



## Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson

March 2, 1952 - December 3, 2024

It is with deep sorrow that the Johnson family announces the death of their beloved mother, Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson, 72, affectionately known as "Debbie."

Mrs. Johnson entered into rest on Tuesday, December 3, 2024. Born in Laurinburg, NC, March 2nd, 1952. Debbie was the daughter of the late Mary Lucille Fairrington. Moving to Hartsville at young age she quickly made it her home and many lifelong friends. She attended school at Hartsville High and participated in the marching band where she played the clarinet. She loved to tell stories about the many trips the band had taken to march in parades and competitions. During her time in school, she found that she wanted to be a teacher and upon graduation she directed her study at Winthrop and then Francis Marion to become an educator. This turned out to be a lifelong passion of investing in students because she truly wanted others to be their best. Debbie was herself a lifelong learner, obtaining master's degrees and then becoming the high school media specialist.

Debbie not only loved teaching, but animals of every shape and kind. This love of animals came from an early age when she dreamed of having a horse of her own. She met her husband Mike in Hartsville and after they married, she moved to Chesterfield County to their farm, where this dream of having animals spawned a lifetime of memories for the entire family. A devoted wife,

loving, and supporting Mother, doting Grandmother, Debbie lead a life of humble gratitude and a work ethic that was centered around personal relationships. For this the family is grateful to have been part of a life well lived.

Mrs. Johnson was preceded in death by her beloved Husband, Mike Johnson. She had one daughter Lori Rivers (Shon) of Hartsville, and one son Michael G Johnson (Brandi) of Hartsville. Two granddaughters Ava Rivers and Savannah Johnson.

The Directors of Brown-Pennington- Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A funeral service to honor her life will be held at 2 o'clock on Saturday, December 7, 2024, in Cedar Creek Baptist Church, with the Rev. Jeff Williams officiating. Burial will follow in Cedar Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made in her honor to Cedar Creek Baptist Church, 1635 Cedar Creek Road, Hartsville, SC 29550.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Creek Baptist Church Cemetery

1601 Cedar Creek Road  
Hartsville, SC 29550

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Cedar Creek Baptist Church  
1635 Cedar Creek Rd.  
Hartsville, SC

## Funeral Service

DEC 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

Cedar Creek Baptist Church  
1635 Cedar Creek Rd.  
Hartsville, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson*



**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - December 06, 2024 at 06:58 PM

AC

“ *Amy Collins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson*



**Amy Collins** - December 18, 2024 at 07:59 AM

KL

“ *Kathy Lawhon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson*



**Kathy Lawhon** - December 10, 2024 at 12:33 AM

RJ

“ Lori and Michael , sorry to hear about your Mom . Praying for your families .



Regina and Calvin Johnson - December 07, 2024 at 11:30 AM

DA

“ Lori and family, you will be in my prayers and thoughts over the loss of your mom. I found out when I went through this, I needed the prayers later more than now. Lean on each other and know God has you all in his arms

DeNeen Hardwick Allen - December 06, 2024 at 09:54 PM

CJ

“ Calvin Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson



Calvin Johnson - December 06, 2024 at 08:36 PM

FC

“ Freida Collins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson



Freida Collins - December 06, 2024 at 07:55 PM

AM

“ Amanda Bass McKeever lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson



Amanda Bass McKeever - December 06, 2024 at 02:36 PM

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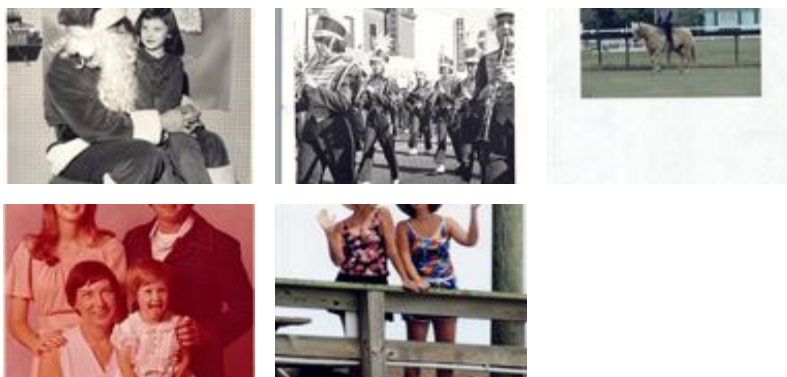
“ Linda Oneal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson



