



# Erleen Jones Johnson

SEP 7, 1951 - AUG 24, 2024



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## **Erleen Jones Johnson**

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**E**rleen Jones Johnson, 72, of Chattanooga, passed away Saturday, August 24, 2024, in a local hospital. She was born September 7, 1951, to the late John H. and Lillian Mae Wheelous, Sr. in Chattanooga, Tennessee. She was a faithful member of St. Mary C.M.E. Church, where she served on the Usher Board. Erleen was a graduate of the Howard High School Class of 1970. After graduating she moved to Washington, D.C. where she worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She returned to Chattanooga and worked for the Glass Company and after retiring from Tennessee American Water Company, she worked for BFI for several years. In her spare time, Erleen played softball, where she received several trophies, and participated on a bowling team. She enjoyed spending time with her family and listening to music. Erleen was preceded in death by her parents, John H. and Lillian Mae Wheelous; sister, Earnestine Townsend; and brothers, Jerry Heard and Kenneth Wheelous. She leaves to cherish her memory a husband, Howard Johnson; a daughter, Erica Jones; two grandchildren, Jarius and Micah Ware; stepchildren, Nina Johnson and Howard Cordell Johnson; sisters, Annette Hendricks, Peggy Daniel of Atlanta, GA, and Lillian (Tony) Sims of Knoxville, TN; and brother, John (Tammy) Wheelous, Jr.; sisters-in-law, Martha Ann Thirkill, Rebecca, Patricia, and Mary Johnson; and brothers-in-law, Wallace and Nathaniel Johnson; goddaughters, Tamara Hyatt, Tawana Robinson, and Tamara Puckett; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends. Erleen will lie-in-state on Friday, September 6, 2024, from 12:30-5:00 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Saturday, September 7, 2024, at 12 noon in the chapel with Pastor Gibson Sims, Jr. as the Eulogist. Burial in Lakewood Memory Gardens, East.



# Events

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## Lie-In-State

- Friday**, September 6, 2024
- 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM ET
- Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc**  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411



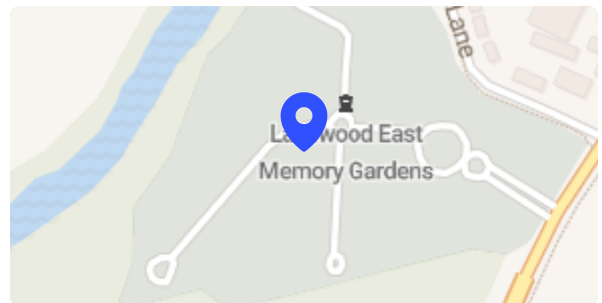
## Service

- Saturday**, September 7, 2024
- 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM ET
- Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc**  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411



## Cemetery Details

- Lakewood Memory Gardens East**  
4621 Shallowford Road, Chattanooga TN 37411





## Tribute Wall

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CB

**Carolyn Blakemore** lit a candle in honor of Erleen.

September 15 at 12:19 PM



**Stephanie Jackson** posted:

Your mom always had that SMILE!! Sending love and prayers to you during this time. Stephanie (Park City)

September 7 at 4:54 AM

SK

**Sharon Morgan Kennard** lit a candle in honor of Erleen.

September 6 at 8:40 PM



SL

**Sarah Lawson** lit a candle in honor of Erleen.

Lit a candle for Erleen Wheelous class of 1970

September 6 at 2:26 PM



BH

**Brian Hammonds** posted:

You will be missed 😭 I love you and will miss you cousin ❤️❤️❤️

September 6 at 2:23 PM

KW

**Kellye & Nicholas Woods** lit a candle in honor of Erleen.

September 6 at 7:51 AM





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TH

**Tamieka Benning Hinton** posted:

"Thinking of you during this difficult time."

