



Sharon Dionne Henderson Johnson

June 25, 1970 - February 18, 2023

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Our beloved Sharon Dionne Henderson Johnson, affectionately known as Dionne, born on June 25, 1970 in Forrest City, Arkansas, to the union of Acie and Erma Jean Henderson. Dionne was a bright and enthusiastic learner as a kid, who excelled in creative arts and writing. She attended Forrest City public school and graduated from Forrest City High School. At Kindergarten age Dionne embraced her Christian faith and joined Madison Light Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor R.B. Bland. Dionne learned to read from the Bible at a very young age. Her first Bible verse was “God is love”, and that's basically the principle she practiced throughout her life. Dionne knew God. She praised Him and loved Him deeply.

Dionne became a mother at a young age and fully embraced her role as a parent for Cameron, Germaine and Jeremy. She absolutely adored her boys and would never miss an opportunity to brag about them and say how proud she was of them.

In addition to being a young mother she continued her undergraduate education. Early in her professional career she demonstrated leadership skills

that allowed her to function in various roles, including manager at McDonald's and launching and operating her own production studio in Forrest City. Dionne had many talents. After relocating to the Los Angeles area in 2006 she used her skills to excel in her role as a campaign fund-raising manager for SD&A. Dionne had a passion for politics. She worked to get President Obama elected in 2012, and to support Hillary Clinton during the elections in 2016. EMILY's list and the Democratic National Committee (DNC) also played a huge part in her career. Besides that, Dionne spent the last decade working with and for organizations that stand up for change and better living conditions. She worked closely with organizations like the NAACP, Planned Parenthood, Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), Doctors Without Borders, and the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Monterey Bay. She also had the opportunity to work with environmental organizations like Sierra Club and Greenpeace.

Dionne believed strongly in fighting injustice, inequality, homelessness and poverty and therefore started her podcast "I'm Just Sayin'" in 2019. Dionne was on a mission to spread her love around the world. Music and showcasing new talent, bringing people together, she enjoyed it all so much. Later on she added the show "Can You Handle The Trouble", which was inspired by the late great John Lewis, to address social change. Dionne was fearless in speaking her mind. She said what she meant, and meant what she said! Her passion lead to creating over 300 shows and she had thousands of followers who stood behind her movement and supported her in everything she did. As she would always say: "knowledge is power, but love is everything!" Her platform lead to her most recent accomplishment as she was named as the Goodwill Ambassador of the United States for the World Fashion Exhibition, which allowed her to connect, interview and promote creatives all around the world. Her love touched many hearts and will continue to inspire many people around the world to make our planet a better place.

In 2010 Dionne joined in Union with Yvette Johnson. Together Dionne and Yvette enjoyed hosting many family gatherings, birthday celebrations and holidays where she was able to love on her family and friends. Dionne loved love. She loved to laugh. She always made people laugh and loved to crack jokes. Bringing laughter to family gatherings was her favorite thing to do, she was the life of the party!

Becoming a grandmother brought a whole new dimension to Dionne's life. It brought her so much joy, she would light up every time she talked about her grandbabies and always looked forward to spending time with them in the summer and have her family come out to visit.

She loved the beach, going on family trips, going new places and trying new restaurants and foods. Everyone looked forward to her excellent cooking. She was famous for her delicious peach cobbler, barbecuing, grilling, soul food Sunday's, and let's not forget her love for a good old-fashioned hamburger!

Dionne loved to celebrate and never let an occasion to celebrate go to waste. Spoiling people was her thing, she was super thoughtful and considerate of others.

Dionne was in her element with some champagne with blueberries in her hand while listening to some old school music. On top of that, Dionne was also an avid movie buff, word for word! And her romantic heart loved writing poetry. She was also a huge lover of celebrating Christmas. The decorating, the Christmas movies, she loved it all. Another passion of hers would be fashion, she loved "coordinating" her outfits. And let's not forget she always owned a stylish clean car! Dionne always quoted Maya Angelou's saying that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. And that's what she did: she always made people feel a certain way. To know Dionne meant to love Dionne!