Linda Oneal - December 06, 2024 at 01:56 PM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - December 06, 2024 at 01:54 PM

BG

“ Prayers for the Johnson Family

Bill Gaskins - December 06, 2024 at 09:34 AM

BT

“ Betty Huggins Turner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson



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**Betty Huggins Turner** - December 05, 2024 at 11:42 PM

DW

“ So sorry to hear. Our thoughts and prayers for the family. RALPH WASE and Diane Wase Watson



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**Diane Wase Watson** - December 05, 2024 at 09:27 PM

DM

“ Debbie Morris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson



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**Debbie Morris** - December 05, 2024 at 09:09 PM

DM

*I'm so sorry to hear the news of Debbie's passing. She was a wonderful person and loved by so many. I pray God wrap you all in His arms of love and peace now and in the days ahead.*

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**Debbie Morris** - December 05, 2024 at 09:18 PM

CB

“ *Carol Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson*



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**carol beasley** - December 05, 2024 at 06:45 PM

SB

“ *Praying for the family during this difficult time.*



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**Scott and Karen Brock** - December 05, 2024 at 06:30 PM

BT

“ *Thoughts and Prayers for the Family and Friends.*



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**Brenda Thurman** - December 05, 2024 at 05:05 PM

TT

“ *Thomas And Elaine Teal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson*



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**Thomas and Elaine Teal** - December 05, 2024 at 04:51 PM

RG

“ Lori, I'm thinking of you and your family in prayer. Your Mom was a sweet lady. I have very fond memories of her back in our school days. R.I.P. Mrs Johnson



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**Rayna Gaine** - December 05, 2024 at 04:25 PM

SH

“ Sam & Crystal Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson



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**Sam & Crystal Hopkins** - December 05, 2024 at 10:41 AM

JD

“ I can still see her trying to get me to roll my Rsss in Spanish class. Giving her a fit on spelling colour with a U. To Michael and his family, my sincere condolences.

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**Janet Starling Davis** - December 04, 2024 at 11:04 PM

CM

“ Ms. Johnson was one of my favorite teachers at McBee. I truly enjoyed her Spanish classes. She had such a positive impact on all of her students. My condolences to all of her family and friends.

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**Crystal Huggins Mangum** - December 04, 2024 at 10:07 PM

LH

“ *Leland And Kathy Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairington Johnson*



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**Leland and Kathy Huggins** - December 04, 2024 at 09:58 PM

CG

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Debbie. You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*



*Charlotte and Chris Goforth*

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**Charlotte Goforth** - December 04, 2024 at 08:03 PM

JT

“ *Sending My love & prayers. She was a special friend & part of my life. I have many fond memories of my dear friend. Condolences to all.*

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**Janet Tucker** - December 04, 2024 at 07:29 PM

GG

“ *Lori and Michael, I am so saddened to hear about the passing of our sweet friend Debbie! She will be missed by many! Our love and Prayers are with you all!*



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**Gene and Teresa Gibson** - December 04, 2024 at 07:29 PM

JB

“ *Lori and Michael. So sorry to see the passing of your mom. She was my Sunday School teacher for several years. May God hold you safe in his arms. Love in Christ*

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**Janelle Britt** - December 04, 2024 at 06:54 PM

MB

“ *Sorry for your loss. Debbie was such a sweet lady. Prayers for your family.*



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**Miriam Brown** - December 04, 2024 at 06:27 PM

MH

“ *Mrs. Johnson was one of the kindest teachers/librarian at McBee. Always had a smile and uplifting word. Lifting her family and friends in prayer.*



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**Melinda Hendrix** - December 04, 2024 at 06:19 PM