September 5 at 5:20 PM

LM

**Lisa Morris** lit a candle in honor of Erleen.



September 5 at 3:33 PM

NC

**Natasha Crutcher** posted:

Praying for strength to get Erica and the family through this time in life. Love yall, Natasha Crutcher (Lisa)

September 5 at 12:27 PM

PS

**Paul Schreane** lit a candle in honor of Erleen.

May the MOST HIGH GOD be with Erleen and Family during this time. Erleen, was a beautiful Queen in Everyway ❤️ 🧡

September 5 at 9:04 AM



GG

**Gwen Gillard** posted:

Condolences to the family. Take your rest classmate.

September 5 at 8:37 AM



**Daphne Ball-Mcclurkin** lit a candle in honor of Erleen.



September 3 at 1:14 PM



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**Sharon Shibley Page** posted:

Condolences to the entire family and dear friends. Erleen was always so lovely and a very sweet person with a beautiful smile. Rest in peace sweet lady.

September 2 at 5:30 PM



**Jennifer Fagain** lit a candle in honor of Erleen.

Praying for the family!

September 1 at 1:51 PM



**Denise Hays** posted:

I really hated to hear that my friend passed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I loved working with Earleen and she will be dearly missed. She will be forever in our memories. Baby Sister  
Denise Hays

August 31 at 2:56 PM



**Rosa N Watson Carter** lit a candle in honor of Erleen.

August 30 at 4:15 PM



**Dianne Hickjs** lit a candle in honor of Erleen.

August 30 at 5:05 AM



**Dianne Hickjs** August 30 at 5:09 AM

God's comfort, peace and love to the family of my dear classmate, Erleen. Dianne Hicks



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**Vickie Fielder** lit a candle in honor of Erleen.

August 29 at 5:12 PM



**Winifred Careathers** sent a virtual gift in honor of Erleen.

So Sorry 😞 to hear of your loss. R.I.H.Classmate

August 28 at 5:33 PM



**Delores Readus-Elder** posted:

My sincere condolences to the family. I'm so sorry for the loss of your beloved Erlene. I pray that God will comfort you during this difficult time. In Jesus' Name.

August 28 at 5:29 PM



**Thelma Gillom** lit a candle in honor of Erleen.

Sincere condolences to all of you (Vonne, Annette, Peggy, Erica, Tonya, Howard); the entire "Wheelous family" from Thelma and Robert Gillom & family. God be with you always. He is our Comforter. No more pain.

August 28 at 5:14 PM



**Catherine Alexander** lit a candle in honor of Erleen.

August 28 at 11:26 AM



**Jeannette Morris** August 30 at 10:46 AM

My sincere condolence to Erica and your entire family.



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**Katrina Alexander** lit a candle in honor of Erleen.

August 28 at 11:25 AM



**Valery Willus** lit a candle in honor of Erleen.

August 28 at 6:53 AM



**Howard High School Class Of 1970** lit a candle in honor of Erleen.

Sincerest condolences to our classmate Erleen Wheelous Johnson family. Dearest Peggy Wheelous Daniel you're also in our prayers classmate! Howard High School Class of 1970!

August 27 at 6:47 PM



**Joann Dwight** lit a candle in honor of Erleen.

Prayer goes out to the family

August 27 at 4:49 PM



**Edna Moore** posted:

To the family, my deepest condolences. No more pain, no more harm. Now Earlene can rest peacefully in GOD's lovely arms. Love and prayers for you all ❤️🙏 Edna Moore (sister-in-law)

August 27 at 9:36 AM



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**Joyce Wadley Bundles Wadley** posted:

To NANA from Joyce love you always: YOU ARE A PHENOMENAL GRANNY I WILL ALWAYS CHERISH OUR IN-LAW-SHIP..TO HOWARD ERICA JJ AND MICAH AND OTHER RELATIVES..GRANDMA JOYCE SENDSEACH OF YOU GOD'S LOVE TO REST WITH YOU ALL THROUGH THESE COMING HOURS OKAY.LOVE YOU ALL

August 26 at 9:19 AM



**Eloise Cooke** September 5 at 2:42 PM

My condolences to family and friends. She will greatly be missed. RIP



**Frank Garner** August 30 at 12:32 PM

Sincere condolences from the Garner family



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Erleen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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