Dionne was preceded in death by her father Acie Henderson, sister Machelie Matthews-Allen, and brother Clinton Franklin. She leaves to cherish loving memories to her mother Erma Jean Henderson, her spouse Yvette Johnson, her sons Cameron (Kiesha) Henderson, Germaine (Cajavia) Washington, Jeremy Washington, and bonus daughter, Aisha. Her brothers, Gerald (Carita) Matthews, Shawn Henderson, Kevin Henderson and Travis Smith. Two sisters, Kimberly (Victor) Britt and Sheronda Smith. Four grandchildren, Jaylin Bourn, Karter Washington, Noah Washington, and Mirasia Henderson. Host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, in-laws and many many friends. And her special niece Perkia (Decara) Allen.

Cemetery Details

Scott Bond Cemetery

3254 Highway 70 East
Madison , AR 72359

Previous Events

Visitation (Final Viewing) with a requirement of a face covering

MAR 3. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Miles J. Kimble Mortuary & Cremation
1900 South Washington Street
Forrest City, AR 72335
(870) 633-1914
mjkimble@yahoo.com
<http://www.mjkmortuaryandcremation.com>

Service with a requirement of a face covering

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church
331 Martin Luther King Drive
Madison , AR 72359

Tribute Wall

OC

“ *Ouida Allen Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Sharon Dionne Henderson Johnson*



Ouida Allen Cunningham - March 15, 2023 at 02:56 PM



“ *SHE was so very kind, genuine and funny. Even though I have not met her in person I had wonderful conversations with her and SHE was such a positive power force. Occasionally SHE would check on me to see how I am doing with my collection (I am a Designer) and if I am doing fine and SHE would send me light and love and wish me blessings. SHE was very inspiring and motivating. The plan was to meet in person in may 23 and party while and after the WFE Venue in LA well dear Dionne you had such a positive impact on me -thank you for your light and love. My deepest condolences to her family and her loved ones.*

*Sincerely,
Zem*

Zemra Acarli - March 04, 2023 at 12:47 PM

SE

“ *Dionne you will missed deepy. Thank you for our special bond and all you did for me, making me laugh and always extending the olive branch. Rest in Peace...Sherrie English*

Sherrie English - March 04, 2023 at 12:46 PM

DA

“When someone we love dies, we get so busy mourning what died that we ignore what didn’t” – Ram Dass



Dionne lives on through the never-ending memories of her children, grandchildren, family members, wife and friends. While I know this feels like Goodbye; it's not. This is a bookmark in your lives until she meets you in the next chapter. But her true essence is bolder and more pronounced then ever - much like her essence in the body. Only now there is no pain, no worry, no fight. That fight and bold energy is now free to do all things it couldn't in the flesh. Which makes her a Super-Hero for her family. She is not alone; she has joined the other elder's that provided the same covering for her.

In life Dionne was proud of her accomplishments. She loved her wife, children and family. It felt like she wanted to be all things for all of them. In this way, she has the ability to do just that. In a way she wasn't in the body.

My sincerest condolences to the family and loved ones.

Danyelle P.

Danye - March 04, 2023 at 11:16 AM

DA

“ Danye lit a candle in memory of Sharon Dionne Henderson Johnson



Danye - March 04, 2023 at 10:53 AM

TB

“ Tonya (Smith) Bealer lit a candle in memory of Sharon Dionne Henderson Johnson



Tonya (Smith) Bealer - March 04, 2023 at 08:25 AM

QC

“ Where do I start??? Mama Di loved me and believed in me when I doubted myself. She made me her god son out of love and not who I lost. A memory I can share is out of all the memories I have of her. I remember when I was at work and Dionne walked in to her desk. When she got there, I watched the shoes she had on. As everyone knows dionne can dress and be confident yet humble. Dionne walked in calmly with these gold spikey sneakers and I asked her where was a coming from. She said, “Quan, you know jeremy got me these and I just needed to put the right outfit with it. Just happen today was the day” I looked at Dionne like today was the day with a smile and shocking face. While everyone complimented her, she was cool and humble about it.

That was Dionne!!! She knew how to own the room with her energy, the way she dress, and the confidence she had in herself

Quan Chandler - March 03, 2023 at 11:23 PM

MW

“ Rest in peace to my classmate Sharon. Class of 1988.