CF

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Debbie and I were close friends from elementary school through high school with sleepovers and fun times. We lost touch after I left to go to college in Greenville, but we had shared a few emails in the last few years. She was always so sweet and kind and so much fun. I remember how much she loved horses and hanging out at the stables with Ronald Floyd and Sharon Smith and all the fun times traveling with the band. I regret not seeing her in recent years. I am sure she was a wonderful, giving teacher.  
Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Cheryl Dixon Flynn

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**Cheryl Dixon Flynn** - December 04, 2024 at 06:03 PM

JM

“ I am so sorry to hear about Debbie. My memories go back many years of her Mom (worked with her Mom for many years) and Debbie spending time at my house and going to lots of places together. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

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**JANE H. MOZINGO** - December 04, 2024 at 05:50 PM

LG

“ Debbie was a precious lady

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**Lisa and Michael Goodale** - December 04, 2024 at 04:16 PM

LG

“ Lisa And Michael Goodale lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson



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**Lisa and Michael Goodale** - December 04, 2024 at 04:15 PM

RT

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Johnson's passing. I not only had her as a teacher, but also had the pleasure of teaching with her for 2 years. She was a sweet, kind lady and a wonderful teacher. Mrs. Johnson cared for all of her students. I will never forget her. i will keep all of you in my prayers.



Robin Threatt - December 04, 2024 at 03:46 PM

LS

“ Liz Segars lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson



Liz Segars - December 04, 2024 at 03:14 PM

SR

“ Sade Ransom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson



Sade Ransom - December 04, 2024 at 03:00 PM

LR

“ Lester Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson



Lester Reynolds - December 04, 2024 at 01:24 PM

PH

“ *PATTY HAYES lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson*



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**PATTY HAYES** - December 04, 2024 at 01:15 PM

PH

“ *A wonderful lady who will be missed by so many!*

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**PATTY HAYES** - December 04, 2024 at 01:14 PM

TR

“ *Terri Rhoad lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson*



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**Terri Rhoad** - December 04, 2024 at 11:01 AM

LG

“ *I'll never forget Mrs. Johnson being the sweetest teacher I had my senior year at McBee. My only year at McBee and she was very kind to me. God bless and comfort you all!*

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**Lori Barefoot Gainey** - December 04, 2024 at 10:32 AM

NP

“ *NORTHSIDE AUTO PARTS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson*



NORTHSIDE AUTO PARTS - December 04, 2024 at 09:22 AM

LJ

“ *I'm so sorry my condolences for the family .Hugs and prayers*



Lisa joyner - December 04, 2024 at 09:13 AM

JD

“ *May God wrap his loving arms around this family . Debbie will be missed !*

Jennie DeWitt - December 04, 2024 at 09:06 AM

KJ

“ *Kathi G. Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson*



Kathi G. Johnson - December 04, 2024 at 08:53 AM

CL

“ A great lady who I enjoyed working with at McBee High.

*Prayers for the family.*



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**Chris Lloyd** - December 04, 2024 at 08:50 AM

OI

“ I will always cherish the memories from McBee High School in Mrs. Johnson's Spanish classes. She was kind, set high expectations, and nurtured her students. May you find strength and consolation through the Word of God during this time of bereavement.



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**Oscar C. Gregg III** - December 04, 2024 at 07:44 AM

LR

“ I grew up in the neighborhood with Debbie. Her and her family were so kind and like apart of our family. What a blessing to have known Debbie. She will be missed

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**Libby Watkins Rhodes** - December 04, 2024 at 06:22 AM

DC

“ I worked with Debbie for seventeen years and through all that time she was always an excellent educator, very warm and caring with both students and staff.  
I received a phone call at school one day, I was in the library just helping out as the student I shadowed was absent that day. That news was not good, breast cancer and surgery will be needed I was told. I'll never forget the support and friendship Debbie covered me with; her strength, knowledge and personal experiences. Truly helped get me through a rough scary time.  
Thank you again for helping me my friend. You will be missed.

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**Diane Camus** - December 04, 2024 at 05:00 AM

AA

“ Angela Odom Astralla lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson



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**Angela Odom Astralla** - December 04, 2024 at 12:04 AM

DM

“ Debbie was an angel put on earth to teach be a mom grandmother friend or just someone that you could talk to. She was a Beautiful Lady and always will. Well miss her so much but she'll be happy with God .I pray for comfort for the family. God be with you .



