



Emma "Carole" Johnson

December 16, 1925 - September 24, 2022

Emma "Carole" Johnson, 96, passed away on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at her home in Libertyville, IL. She was born December 16, 1925 in Union, South Carolina and has been a longtime Libertyville resident.

Carole was a Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honor Society graduate of Xavier University School of Pharmacy in New Orleans, Louisiana. She received her Master's degree from American University in Washington, D.C and was an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

She was the former Chief Pharmacist at Fort Dix military base in New Jersey and was the first black professional Chief Pharmacist at Great Lakes Naval Station (Downey) where she retired after 41 years.

Carole was a member of the North Chicago Rotary Club, where she started, "Stay in School" program, motivating high school youth to pursue a career in Pharmacy.

Carole was also Chair of the Civil Service Commission and Chair of the Human Relations Commission in Evanston, IL. She was the founding President of The Harbor Lites Chapter of The Links, Incorporated.

Carole was a 43-year member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Libertyville, where she sang in the choir. She also enjoyed planting her flowers and gardening, cooking and getting together with her dear friends of the gourmet club she started.

Surviving are her two children, Don Johnson, Jr. and Mayor Donna Johnson and her grandchildren, Tyler Johnson and Austin Johnson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don Johnson, Sr., brother, Lykes D. Gamble, Jr. and sister, Mayme Jean Sherer.

A visitation will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, September 29, 2022 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block West of Milwaukee Ave.) in Libertyville. Funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday at the St. Joseph Catholic Church 121 E. Maple Ave. Libertyville, IL 60048.

Interment will private on October 3, 2022 at Lakeside Cemetery in Libertyville, IL. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

The family request that any gifts be made in honor of E. Carole Johnson to Xavier University. Visit <https://giving.xula.edu/> or mail checks to Xavier University,

1 Drexel Drive Box 66, New Orleans, La 70125. Please indicate that the gift is in memory

E. Carole Johnson by writing a memo on your check or by completing that section of the online giving form.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Funeral Mass

SEP **30.** 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
121 E. Maple Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048

Tribute Wall

JH

“ My heartfelt love and sympathy to my family from your Niece and Cousin Judy Johnson Harris.💖 Aunt Carol was truly a trailblazer and a professional force to be dealt with. Intelligent, beautiful, her own person and truly had love for her family. She will truly be missed. You have completed your earthly assignment. Rest in Eternal Peace.

Judy Harris - September 29, 2022 at 07:52 PM

HW

I was a member of North Chicago Rotary serving along side E. Carole for many years. She was a mentor for me and will be greatly missed. I relocated but had tried to keep in touch with her. She was a beautiful lady.

Helen Walls - September 30, 2022 at 10:14 AM

PI

“ As we all mourn the passing of Ms. Emma "Carole" Johnson, I was moved & uplifted to read the positive remembrances of & warm tributes to her, already posted by friends, co-parishioners, sorors, & co-workers from the Evanston, Libertyville, & Great Lakes Naval regions. But, I want to add & point out that, while most of her life was spent in northern Illinois, my family's connection to & decades-long bond with her go back to her roots in The Palmetto State, South Carolina (SC). The SC of her girlhood & formative years was anything but equitable & progressive; the birthplace of the US Civil War, it was governed by Jim Crow & championed by Strom Thurmond. There was NO equal opportunity in the SC of Emma "Carole" Gamble's day, especially for dark-complexioned young females who dared to dream of becoming fully accredited pharmacists in a society NOT governed by Jim Crow. One only needs to re-read her obituary to see how far her star rose from the segregated, gender-biased Union, SC of her youth. And, what a remarkable trajectory that star took over the years since 1925!! Nonagenarian Emma "Carole" Gamble Johnson, R.Ph., you deserve to rest in peace & glory--for an especially well-acquitted life & all the precious memories it gave & gives to those you have left behind.

paul carryon/Chicago, IL - September 29, 2022 at 12:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Emma "Carole" Johnson.



September 28, 2022 at 05:31 PM



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September 28, 2022 at 04:52 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Emma "Carole" Johnson.



September 28, 2022 at 12:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Emma "Carole" Johnson.



September 28, 2022 at 11:21 AM



“ E Carole was a trailblazer for women in Lake County. I learned a lot from her during the short time I knew her. I know her presence will be missed by many. To the family, enjoy the warm memories as they will comfort you in your time of need. Kenneth and Etta Robinson



Etta Clement Robinson - September 28, 2022 at 02:30 AM

AW

Carole was a special and one of a kind person. We were sisters in every sense of the word. My heart is broken but I know she is at peace Prayers are for Donna and Donnie and the family. Love forever. Tina Washington of Lebanon, PA.

Albertine Washington - September 29, 2022 at 08:54 PM

MF

“ *Mayor and Family:*

On behalf of the membership and staff of the Northwest Municipal Conference, please accept our sincere condolences. Wishing you peace and may her memory be eternal.

*Mark Fowler
Executive Director*

Mark Fowler - September 27, 2022 at 05:54 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Emma "Carole" Johnson.*



September 27, 2022 at 01:12 PM

DS

“ *Carole's perpetual smile and her kindness and enthusiasm are attributes for which I have a long memory as a sales rep calling on Carole . David Sprehe Fox River Grove, IL*

David Sprehe - September 27, 2022 at 10:28 AM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Emma "Carole" Johnson.*



September 26, 2022 at 04:14 PM



“ *Your Libertyville High School Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Emma "Carole" Johnson.*



Your Libertyville High School Family - September 26, 2022 at 02:01 PM



“ *From Rich and Maureen Krasula purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Emma "Carole" Johnson.*



From Rich and Maureen Krasula - September 25, 2022 at 08:10 PM



“ *So sorry to learn of your Mothers passing. Thoughts and prayers to you and family.*
Joe Wilson

joe Wilson - September 25, 2022 at 04:19 PM

FN

“ *From Betty ,Rena and Nina Nash purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Emma "Carole" Johnson.*



From Betty ,Rena and Nina Nash - September 25, 2022 at
06:51 AM