



## Sharon L. Johnson

February 22, 1949 - May 22, 2025

Sharon L. Johnson, 76 of Zanesville, died 9:19 AM, Thursday, May 22, 2025, at The Oaks at Northpointe. She was born Tuesday, February 22, 1949, in Zanesville, the daughter of Daniel E. Burke, Sr. and Alberta D. (Green) Burke and was a member of Union Baptist Church.

Sharon was employed with Owens Corning and retired as an administrative assistant with the Longaberger Company. She was a very active member of the Zanesville Chapter of the NAACP, and served as treasurer for many years. Sharon could always be counted on to lead the singing of the black national anthem "Life Every Voice and Sing" at every NAACP banquet.

Sharon was a longtime member of Union Baptist Church and sang in the choir. She was a volunteer for the Muskingum County Center for Seniors and oversaw the lunch program at the senior high-rise. Sharon was active with the Gant House, where she also served as treasurer for many years. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and sister, who greatly enjoyed the time she spent with her family.

Sharon is survived by her children, Kendra (Randy Gross) Portis, Mary Rusk and Cynthia Bynum; nine grandchildren; several great grandchildren; her brothers and sisters, Daniel (Emma) Burke, Jr., Kenny (Carla) Burke, Dana (Cindy) Burke, Kevin (Tina) Burke, Betsy (Mike) Carlisle and Claudia Burke;

one sister-in-law, Sharon Burke; a special friend, Lynn Burke and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to her parents, Sharon was preceded in death by one brother, Jeff Burke.

The family will receive friends and relatives from 4:00 to 5:00 PM, Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville, where a celebration of life service will follow at 5:00 PM, with Rev. Wyatt officiating. Burial will conclude in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Zanesville, at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Genesis Hospice in Sharon's memory. To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note please visit [www.hilliscombsnestor.com](http://www.hilliscombsnestor.com)

# Previous Events

## Reception of Family & Friends

MAY 28. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home  
935 Forest Avenue  
Zanesville, OH 43701  
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## Celebration of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall

JC

“ To the Family of Sharon Burke, I'm so sorry for your loss. Sharon was a kind person and had a beautiful singing voice. She will be missed. May the Lord comfort the family.

Joyce Carmichael - May 29, 2025 at 03:50 PM

RD

“ To Sharon's beloved family I am sending heartfelt condolences at this great loss. She will always be remembered for her infectious smile and kind spirit! May you all be comforted and strengthened by The Lord our God, family and friends and precious memories!!! I am holding you all close in my heart, thoughts and prayers!!!



Blessings,  
Rev. Dr. Gloria Wade Dillon

Rev. Dr. Gloria Wade Dillon - May 28, 2025 at 03:45 PM

CL

“ I'm very saddened for the loss of Sharon. I remember us talking on the back porches and laughing. She always said I was something else. Condolences to her whole family. We were all blessed to have such a wonderful lady in our lives.

Charles Lewis - May 28, 2025 at 12:20 AM



“ I’m saddened to hear of Sharon’s passing! I got to see her often as she was always busy doing things for us at Maple Terrace! She was always kind, humble and so pleasant to converse with! What a precious soul and a loving spirit! Sending my sincere condolences and prayers to the Burke and Johnson families! R.I.P. 💔💔💔😞



Barbara Alexander - May 27, 2025 at 08:20 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you girls and Sharon’s siblings. Thinking about Sharon’s beautiful voice and how she was always smiling. God Bless and give you all strength. Love you all very much.  
Debra & Carlos Smith

Debra Smith (Wilson) - May 26, 2025 at 11:10 PM



“ To the Burke Families, sorry to read of your loss. Your families are in our prayers.



Randy Lincicome Grove City, Ohio - May 26, 2025 at 06:37 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Sharon, my cousin, passing. We grew up together and it’s sad to lose another childhood friend. She was funny and had a beautiful soul.

Paula Wakefield - May 26, 2025 at 12:29 PM

DG

“ I was so saddened to read of Sharon’s passing. To the entire Burke family, I have known all of you for most of my life and there could never be a family so genuinely nice. Alberta and Daniel sure knew how to raise all of you to become wonderful people. My sincere condolences to all.

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**Debbie Fenstermaker Graham** - May 26, 2025 at 11:22 AM