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**DeLisa McKenzie** - December 03, 2024 at 11:31 PM

TG

“ Tracy Green-Woods lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson



Tracy Green-Woods - December 03, 2024 at 11:20 PM



“ Kathy Rivers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson



Kathy Rivers - December 03, 2024 at 11:17 PM

TB

“ So sorry for your loss.



Tonda Bunch - December 03, 2024 at 11:05 PM

KC

“ Kay Clark lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson



Kay Clark - December 03, 2024 at 11:04 PM

HM

“ Mrs. Johnson was definitely the best teacher that I ever had. She loved her students and I am grateful that I was one of them. Many thoughts and prayers are being sent to friends and family. 🙏🙏🙏



Holly Medlin - December 03, 2024 at 10:44 PM

AT

“ My condolences to Lori and Family! Mrs. Johnson was a wonderful person and teacher!



Adrienne Tyrell - December 03, 2024 at 10:18 PM

AP

“ Angela Pait lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson



Angela Pait - December 03, 2024 at 10:18 PM

RJ

“ Richard L Fairrington Jr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson



Richard L Fairrington jr - December 03, 2024 at 10:16 PM

MP

“ *Melissa Pauley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson*



Melissa pauley - December 03, 2024 at 10:13 PM

MP

*Best teacher ever*❤️❤️

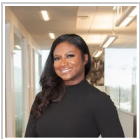
Melissa pauley - December 03, 2024 at 10:13 PM

MM

“ *Mark & Connie Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson*



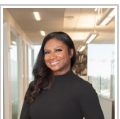
Mark & Connie Mixon - December 03, 2024 at 10:10 PM



“ *Lonoia Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson*



Lonoia Hawkins - December 03, 2024 at 09:52 PM



*Mrs. Johnson was a great and kind teacher. I continue to use some of the skills she taught us. To her family and friends, I pray for your peace and strength.*

Lonoia Hawkins - December 03, 2024 at 09:57 PM

SK

“ *Mrs. Johnson was a great Teacher prayers for her family*



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**Shenna Kelly** - December 03, 2024 at 09:35 PM

CW

“ *I was so sad to hear about Debbie's passing. She was such a sweet lady. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

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**Cheryl Johnson Winburn** - December 03, 2024 at 09:29 PM

CM

“ *Cody T. Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson*



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**Cody T. Mitchell** - December 03, 2024 at 09:27 PM

TC

“ *Terri Anne Winburn Cribb lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson*



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**Terri Anne Winburn Cribb** - December 03, 2024 at 09:22 PM

DC

“ Laurie and I taught for many years with Debbie. She was a colleague and dear friend as well as a wonderful teacher. We are devastated to hear this news.

David Green and Laurie Calder-Green - December 03, 2024 at 09:21 PM

KJ

“ Kathy And Ronnie Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson



Kathy and Ronnie Jones - December 03, 2024 at 09:09 PM

AR

“ Ariel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson



Ariel - December 03, 2024 at 09:07 PM

CH

“ Christine Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson



Christine Huggins - December 03, 2024 at 09:02 PM

MK

“ Michelle Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson



Michelle Kennedy - December 03, 2024 at 08:52 PM

VL

“ I have known Debbie for many years. We grew up in church together. She has always been one of the kindest people I know. She will be missed.

Vickie McLean Lide - December 03, 2024 at 08:38 PM

PJ

“ Lori, I just saw this about Debbie. I am so sorry. My prayers are with all of you.



Pat James - December 03, 2024 at 08:35 PM

DA

“ Mrs. Debbie was a very sweet lady. She will be missed. Sending love, hugs and prayers for her family and friends.

Dean & Patty Sanders Gabe and Ashley - December 03, 2024 at 08:22 PM

RS

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Prayers that God will wrap you in His love and comfort you during this time.

