johnson.*



The Sheets Families - Sr & Jr. - July 31, 2025 at 08:07 AM