Monica Bohannon Wiley - March 02, 2023 at 03:24 PM

AR

“ *Dionne, you'll truly be missed. I always enjoyed our night conversations and those jokes of yours. Our last visit in Nov '22 was super memorable. Vette & I screaming was the funniest part. You touched many. Rest well Cuz. Love you*



Antoinette Robinson - March 02, 2023 at 01:53 PM



I didn't know that I could be so attached to you Dionne.i really feel that we are blood siblings just separated by the ocean 🌊.I was looking forward for your visit to Zambia and our collaboration in films, fashion and art in general to help lift our African brothers but helas you're gone too soon.i still mourn you,I'll continue mourning you...maybe the song I'm writing would immortalize you and the fashion show I dedicate to you would keep your memories alive...let our ancestors welcome you, the earth 🌍 be tender to you and the air carry your name in eternity...be in our hearts 💕 forever

Mickley Banda - March 02, 2023 at 04:14 PM



Dear Dionne

Mickley Banda - March 02, 2023 at 04:14 PM

LG

“ *Lela Mae Goodwin lit a candle in memory of Sharon Dionne Henderson Johnson*



Lela mae Goodwin - March 01, 2023 at 09:56 PM

LG

Dionne you kept me laughing all the time,it has been a while since I saw you,but I will always keep you in my heart ,but I do understand that you had to meet your appointment like the rest of us,we shall meet again Dionne

Lela mae Goodwin - March 01, 2023 at 10:01 PM

LG

Dionne

Lela mae Goodwin - March 01, 2023 at 10:02 PM

QB

“ *My dear sister cousin Dionne. I am so heart broken and full of sadness. She was an inspiration to me and full of life and laughter. We had so many great times together in Madison, Arkansas and Evanston (Chicago). I thank GOD for such a wonderful sister cousin. She will be deeply missed. Love you forever. Cousin Que*



Queing Beasley - March 01, 2023 at 08:32 PM

SU

“ *You'll be missed, Cousin!! Rest easy*❤️



Stephanie Ugbaja - March 01, 2023 at 06:49 PM

YM

“ Yvette R. Murray lit a candle in memory of Sharon Dionne Henderson Johnson



Yvette R. Murray - March 01, 2023 at 05:53 PM

SM

“ Shonda Burgess Moore lit a candle in memory of Sharon Dionne Henderson Johnson



Shonda Burgess Moore - March 01, 2023 at 05:05 PM

BW

“ Bernice Burgess Word lit a candle in memory of Sharon Dionne Henderson Johnson



Bernice Burgess Word - March 01, 2023 at 03:43 PM

JM

Your Fragrant Candle, which lit up so many lives, will burn forever 🕯️



John Mongo - March 02, 2023 at 10:05 AM

RW

“ Rene' Ward sent a virtual gift in memory of Sharon Dionne Henderson Johnson



Rene' Ward - March 01, 2023 at 01:12 PM

JM

“ I am heart-broken over the loss of my beloved niece (by marriage to her Uncle Cleotis Matthews) so suddenly. This wonderful person was so kind-hearted, loving, generous, and a ball of fun and energy. I am grateful to God for her having been a part of my life these past years after she moved to California. She taught me much....and her absence is already felt by me greatly. May her spirit of love linger on to all of us. My love and prayers to sweet 'Vette, to her mother Jean, to her three wonderful boys, to her sister and brothers, and to the grand-children and extended family. May God be our Comforter always. Auntie Judy Matthews

Judy Matthews - February 28, 2023 at 07:08 PM

MC

“ There's so much to share about my sister~cousin. We had an amazing connection. I thank God for loaning her to me for that short time. I will miss my 8am calls. Dionne my cousin gone too soon.

Michelle Cummings - February 28, 2023 at 03:50 PM

BC

“ *Beverley Cunningham-Jones lit a candle in memory of Sharon Dionne Henderson Johnson*



Beverley Cunningham-Jones - February 28, 2023 at 01:43 PM

EC

“ *Eunice Crawford lit a candle in memory of Sharon Dionne Henderson Johnson*



Eunice Crawford - February 27, 2023 at 02:36 AM

SH

“ *Stella Hill-Winfrey lit a candle in memory of Sharon Dionne Henderson Johnson*



Stella Hill-Winfrey - February 25, 2023 at 06:14 PM