Richard and Tillie Scott - December 03, 2024 at 08:18 PM

RK

“ I am so sorry for your hurting hearts. You haven't lost her for you know exactly where she is. She's with Jesus and you will see her and your Dad again. Praise be to our LORD for making such wonderful and precious provisions for us. May you be comforted through your time of grief by Jesus and His people. Becky Skipper Kelley and Jim

Rebecca Kelley - December 03, 2024 at 08:02 PM

BK

“ Ms Debbie was the reason I made it through high school. I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. She was a truly amazing person.

Bethany Kelley - December 03, 2024 at 07:51 PM

PS

“ So sorry to see that Debbie has passed. But I know that she is celebrating with Jesus today. What a precious and sweet soul that will be missed by all that knew her. Praying for our family. 🙏❤️

Pastor Tim and Melanie Skipper - December 03, 2024 at 07:44 PM

AL

“ Prayers for the family. Ms. Johnson was a loving, caring teacher and individual.



Audrey Steen Lane - December 03, 2024 at 07:39 PM

RD

“ *Debbie was a teacher who cared about her students and her family, friends and coworkers. I know you will miss her tremendously. The family is in my thoughts and prayers.* ”



Rita Darnell - December 03, 2024 at 07:28 PM

WY

“ *Family, we are so sorry for your loss of Debbie, your mom and Debbie, our friend and classmate. We were all blessed to share fellowship with one another, HHS classmates once a month, still after 54 years. Fly high sweet Debbie, you are now with your Mike who you missed so. We love you and we will miss you. 💔* ”



*HHS 70's Friends*

Wilma Gainey Yarborough - December 03, 2024 at 07:25 PM

KS

“ *Prayers for peace and comfort the all of the family.* ”

Kimberly W. Simmons - December 03, 2024 at 07:03 PM

CH

“ *Sending heartfelt prayers to the family. She was a wonderful woman who touched so many lives! Her love of books and animals was only surpassed by the love she held for her family!* ”

Candace Hoffman - December 03, 2024 at 07:00 PM

BR

“ Mrs. Johnson was one of my favorite teachers at McBee High. She was a kind and loving person. My thoughts and prayers are with the family ☐☐☐



Brodderick Roary - December 03, 2024 at 06:57 PM

LP

“ I have known you all my life and as far as memory allow me, you was so kind and sweet. Thank you for never changing. We have had a journey together and I have been blessed to share that journey along side you. I will love always and miss you forever my beautiful and loving friend ❤️



Lisa Pettigrew - December 03, 2024 at 06:44 PM

CS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Mrs Johnson was such a wonderful and sweet lady. She was also one of the best teacher I ever had. She will be missed. I will be praying for your family.



Carol Horton Sapp - December 03, 2024 at 06:44 PM

HW

“ Sending my love, prayers and condolences to all of Debbie's Family . She was a sweet lady.



Hettie Wilkerson - December 03, 2024 at 06:33 PM

CB

“ *Cam Blur lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson*



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**Cam Blur** - December 03, 2024 at 06:30 PM

NF

“ *Nikki Fisher lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson*



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**Nikki Fisher** - December 03, 2024 at 06:09 PM

AO

“ *Ashley Oakely lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson*



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**Ashley Oakely** - December 03, 2024 at 06:08 PM

CB

“ *Carol Elmore Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson*



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**carol elmore bryant** - December 03, 2024 at 06:03 PM

CB

*Enjoyed seeing Debbie when she would come with her mom to see Dr. Nickles. She was a sweet friend and will be missed by all who knew her. Prayers for her sweet family today and in the coming days. Love, Carol*

carol elmore bryant - December 03, 2024 at 06:05 PM

JT

*“ Mrs Debbie was an awesome teacher. I will always remember her whenever I read Carl Sands poetry. You have my sympathy*



joy Johnson Thiele - December 03, 2024 at 05:52 PM

GJ

*“ Lori & Family wanted to offer my condolences. I will keep you in my prayers.*

Geraldine Jordan-Griggs - December 03, 2024 at 05:41 PM

SG

*“ Lori, I am so sorry to hear about your Mom. Sending my love and prayers to your family.*

Susan Goode - December 03, 2024 at 05:34 PM

JJ

*“ John Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Fairrington Johnson*



john johnson - December 03, 2024 at 05:33 PM