



Stella Johnson

JUN 8, 1934 - AUG 4, 2020



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Stella Johnson, 86, of Columbia, passed away on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, at her home. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2020 at 1:00 PM at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Columbia. A visitation will be held from 12-1 PM on Saturday at the church.

Services will be available to view via Facebook Live. The livestream will start at 12:00 PM at <https://m.facebook.com/htmayfuneralhome/>.

Stephens is an unincorporated community in northwest Callaway County, in the state of Missouri. The community is one mile east of Cedar Creek and the Callaway-Boone County line. There, Elijah and Julia Hickem welcomed their only daughter, Stella Louise on June 8, 1934. Over time she'd be a sister of Otha Lee, Nathan Eugene, Curt William "Peter Mos", Robert Leon and James Edward.

Ms. Stella attended Douglass School in Columbia. She met and fell in love with James Wendol Johnson. They remained sweethearts for life, 65 years as husband and wife. Together they raised Sandra, James (Butch), Archie, and Kathy. Grandchildren are Bryant, Barron, Becky, Brent, Tony, and Russell. One brother James E. Hickem. 15 great-grandchildren, 10 great great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter and five brothers.

When her children were young, she worked at the Moon Valley Country Club and cleaned private homes. She later went to work as a Home School Communicator for Columbia Public Schools. She worked at Field, Grant, and Russell Boulevard Elementary Schools. EVERY one has a personal story of how she fostered their success/the success pf their children. She provided positive impact each day to every child/family in the school. Teachers were blessed by her presence and quiet direction.



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After her graduation from Stephens College, she rejoiced on the sidewalk outside the venue that her Pap would be/was so proud that his girl graduated and walked across the stage he'd worked so many years to keep clean.

Ms. Stella was a teen mom. She had two children by the age of 18. Later she married the babies; daddy and made it work!

She was a charter member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church where she served as Deaconess, Sunday School Teacher, Youth Leader, Church Treasurer and attended functions in the Mount Carmel District Association. In more recent years she has been an active attendee of St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

When she retired, she purchased, had renovated and directed Mr. and Mrs. J's African-American Family-Centered Institute. There she taught Black History in an after-school program, provided tutoring and GED training all at NO cost to participants. Each spring break, attendees and their families were taken on an across-the-country field trip to places and memorial which had been studied.

She was an achiever, determined defeater of the odds. When she put her mind to something, it got done!



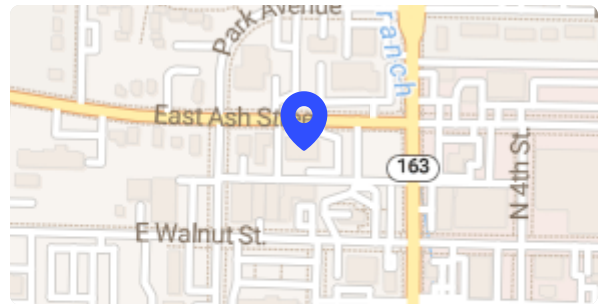
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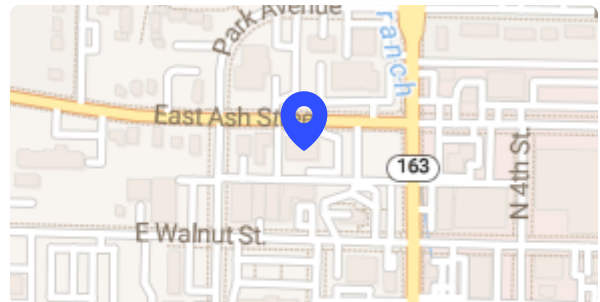
Visitation

- Saturday**, August 8, 2020
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT
- St Luke United Methodist Church**
204 E Ash St, Columbia MO 65203



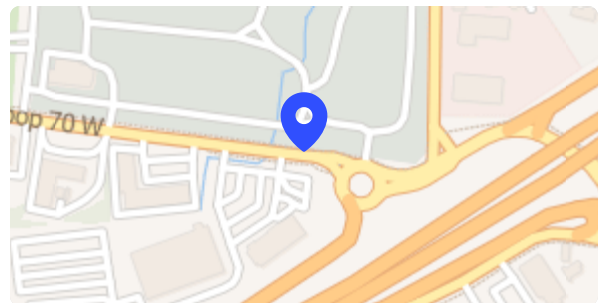
Service

- Saturday**, August 8, 2020
- 1:00 PM CT
- St Luke United Methodist Church**
204 E Ash St, Columbia MO 65203



Cemetery Details

- Memorial Park Cemetery**
1217 Business Loop 70 W, Columbia MO 65202
- 5734433173**





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Lori Dawson posted:

RIH ❤️🙏

August 10 at 1:18 PM



Donald Sims posted:

sorry for your loss sis hugs to the family (don sims)

August 9 at 8:20 AM



Jacqueline Washington lit a candle in honor of Stella.

August 9 at 4:03 AM



Lamont Sr Cooper lit a candle in honor of Stella.

August 8 at 11:49 AM



Joann Paige lit a candle in honor of Stella.

August 8 at 10:19 AM



Mary Muscato posted:

Stella was a patient of mine for many years& was just a delight to know. She told me about her wonderful program for children, and how so many of them stayed on the right track and continued to do well in their lives. She loved each one of them, & worked hard to help them achieve their dreams. I'm so fortunate I got to know her—she was a wonderful person!!

August 8 at 9:56 AM



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SW

Sylvia Williams posted:

That beautiful SMILE says it all! The Johnson house was one of the few places I could go after school and not get in trouble. One of the sweetest women I have ever known.Sylvia Williams

August 8 at 6:56 AM

DM

Devon Mctye posted:

Ms. Stella was a big part of my childhood, as my Sunday School teacher at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. She was about that tough love in Christ life. I am so thankful for her and all she did to impact my life. May she rest well in the arms of God. She will definitely be missed by many.

August 8 at 5:34 AM

LC

Loretta Connor sent a virtual gift in honor of Stella.



August 8 at 5:09 AM

LC

Loretta Connor August 8 at 5:10 AM

So sorry for your loss. Whenever I would run into her, she ALWAYS had a smile on her face. She will be greatly missed.

RG

Regina Ganaway lit a candle in honor of Stella.



August 8 at 4:53 AM

EN

Ella Nevela lit a candle in honor of Stella.

"Never underestimate the valuable and important difference you make in every life you touch. For the impact you make today has a powerful rippling effect on every tomorrow."This was you Mrs. Stella Johnson. You impacted my life. Ella Nevels - Blackwell



August 8 at 3:49 AM



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Melvin Stapleton posted:

To The Family of Mother Stella Johnson God through his Sovereign Will has called a true Servant of his Kingdom home to Heaven. Mother Johnson has been a faithful Servant of God down through the years. May God give comfort to all of her love ones by remembering to absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Mother Johnson has gone from Labor to reward and her works do follow her. Mother Johnson was our Pastor First Counselor when he was five years old. She continued to Mentor him well into his adult years. God says to Mother Johnson Well done Thou good and faithful Servant, Thou has been faithful over a few things, God shall make you fuller over many things enter into the joy of the Lord. Mathew 25:23 Prayerfully Submitted by the Members of Restoration of Life Ministries. Pastor M. L Stapleton II Senior Pastor

August 8 at 3:45 AM



Vicki M Turner posted:

God sometimes puts special people in our lives for a reason and for a season. Ms. Stella was one of God's beautiful gifts in my life and in the lives of many others. She lived her life serving others and is a true example of how Jesus commanded us to live our lives. She truly loved Jesus, her family and her "extended family" (the children she worked with and encouraged through the years). Ms. J (or Ms. Field School which my son called her one time because he couldn't remember her name) is with Jesus now. I will miss her radiant smile (from her heart), her hugs and her godly advice. My deep condolences to her family in their grief. Vicki Turner

August 8 at 3:40 AM



Kimberly Nelson lit a candle in honor of Stella.



August 8 at 3:23 AM



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Mary Nunnelly lit a candle in honor of Stella.



August 7 at 10:00 PM



Mary Nunnelly August 7 at 10:19 PM

To Katy and family you are in our prayers. We will miss your mother's smile and her love of teaching our children. God show her that he was first in her life. Now he said to her your work on your earthly home is over, time to come to your heavenly homewith me. Husband James keep the faith, 65 years of marriage God was good to both of you. Family May God bless you are in our prayers.



Stacey Smith Robertson lit a candle in honor of Stella.



August 7 at 8:36 PM



Gladys Turner sent a virtual gift in honor of Stella.



August 7 at 8:34 PM



Frances Logan posted:

Mrs Stella Johnson/Aunt Stella a very beautiful lady she will truly be missed by her St Luke family and friends. Love Love ❤️

August 7 at 2:44 PM



Frances Logan lit a candle in honor of Stella.



August 7 at 2:32 PM



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Jimmy And Diane Coleman lit a candle in honor of Stella.



August 7 at 1:56 PM



Jimmy And Diane Coleman posted:

Whenever you spoke to Mrs. J and asked her how she was doing, she always responded with "I'm richly blessed & highly favored". She shared so much with so many and was a true angel working for God. She will be greatly missed. Condolences to the family.

August 7 at 1:56 PM



Evelyn Paige August 7 at 2:42 PM

To Kathy and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Such a sweet soul.



Sandra Bentley-Jones lit a candle in honor of Stella.



August 7 at 1:02 PM



Essie And Robert Redmon lit a candle in honor of Stella.



August 7 at 12:31 PM



Arch Brooks August 8 at 12:16 PM

Tell Robert I said hi. Good ole Douglass days!



Michele J Dundas posted:

So very sorry to hear of Stella's passing. I met her my first year of teaching at Grant Elementary, and actually taught her grandson Bryant. Beautiful lady. My prayers, thoughts, and love go out to the family. She was truly a blessing to all who had the privilege to know her. Michele Dundas

August 7 at 12:26 PM



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Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Johnson family.



August 7 at 10:16 AM



Jamie Enyart lit a candle in honor of Stella.



August 7 at 10:01 AM



Felicia Mitchell posted:

Every Sunday at church Mrs.Stella would see me coming in with my children and she would say there lil Mitch looking like your dad . You will always have a special place in my heart for you.

August 7 at 9:22 AM



Deb Hamilton posted:

I meet sister Johnson at FMBC almost 20 years ago. One Sunday at asked for special prayer for my mom who was at a local nursing home. The following Monday Sister Johnson visited mom weekly they became good friends and mom looked forward to her visits. That's the type of person she was. I was forever grateful. She will be missed. God bless

August 7 at 8:37 AM



Robert And Betty Wilson sent a virtual gift in honor of Stella.



August 7 at 7:45 AM



Darrell Jordan lit a candle in honor of Stella.

Sending our condolences to the Johnson family,we are deeply sadden by the loss of your loved one .Darrell & Debbie Jordan and family.



August 7 at 6:00 AM



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Cora Turner lit a candle in honor of Stella.



August 7 at 5:49 AM



Lena Warren And Lena Norfleet posted:

May God's loving kindness keep each of you during this time. My mother (Lena Norfleet) loved the many times she and "Cousin Stella" would spend sharing about the good old days. Cousin Stella would always make sure my mother was doing okay and close their call with how good God had been to each of them. She will be missed and until we meet again.....

August 7 at 5:01 AM



Mike Mckee lit a candle in honor of Stella.



August 7 at 4:32 AM



Barbara Mitchell posted:

This Angelic lady led me to Christ when I was 12 yrs old. I loved her from the very moment I met her. I have always called her Aunt Stella. Family let the Lord lead you through your grief. Barbara Williams-Mitchell

August 7 at 3:35 AM



Archie Hatton Jr lit a candle in honor of Stella.



August 7 at 1:20 AM



Morda Scott sent a virtual gift in honor of Stella.



August 6 at 7:29 PM



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LB

Lonzella Bush lit a candle in honor of Stella.

My Deepest Condolences to the Family. May the Peace that Surpasses all understanding be with you all during these unbearable times. A Mother's Love Never Dies. There will be instances a moment a song her favorite scent a reflection a whisper...you will know it's her. God needed another Angel..Rest in Paradise Mrs. Stella 🙏



August 6 at 7:22 PM

CL

Claudia Hones-Lewis August 7 at 4:07 AM

Miss Johnson will be missed, a lovely soul. My daughter attended her after school program, and she really enjoyed it. Rest In Peace.Claudia Jones-Lewis and family

NF

Nancy Forrest sent a virtual gift in honor of Stella.



August 6 at 6:34 PM

MS

Melvin Stapleton lit a candle in honor of Stella.

Mother Johnson was my most favorite School Counselor. She showed me that Educators care about their students. I never shall forget how she took time out to let a 5 year old Student know he mattered. She was a Mother and Mentor to so many. Her loving smile shall forever live in my memory. Love Mrs Stella Johnson.



August 6 at 5:46 PM

TS

Tammy Sutherlin lit a candle in honor of Stella.



August 6 at 4:58 PM

FP

Fran Poole sent a virtual gift in honor of Stella.



August 6 at 2:36 PM



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RH

Rick Hardiman sent a virtual gift in honor of Stella.

August 6 at 7:39 AM



LF

Laverne Fisher posted:

Buck, Kathy so sorry to hear about the passing of Stella. Your family is in our prayers during this difficult time. With deepest sympathy Laverne and Robert Fisher

August 5 at 5:39 PM

RH

Rick Hardiman sent a virtual gift in honor of Stella.

August 5 at 5:02 PM



CB

Carrie Brown lit a candle in honor of Stella.

August 5 at 3:00 PM



CB

Carrie Brown posted:

God came and got his EDUCATION ANGEL!! I know she is teaching and loving on the ones that need it most. To her family thank you for sharing her with us for all these years. May you find comfort in knowing that she spent her time well down here giving to others. I will miss her coming to classes and educating my students about history and what God can do.

August 5 at 2:59 PM

RW

Regan Washington sent a virtual gift in honor of Stella.

August 5 at 1:23 PM





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CH

Celestine Hayes lit a candle in honor of Stella.

Such a wonderful Christian! She always made a contribution to the service. Her prayers will be missed! Celestine and Raymond Hayes

August 5 at 12:31 PM



CG

Carla Gray lit a candle in honor of Stella.

One of the sweetest women I know. My daughter use to go to her after school when she was in elementary school to learn more about African American History. She will be truly missed by all who knew her and loved her including me 😭❤️

August 5 at 10:17 AM



LH

Laura Hayes lit a candle in honor of Stella.

August 5 at 10:06 AM



MH

Melvin, Laura, & Melora Hayes lit a candle in honor of Stella.

August 5 at 10:01 AM



BG

Barbara Gordon sent a virtual gift in honor of Stella.

To James and the Johnson families my thoughts and prays go out to you all

August 5 at 10:00 AM



CF

Connie Forrest sent a virtual gift in honor of Stella.

Kathy, Buck Sorry to Hear of Ms. Stella's Passing, You Have My Deepest Sympathy.

August 5 at 9:11 AM





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Billie Sims posted:

To the Johnson family and my sister Kathy, I am very sorry to hear the loss of your mom. Also to Mr Johnson the loss of your wife, Look to the hills from come our help, Jesus Christ is with you with and he will be your comforter. Sorry I can't be there but you are in my prayers, I send my love Billie Sims.

August 5 at 8:45 AM



Cynthia Anderson lit a candle in honor of Stella.

Her Master replied, "Well done good and faithful servant" Rest well Mrs. Stella. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family.

August 5 at 8:30 AM



H Marmon lit a candle in honor of Stella.

Helen Marmon sent a virtual gift in memory of Stella Johnson

August 5 at 8:16 AM



Nancyforrest sent a virtual gift in honor of Stella.

August 5 at 8:10 AM



Donna Clayborne lit a candle in honor of Stella.

August 5 at 3:43 AM



DC **Donna Clayborne** August 5 at 3:43 AM
Rest in Love Mrs J. Love You!



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VM

Vicky Brown Moore lit a candle in honor of Stella.

August 4 at 6:30 PM



AB

Arch Brooks posted:

My mom was always active in the church. She lived well and touched many lives.

August 4 at 5:57 PM

VH

Vanessa (Brown) Haywood lit a candle in honor of Stella.

August 4 at 5:36 PM



KH

Kerry & Yolande Hatton Sr. lit a candle in honor of Stella.

August 4 at 4:19 PM



MH

Marilyn Henderson lit a candle in honor of Stella.

August 4 at 2:28 PM



TB

Tami Brown sent a virtual gift in honor of Stella.

August 4 at 1:40 PM





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Georgia Prince lit a candle in honor of Stella.

August 4 at 12:34 PM





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